



March 12, 2024

Chair McEwen, Vice Chair Hauschild, and Members of the Senate Labor Committee:

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to provide comments outlining concerns about SF 4203 (Mitchell), as amended by the SCS4203A-1 amendment, that would require every municipality to adopt, administer, and enforce the State Building Code within its jurisdiction.

While all cities must enforce certain codes, such as the accessibility code and the bleacher safety code, requiring enforcement of the State Building Code by smaller cities in Greater Minnesota is cost-prohibitive for many cities, and would result in an unfunded mandate, especially given the shortage of certified building inspectors across the state.

Enforcing the State Building Code should remain a local option for the municipalities that have not already adopted the Code unless the state fully funds the costs of enforcement and inspection services necessary to enforce a statewide building code.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brooke Bordson', is written in a cursive style.

Brooke Bordson  
League of Minnesota Cities