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AARP Support for SF 2630
Senate Human Services Committee
April 8, 2026

Chair Hoffman and Committee Members,

On behalf of our 620,000 AARP members statewide, thank you for considering SF 2630, a commitment in state law to becoming more age-friendly. AARP encourages support for SF 2630 to maintain an existing, coordinated effort focused on embracing the opportunities and addressing the challenges of an aging population.

In December 2019, Governor Walz responded to AARP's call for the state to join the age-friendly network of states and communities by signing [Executive Order 19-38](#). The order created the state's first Governor's Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota which was subsequently extended and funded again in 2021 and 2023. However, without legislative action the council will expire on June 30, 2027.

The Age-Friendly Council plays a unique role in the state of bringing together voices from state agencies, tribal communities, and older Minnesotans to elevate "the voice of older adults in developing the vision and action plan for an age-friendly state." Based on statewide stakeholders and citizen feedback, the council created this action plan known as the [Multisector Blueprint on Aging](#). Additionally, small-scale investments through the community grants program have spurred community-led projects and innovations across the state. Solidifying the age-friendly council in state law is a way for the Legislature to ensure this effort remains a state priority.

For further discussion, please contact AARP Minnesota State Advocacy Director, Thomas Elness, at telness@aarp.org. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SF 2630.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy McLeer".

Cathy McLeer, State Director
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