

Summary of MN Board on Aging Legislative Priorities - 2026

MBA Proposals

MBA Budget bill ([SF 1789](#)/HF 1472):

- Requests \$2M to expand MBA's administrative capacity, including to ensure compliance with OAA Final Rule
- Also funds additional staff for MN Aging Pathways (formerly the Senior LinkAge Line) call centers operated by the Area Agencies on Aging

Revisions to Sec 10.65 - Tribal consultations:

- Adds the MBA on the list of state agencies authorized to conduct govt-to-govt consultations with Tribal Nations
- Supported in the 2024 session but the assigned committee failed to pass its final omnibus bill
- This is essential due to the MBA's responsibility for administering the Older Americans Act (OAA) funding in partnership with the MN Indian Area Agency on Aging (MIAAA)

MBA Endorsements

Continuation of the Age-Friendly MN Council ([SF 2630](#)/HF 2646):

- Budget request of \$2.3M to base funding
- Otherwise, the AFMN Council will expire as of June 30, 2027

Continued funding for Supported Decision-Making services ([SF 2310](#)/HF 2060):

- Extension granted for use of 2023 funds given in 2025 session
- Possible budget request pending for 2026 session

Default Consent Surrogate ([SF 2567](#)/HF 2753):

- Bill was introduced in 2025 session but not heard by committee; pending for the 2026 session
- Allows health care providers to rely on an alternate decision maker (a "default surrogate") for individuals lacking a formal health care agent or court appointed guardian
- Policy only

LGBTQ+/HIV LTC-HCBS Bill of Rights ([SF 3544](#)/HF 3344):

- Bill was introduced in 2025 session but not heard by committee; pending for the 2026 session
- Protects individuals from discrimination in long-term care settings and those receiving HCBS services based on sexual orientation, gender identity (SOGI), and HIV status
- Requires cultural competency training for staff in long-term care settings and HCBS providers
- Budget request