



March 26, 2025

To: Members of the Health and Human Services Committee
From: The Long-Term Care Imperative
Re: SF2669

Dear Chair Wiklund and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Long-Term Care Imperative, a collaboration between Care Providers of Minnesota and LeadingAge Minnesota, we are writing to:

We are opposed to the dramatic \$50 increase to the per resident license fee paid by licensed Assisted living facilities with dementia care and Assisted living facilities. Under the proposal, an assisted living facility with fifty residents would see their license fees increase by 43.5%. As legislators are focused on affordability of long-term care, these proposed fees will only serve to make long-term care less affordable.

We wish to identify our support for the Minnesota Department of Health's \$1.3 million legislative funding proposal to bolster the state's infectious disease infrastructure.

- Infectious disease activities in Minnesota are currently over 90% federally funded. Unfortunately, that funding has remained stable or declined while the costs and scope of public health needs have grown.
- The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the critical importance of strong infection prevention systems—particularly in long-term care settings, where residents are at elevated risk.
- MDH's proposal would deliver critical resources to enhance and sustain infectious disease prevention, response, and outbreak control efforts. This investment would significantly strengthen our shared ability to safeguard Minnesota's most vulnerable residents while supporting the dedicated caregivers and health systems that serve them.
- We urge the legislature to fund this proposal and ensure Minnesota continues to lead in protecting the health and safety of all who live and work in long-term care.

Thank you for your consideration.

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