



March 21, 2025

The Honorable John A. Hoffman
Chair, Human Services Committee
Minnesota Senate
2111 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Jordan Rasmusson
Ranking Minority Member, Human Services Committee
Minnesota Senate
2409 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Legal Aid/Minnesota Disability Law Center Support for SF 2598

Dear Chair Hoffman, Ranking Minority Member Rasmusson, and Members of the Committee:

Legal Aid and the Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC) thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony and support for SF 2598.

We support the change to allow waiver participants to have the option for abbreviated reassessments. MnCHOICES reassessments are time-consuming, can feel intrusive for participants, and have a significant financial burden on counties. Many waiver participants have permanent conditions where their needs do not change year-to-year. Therefore, they do not need a detailed reassessment. In the event that a person's needs change, the bill allows a participant or their legal representative to request a full, in-person assessment. This bill will lessen the burden for both service participants and counties, improving the overall disability service system in Minnesota.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding SF 2598. We urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Purrington
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Minnesota Disability Law Center

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