



Legislative Task Force on Aging Enabling Legislation

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Goals of the Task Force

- ▶ This Task Force was established to:
 - ▶ Review and develop state resources for an aging demographic
 - ▶ Identify and prioritize necessary support for an aging population through state and local endeavors for people to remain in their communities
 - ▶ Ensure all aging-related state policies are inclusive of race, gender, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, abilities, and other characteristics that reflect the full population of Minnesota

Duties of the Task Force

- ▶ The Task Force shall review the following:
 - 1) All current aging-related governmental functions, programs, and services across all state departments,
 - 2) The current plans to improve health and support services
 - 3) Current public and private strategies to support family caregivers for older adults, define and support quality of care and life improvements in long-term and home care, and sustain neighborhoods and communities for an aging population

Duties of the Task Force

- ▶ The Task Force shall also review:
 - 4) The necessity for planning and investment in aging in Minnesota to address
 - i. The longevity economy and its impact on the workforce, advancing technology, and innovations
 - ii. Housing options, land use, transportations, social services, and the health systems
 - iii. Availability of safe, affordable rental housing for aging tenants
 - iv. Coordination between health services and housing supports

Duties of the Task Force

- ▶ Finally, this Task Force shall review:
 - 5) Coordination across all state agencies, Tribal Nations, cities, and counties to encourage resolution of aging related concerns
 - 6) From this review, the Task Force shall determine the governmental entity to plan, lead, and implement the recommended policies and funding for aging Minnesotans

Task Force Membership

- Two members of the House of Representatives (one each from majority and minority) and two members of the Senate (one each from majority and minority)
- The Chair of the Minnesota Board on Aging or a board member as designee
- The Chair of the Minnesota Council on Disability or agency employee as designee
- The Chair of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council or council member as designee
- Director of the U of M Center for Healthy Aging and Innovation or U employee as designee
- The Speaker of the House and Senate Majority Leader shall appoint a chair and vice-chair for the Task Force. The Chair and vice-chair shall rotate after each meeting

Meetings of the Task Force

- ▶ The Task Force shall meet at least once per month. These meetings will take place in person in the Capitol Complex, provided that the chair directs a virtual meeting if doing so would facilitate public testimony or protect the health or safety of Task Force members

Per Diem Expenses

- ▶ Task Force citizen members (Board on Aging and Indian Affairs Council) shall receive the per diem listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

Report and Expiration

- ▶ The Task Force shall submit a report with recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services finance and policy and state government by January 15, 2025
- ▶ This Task Force will expire January 31, 2025

Open Meeting Law – MN Statutes 13D

- ▶ The OML requires meetings of governmental bodies to generally be open to the public
- ▶ OML applies when at least a quorum of the task force is gathered – in person, by telephone, or by interactive technology – and discusses any topic related to official business, whether or not action is taken or considered
- ▶ The law does not apply to smaller groups discussing official business when the group size is less than a quorum

Open Meeting Law

- ▶ A meeting is open if: proper notice is given in advance of the meeting, the public can attend and observe the meeting, and if relevant meeting documents are available
- ▶ Open meetings do not require public comment

OML - Advice

- ▶ Individuals may contact: personal attorneys, Commissioner of Administration
- ▶ Government bodies may contact: the governmental entity's attorney, the Attorney General, or the Commissioner of Administration

Questions?

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