



April 4, 2025

Dear Chair Latz and Members of the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on SF 1701 (Duckworth), which is being heard in the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee on Monday. Metro Cities supports this bill.

Metro Cities supports state funding for public safety training costs including the Peace Officer Training Assistance Philando Castile Memorial Training Fund. Law enforcement agencies throughout the metropolitan region value the availability of courses that address use of force, crisis response, conflict management, and cultural diversity training. Metro Cities supports removing the sunset on the \$6 million annual appropriation for this training reimbursement fund.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Lund'.

Mike Lund
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Metro Cities