



May 8, 2026

Chair Howard, Chair Igo, Chair Port, and Members of the Omnibus Housing Finance Conference Committee,

Metro Cities, representing the shared interests of cities across the metropolitan area at the Legislature and Executive Branch, appreciates the opportunity to provide support for various provisions include in the House and Senate versions of HF 1141, the omnibus housing finance and policy bill.

Housing Infrastructure Bonds – House Article 2, Section 1 and Senate Section 24

Metro Cities supports the addition of \$100 million in Housing Infrastructure Bonds in the House and \$50 million in the Senate which would provide a critical source of funding for cities to maintain and increase their supply of affordable housing. These resources are essential to provide additional housing across the metropolitan region.

Housing Education Counseling and Training Program (HECAT) – House version Article 1 Section 3

Metro Cities supports \$150,000 in additional funding for the HECAT program as it is an important part of supporting the spectrum of housing needs in the region. This program helps avoid foreclosures, improves homeownership rates, and supports the financial wellness of future homeowners so they are aware of their rights, options, and costs associated with owning a home.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ania McDonnell'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ania McDonnell
Government Relations Specialist