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AT A GLANCE

The Council on LGBTQIA2S+ Minnesotans works for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality for Minnesota's community of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender expansive, queer, intersex, asexual, and/or two-spirit. The Council, created in 2023, is made up of 12 Governor-appointed public voting members and up to 4 appointed legislators. The public voting members have a proven dedication and commitment to Minnesota's LGBTQIA2S+ community and possess a broad and diverse array of expertise that is beneficial to the Council's mission.

Minnesota has an estimated 267,600 residents who identify as LGBTQ+, according to a 2023 Williams Institute report using the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data from 2020-2021.[1]

PURPOSE

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.0147, the Council must work for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality for Minnesota's community of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender expansive, queer, intersex, asexual, and/or two-spirit. The Council fulfills this mission by advising the Governor and legislature on issues confronting the LGBTQIA2S+ community, needed administrative or legislative changes, and the implications of proposed changes. The Council also conducts studies to identify issues and solutions and serves as a liaison between state government and organizations serving Minnesota's LGBTQIA2S+ community.

The Council was formed in 2023 and became operational in May 2024.

BUDGET

As a newly established agency, there is no historical spending. The Council has a General Fund appropriation of $500,000 in FY24 and $499,000 in FY25.

STRATEGIES

- **Research and Analysis:** Conduct studies designed to suggest solutions to the problems of Minnesota's LGBTQIA2S+ community in education, employment, human rights, health, housing, social welfare, and other related areas.
- **Community Engagement:** Engage with Minnesota's LGBTQIA2S+ community, advocates, and organizations to better understand issues impacting the community and to provide information, updates, and communication about the Council's activities.
- **Legislative Engagement and Advisory:** Develop and recommend policies and provide counsel to the legislature, staff, executive departments, and state agencies on legislative and administrative changes to better the lives of LGBTQIA2S+ Minnesotans.

RESULTS

The council will work over the coming months to develop a strategic plan and implement performance measures to gauge its progress on meeting the goals in that plan.

Legal Authority: Minn. Stat. § 15.0147 (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/15.0147) provides the legal authority for the Council on LGBTQIA2S+ Minnesotans.

[1] Flores, A.R. & Conron, K.J. (2023). Adult LGBT Population in the United States. The Williams Institute, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA