

**MINNESOTA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**2026 ENDORSEMENTS – BILL UPDATES AS OF 4.10.26**

*Working together, we mobilize collective expertise and networks to develop and advance transformational aging policy and initiatives. The following policy solutions have received Minnesota Leadership Council endorsement in the 2026 Legislative Session:*

<b>BILLS</b>	<b>SF/HF</b>	<b>CONTACT/UPDATES</b>
<p><b>Age-Friendly Minnesota Council Permanence</b> — <i>We support codifying the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council and related grant programs into law to ensure sustained momentum of cross-sector planning, coordination and the ongoing community leadership helping to ensure healthy aging for all Minnesotans.</i></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>SF2630</u></a> <a href="#"><u>HF2646</u></a></p>	<p>Lisa Edstrom/Sherrie Pugh, Age-Friendly Minnesota Council <a href="mailto:farah.baig@state.mn.us"><u>farah.baig@state.mn.us</u></a></p> <p><i>This bill has been laid over for possible inclusion in both the House and Senate omnibus bills. (Human Services)</i></p>
<p><b>Supported Decision-Making Grants</b> — <i>We support increasing access to supported decision-making supports and the funds needed to provide this essential help so that we can all maintain autonomy and person-centered choices as we age.</i></p>		<p>Erin Sutton, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota <a href="mailto:erin.sutton@lssmn.org"><u>erin.sutton@lssmn.org</u></a></p> <p><i>This bill was heard in the House last year and is awaiting a possible hearing in Senate now.</i></p>
<p><b>Home Care and Assisted Living Advisory Council Changes</b> — <i>We support updates that require timely filling of Home Care and Assisted Living Advisory Council vacancies as well as clarifying how home care fine dollars can be allocated to align with assisted living fine policies and make meaningful investments for our state.</i></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>SF3733</u></a> <a href="#"><u>HF3526</u></a></p>	<p>Kathy Messerli, Minnesota Home Care Association <a href="mailto:kmesserli@mnhomecare.org"><u>kmesserli@mnhomecare.org</u></a></p> <p><i>This bill has been laid over for possible inclusion in House; the Senate may move it through the Finance Committee.</i></p>
<p><b>Tribal Consultation Authority</b> — <i>We support adding the Minnesota Board on Aging to our state's Tribal consultation statute to strengthen government-to-government collaboration and improve services for Tribal elders and caregivers.</i></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>SF3643</u></a></p>	<p>Lynn Shannon, MN Board on Aging <a href="mailto:lynn.shannon@state.mn.us"><u>lynn.shannon@state.mn.us</u></a></p> <p><i>This bill was introduced in the Senate but failed to meet the deadline in the House. It may be brought forward again in 2027.</i></p>
<p><b>Administrative Capacity Investment</b> — <i>We support needed investments for the Minnesota Board on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging to expand administrative and call center capacity to handle the growing number of requests, compliance requirements, and to strengthen statewide aging services coordination.</i></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>SF1789</u></a> <a href="#"><u>HF1472</u></a></p>	<p>Lynn Shannon, MN Board on Aging <a href="mailto:lynn.shannon@state.mn.us"><u>lynn.shannon@state.mn.us</u></a></p> <p><i>This bill has been laid over for possible inclusion in both the House and Senate omnibus bills. (Human Services)</i></p>

<p><b>Cryptocurrency Fraud Protections</b> — <i>We support efforts that strengthen regulations on cryptocurrency kiosks and transactions to reduce scams and fraud losses affecting each of us as we age.</i></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>SF3868</u></a> <a href="#"><u>HF3642</u></a></p>	<p>Thomas Elness, AARP Minnesota <a href="mailto:telness@aarp.org">telness@aarp.org</a></p> <p><i>This bill passed the Senate with bipartisan support on 4.9.26; now awaiting a House vote.</i></p>
<p><b>Medigap Consumer Protection Proposal</b> — <i>We support efforts to address recent law changes that impose age limits and lifetime penalties to help preserve affordability and guaranteed access to supplemental Medicare insurance coverage in Minnesota.</i></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>SF4020</u></a> <a href="#"><u>HF3923</u></a></p>	<p>Thomas Elness, AARP Minnesota <a href="mailto:telness@aarp.org">telness@aarp.org</a></p> <p><i>This bill has been laid over for possible inclusion in both the House and Senate omnibus bills. (Commerce)</i></p>
<p><b>Access to Dementia Treatments Coverage</b> — <i>We support policy solutions that would require insurance coverage for FDA-approved dementia treatments and ensure timely and equitable access to new therapies for Minnesotans.</i></p>		<p>Margaret Rog, Alzheimer’s Association <a href="mailto:marog@alz.org">marog@alz.org</a></p> <p><i>This bill is likely not moving forward in the 2026 Session.</i></p>
<p><b>Nature As We Age Grant Program</b> — <i>We support establishing a grant program to be administered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to expand equitable, nature-based outdoor education and recreation opportunities for each of us as we age.</i></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>HF3025</u></a></p>	<p>Joelle Hoeft, Nature As We Age, Age-Friendly Minnesota (AFMN) community grantee <a href="mailto:joellehoeft@gmail.com">joellehoeft@gmail.com</a></p> <p><i>This bill is likely not moving forward in the 2026 Session.</i></p>
<p><b>Senior Meals and Services Coalition</b> — <i>We support policy and funding to modernize and invest in Minnesota’s senior nutrition programs, which is a lifeline for older people at risk of malnutrition.</i></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>SF4508</u></a> <a href="#"><u>HF4210</u></a> (policy)</p> <p><a href="#"><u>SF2383</u></a> <a href="#"><u>HF2212</u></a> (funding)</p>	<p>Sherry Munyon, Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging (m4a) <a href="mailto:smunyon@capitolaccess.us">smunyon@capitolaccess.us</a> <a href="mailto:dsimonson@trellisconnects.org">dsimonson@trellisconnects.org</a></p> <p><i>This bill has been laid over for possible inclusion in both the House and Senate omnibus bills. (Human Services)</i></p>

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