



We Belong

Be Accessible. Be Equitable. Be Inclusive. Be Empowered.

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Creating an equitable, accessible, safe, and just society

- **Increase Affordable, Accessible Housing Options** – Ensure that housing bonding includes adequate physical and sensory accessibility features to ensure bonding funds are used to build more inclusive homes. (HF2695, SF2603)
- **PCA/CFSS Rate Framework:** Add cost components and automatic inflationary adjustments to the PCA/CFSS Rate Framework that passed in 2021. (SF2967, HF2721)
- **Accessibility package:** Pass a package of bills promoting accessibility in various aspects of the state, including special education, event licensing, grant appropriation, plain language, courtroom accessibility, emergency shelter, and legislative process. (SF3705, HF3896)
- **Student Discipline:** Change student discipline laws to reduce the use of suspensions and expulsions, which disproportionately impact Black, Indigenous and students of color and students who have disabilities. (HF3402)

Promoting diversity, inclusion, and equity

- **Minnesota Employment and Retention of State Employees with Disabilities Package:** Improve the Connect 700 disability affirmative action program, provide better oversight over disability workplace accommodations, and training on the hiring and retaining of people with disabilities for hiring managers. (SF1570, HF2017)
- **Expand Access to Inclusive Higher Education Statewide:** Provide technical assistance and grant funding to institutions of higher education statewide can help advance access to postsecondary education in Minnesota.
- **Recess for All:** Prohibit the withholding or delaying of recess as form of punishment. (HF3402)
- **Inclusive Playgrounds:** Provide bonding support for inclusive playground projects and seeks to expand the definition of “accessible playgrounds” to include all types of disabilities, ensuring safe spaces to play for all. (SF3039, HF3348)

Improving and protecting essential supports and services

- **BCBA Licensure:** Ensure the quality and safety of applied behavior analysis services through licensure of Board Certified Behavior Analysts. (SF425, HF332)
- **Study on Obesity for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities:** Create access to obesity care for people with disabilities in Minnesota by conducting a study to guide the state of Minnesota to help create programs. (HF2589, SF2449)
- **MA-EPD:** Make changes to Minnesota’s Medicaid program for Employed People with Disabilities, including how much people pay each month for coverage and other changes to simplify the program.
- **Rare Disease Access Policy:** Allow people with a rare disease or suspected rare disease to have more timely access to services for diagnosis and treatment without network access restrictions. (SF464, HF626)
- **Pilot Project for Complex Pediatric Patients:** Provide state funding to continue and expand work that embraces a patient and family centered model of care with enhanced care coordination.
- **Workforce Solutions Package:** Lift the 40 cap per household for parents of minors and spouses for the CDCS and CFSS programs, allow overtime payment for workers and providers in the PCA/CFSS program, and provide UMPI portability to speed up the hiring process for PCA/CFSS workers. (SF2772, HF3199)
- **Rare Disease Council Amendment:** Provide the opportunity for the council to have greater autonomy and to work on policy impacting the rare disease community. (HF3637)

Supporting individual empowerment and choice

- **Supporting People to Live in their Own Homes:** A set of proposals aimed at expanding access and removing barriers for people who have disabilities to live in their homes if they choose. (SF2974, HF2925)
- **Life Sharing:** Direct DHS to work with stakeholders to remove barriers to a service known as Life Sharing - a person-centered, community-based and culturally-responsive support for Minnesotans with disabilities. (SF3416, HF3919)

- **PCA Driving:** Revisiting the PCA Driving language that was passed last year to apply to PCA, rather than waiting for CFSS implementation.