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Senate Human Services Committee

Subject: SF 0683 – Legislative Commission on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Dear Chair Hoffman, Ranking Minority Member Rasmusson, and Committee members,

The Arc Minnesota is grateful for the opportunity to provide testimony on SF 0683.

Founded by parents of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in 1946, The Arc Minnesota is a statewide nonprofit advocacy organization that promotes and protects the human rights of individuals with IDD, supporting them and their families in a lifetime of full inclusion and participation in their communities. We are a chapter of The Arc of the United States, the largest national community-based organization advocating for people with IDD and their families.

The Arc Minnesota would like to express our opposition to Sections 2-4, which would allow the commission to grant exceptions to the moratorium on new group homes. This would lead to an increase in more segregated settings and is the opposite direction of where we'd like to see Minnesota headed with disability services.

We are also concerned that Sections 5-6 states DHS must receive permission from the commission before it can reduce admission or change policies to DT&H and prevocational rehabilitation providers. This would appear to inhibit Minnesota's ability to phase out 14(c) subminimum wage, which we are working to eliminate.

The Arc Minnesota works to promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and development disabilities, and believe the creation of a commission could support the disability community. However, we oppose a commission that involves the sections mentioned above.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. We urge the committee to vote against this commission.

Sincerely,

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