



Association of Minnesota Counties

125 Charles Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55103-2108 | www.mncounties.org

February 14, 2023

Senator Nick Frentz
Chair, Senate Energy Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee
3109 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: SF1404 - Program establishment to award grants for the installation of solar energy generating systems on public buildings

Dear Chair Frentz and Committee Members:

The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), a membership-based organization representing all 87 Minnesota counties, appreciates the opportunity to offer our **support of SF1404, which establishes a grant program for solar energy systems on public buildings.**

AMC supports efforts to meet Minnesota's renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals. Counties have looked to support these efforts in a variety of ways, including incorporating solar energy into their own public infrastructure. In addition to the environmental benefits, solar generation contributes to energy efficiency and cost management. However, tight budgets can suspend action even when there may be interest in a solar project. Establishing a state grant program that assists local governments making these investments will further our collective energy and environment goals and benefit local taxpayers.

AMC asks that you support this legislation, SF1404, to create a solar generation grant program for public buildings.

Sincerely,



Brian Martinson, Policy Analyst
Association of Minnesota Counties