

Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA) Legislative Priorities - 2025

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 Minnesota Aging Pathways (formerly the Senior LinkAge Line) call centers operated by the Area Agencies on Aging.

Revisions to Sec 10.65 - Tribal consultations:

- Adds MBA to the list of state agencies authorized to conduct government-level consultations with tribal nations
- Supported in the 2024 session but the assigned committee failed to pass its final omnibus bill
- Essential due to MBA's responsibility for administering the Older Americans Act (OAA) funding in partnership with the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging (MIAAA)

MBA Endorsements

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

- Budget request of \$2.3M to base funding
- Otherwise, the AFMN Council will expire on 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 recognize an alternate decision maker (default surrogate) for individuals lacking a formal health care agent or court appointed guardian
- Policy only

LGBTQ+/HIV Long-term care and home and community-based services (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