

TO: Transportation Committee

Date: 03/10/2024

ATTN: Chair Dibble

SUBJECT: Letter of Support to provide bilingual services and materials addition by Department of Public Safety requirement

I fully support S.F 3257 and the companion H.F 3227. I am an immigrant who lives here in Minnesota. I lived in greater Minnesota for about twenty years until I moved into the metro area. One of the things that concerned me living in greater Minnesota is the lack of services for non-English speaking Minnesotans. I have to say that I am privileged to understand multiple languages. I feel that it is unfair for the people who are Minnesotans and can't get the full services they need because of the lack of materials in their language. It has been a concern I've noticed for a long time.

I feel that S.F. 3257 would erase any bottlenecks and help more. That uneasy feeling of guessing words during a test because the material is not in their language would be removed. Having materials in their language would help them understand the materials more.

We have driver's licenses for all, so now let us remove the barriers that could enable them to achieve that goal. It is only right that materials should be written in other languages to benefit the diverse Minnesota population.

This should also be done in cities and towns in greater Minnesota. I feel that is where the lack of diverse materials is greater, and the disparities are more.

Mr. Chair, committee members, let's get S.F 3257 done. It is the right thing to do.

Let us remember the One Minnesota plan.

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