

2018 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The HIV Action Network is a coalition of individuals living with HIV, allies, and community based agencies. We advocate for policies that help prevent new HIV infections and keep people living with HIV healthy and virally suppressed. We promote state legislative policy that is aligned with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

OPPOSE:

- **Medicaid Work Reporting Requirements - SF3611 (Johnson)/HF3722 (Fenton)**
 - Will put the healthcare of low income people living with HIV at risk
 - Places a costly and complex bureaucratic process between patients and their doctors
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SUPPORT:

- **Homes for All:**
 - \$140 million in bonds to create supportive housing-**HF3125(Hausman)/SF2939 (Senjem)**
 - \$10 million for Housing Supportive Services - **HF3474(Baker)/SF3238(Dziedzic)**
 - Prevent homelessness, provide emergency shelter & improve stability
 - Build and preserve affordable housing
 - Provide Rental Assistance
 - First-time homebuyer assistance
- **STEP Therapy – SF2897(Utke)/HF3196(Fenton)**
 - Gives patients a process to overrule an insurance company's denial of medication
 - Puts doctors and patients in charge of medication decisions, not insurance companies
- **Opiate Stewardship Program (Penny a Pill) – SF730 (Rosen)/HF1440 (Baker)**
 - Charge pharmaceutical companies a fee for every opioid sold in MN
 - Raise \$20 million a year for prevention, treatment, and recovery programs
 - Creates an Opiate Stewardship Advisory Council to address the opiate crisis
 - Limits the quantity of opiates that can be prescribed at one time

HIV Legislation That Did Not Receive a Hearing:

- **Comprehensive Sex Education – SF1468 (Pappas)/HF1759 (Kunesh-Podein)**
 - Require all school districts to provide Responsible Family Life Education programs that include:
 - Human development and sexuality education that is age-appropriate and medically accurate
 - Develops skills to prevent and reduce sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancies, and prevention of sexual violence
- **Universal Access to PrEP and PEP Program – SF3624 (Dibble)/HF4121 (Franke)**
 - Requires Commissioner of Health to implement a program to provide universal access to PrEP and PEP to prevent HIV infections
 - Creates a public education and awareness program to increase knowledge and usage of PrEP and PEP
- **AIDS Drug Assistance Program Removal of Co-Payments for Medical Assistance and MNCARE – SF3729 (Dibble)/HF4303 (Schultz)**
 - Remove co-pays for HIV medications on Medical Assistance and MNCARE
- **Increase funding for HIV Prevention – SF1469 (Hayden)/HF1758 (Liebling)**
 - Current funding for HIV Prevention and Services provides a critical need by:
 - Reducing the number of new infections and HIV related deaths
 - Saving Minnesota's state budget millions of dollars by preventing new infections
- **Opiate Overdose Prevention and Syringe Access – SF1467 (Hayden)/HF1760 (Dehn)**
 - Increase availability and access to syringe exchange services and Naloxone to reduce the spread of new HIV infections through intravenous drug use and to prevent and reduce overdose deaths
- **Hepatitis C Medication Assistance – SF1466 (Hayden)/HF1757 (Dehn)**
 - Funding to create a Hepatitis C Drug Assistance Program
 - Increase care and treatment for Hepatitis C
- **Interagency Council on Ending HIV/AIDS in Minnesota – SF3625 (Dibble)/HF4111 (Franke)**
 - Creates a multi government agency and community council tasked with Ending AIDS
- **MN HIV Strategy Advisory Board – SF3623 (Dibble)/HF4110 (Franke)**
 - Directs MN HIV Strategy Advisory Board to deliver a report to the legislature in 2019
- **Constitutional Amendment for Gender Equality – SF101 (Dibble)/HF313 Hornstein**
 - Amends State Constitution to prohibit discrimination based on gender identity
- **LGBTQI Minnesotans Council Establishment – SF2407 (Dibble)/HF2689 (Clark)**
 - Creation of a council to work for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality for Minnesota's LGBTQI community