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Chair Klevorn and Members of the House State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee:

The League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in support of HF 4413 (Koegel), which would allow members of public advisory bodies to participate using interactive technology for up to half of the body's meetings.

LMC supports the Open Meeting Law and recognizes the important role it plays in maintaining public trust and accountability. The proposed change would balance the public's right to see how government works and the benefits of greater opportunity for more members of the public to participate on local advisory bodies. HF 4413 would preserve the public's ability to hear and see all discussion, testimony, and voting by all participants while making participation more accessible to community members.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and support for HF 4413.

Sincerely,

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