

March 8, 2024

Representative Samakab Hussein Senator Sandra Pappas

RE: HF 2828/SF 2825-- Local governmental units authorized to prohibit or restrict possession of dangerous weapons, ammunition, or explosives in local government-owned or leased buildings and land

Dear Representative Hussein and Senator Pappas,

The League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) is an association serving 838 of Minnesota's 855 cities through advocacy, education and training, policy development, risk management and other services.

Thank you for authoring HF 2828/SF 2825, a bill authorizing local units of government to prohibit or restrict possession of dangerous weapons, ammunition, or explosive in local government-owned or leased buildings and land. Current law prohibits guns on most school properties but forbids other local units of government from prohibiting loaded firearms on their properties. The inconsistencies in the law's treatment of different kinds of properties have caused confusion about how the law applies to multi-use facilities, such as municipal ice arenas used for school sponsored programs.

The League supports HF 2828/SF 2825 and appreciates the permissive nature of the bill. The League is not seeking a repeal of the Citizens Personal Protection Act of 2003, nor authority to prohibit legal weapons in parking lots or on city streets and sidewalks.

We look forward to working with you to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

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