



Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans

Presentation to the
State and Local Government and Veterans
Committee
January 31, 2023



Enabling Statute

Minn. Stat. § 15.0145

Subdv. 6. Duties of council.

“(a) A council must work for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality for its constituency.”

Key Provisions:

- 15-member board
 - 11 voting members: appointed by Governor, of the community
 - 4 voting members appointed by legislative leadership, of the legislative body
- **Advise** the Governor and the Legislature on issues confronting the constituency of the Council.
- **Advocate** for administrative and legislative changes needed to improve the economic and social condition of the constituency of the Council.
- **Serve as a liaison** between state government and organizations that serve the constituency of the Council.

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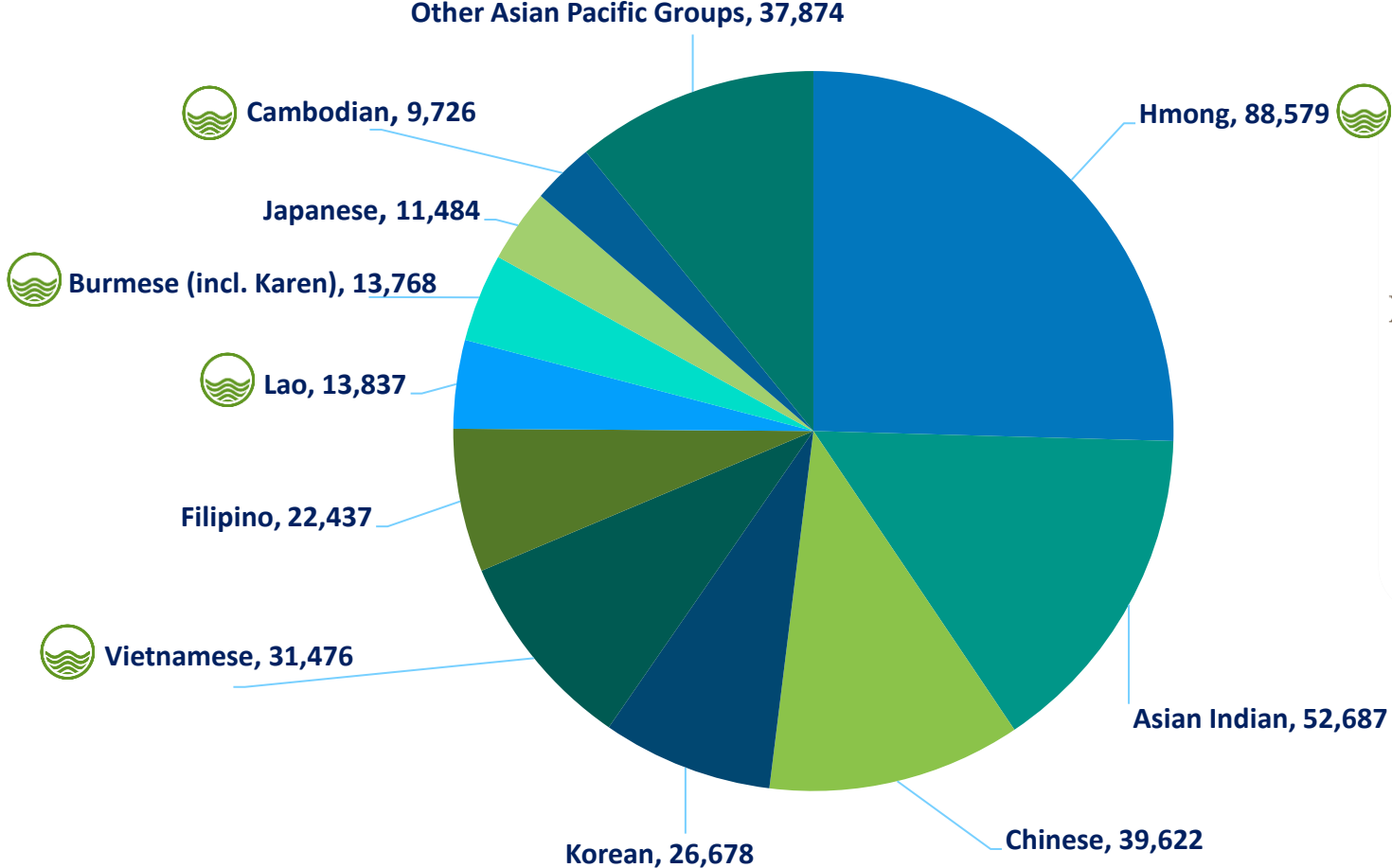


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Our Community



 Majority refugee-experienced group

367,091
Total Asian Pacific Minnesotan Population

The Council's Work

The Council undertakes numerous initiatives each year to fulfill its statutory role as advisor, advocate, and liaison:

- Produces original research to provide clear, up-to-date understanding of Asian Pacific Minnesotans
- Advises on legislative and administrative policies and practices
- Facilitates relationships between legislators and Asian Pacific Minnesotan communities
- Provides logistical support to Asian-led community-based organizations

The Council's Impact

As a result of the Council's work, Minnesota's Asian Pacific communities are better off for the following:

- Ensured a more thorough count of APMs during the 2020 Census by creating the API Complete Count Committee
- Connected APM businesses and individuals to pandemic and civil unrest assistance
- Advocated for legislation to provide funding for gender-based violence prevention, increase teachers of color, support workforce development and small businesses, and address anti-Asian hate
- Led the Afghan Evacuee Community Roundtable to assist with Afghan resettlement
- *See the Council's annual reports for more accomplishments**

Legislative Priorities

The Council determines its legislative agenda through community input:

- Community Priorities Survey
- Community Conversations
- Community events

2023-2024 Legislative Priorities:

- Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse
- Higher Education
- Equity
- Achievement Gap
- Access to Healthcare

Questions?

