

2025-2026 Biennial Legislative Agenda

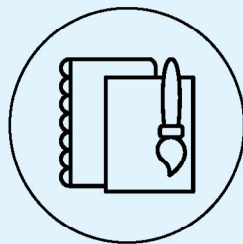
Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.0145, the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans is a state agency created to advise the Legislature and the Governor on issues of importance to Asian Pacific Minnesotans, advocate on behalf of this community on these issues, and serve as a bridge between state government and Minnesotans of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestries.

Priority Issues*

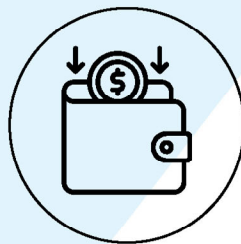
The Council will actively track and pursue legislation in the following areas:



**ACCESS TO
HEALTHCARE**



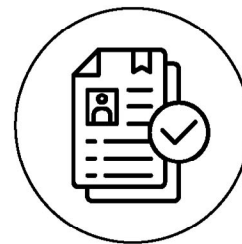
**ARTS, CULTURE,
AND HERITAGE**



INCOME/WAGES



**HOME
OWNERSHIP**



EMPLOYMENT

Ongoing Positions

In addition to the above legislative priorities derived from community input, the Council will actively advocate for legislation that achieves the following:

- Programs and services that are respectful of and responsive to the linguistically and culturally diverse communities of Minnesota, including Asian Pacific Minnesotans.
- Collection of disaggregated data to better inform policymaking on issues of importance to Asian Pacific Minnesotans.
- Increased understanding of violence against Minnesota's Asian Pacific women and children.

*These issues were identified as high priorities by participants of the 2024 Legislative Priorities Survey.

Approved by the Board on November 20, 2024

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Each even number year of the biennium, the Council deploys a biennial survey to identify and understand the most pressing issues in our communities across the state. In continuing methods first implemented during the pandemic, we deployed the survey using a hybrid online and in-person model to capture a wide range of feedback from our diverse APM communities. In recognizing that communities experience unique barriers, the Council partnered with our nonprofit organizations to disseminate the survey via online through social media channels, email distribution lists, and community events. The results of this survey help to inform the Council's legislative work over the coming biennium.

○ **SURVEY OPENED JULY 15**

● **SURVEY CLOSED OCTOBER 31**

✓ **SURVEY SAMPLE**

Five-hundred and eighty respondents identified as Asian and Pacific Islander. Their percentage of the total response are displayed on the graph as *ethnicity, percent respondents*.

"Other API" includes participants who identified as Karen (22), Tibetan (17), Japanese (14), Karenni (13), Afghan (13), Native Hawaiian (11), Thai (10), Indonesian (6), Pakistani (3), Samoan (3), Malaysian (3), Burmese (2), Sri Lankan (1), Guamanian/Chamorro (1), Bangladeshi (1), Indo-Guyanese (1), and Singaporean (1).

