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2019 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The HIV Action Network is a coalition of individuals living with HIV, allies, and community-based organizations. 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.

- **Increase funding for HIV Prevention – SF203 (Hayden)/HF269 (Cantrell)**
 - 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
- **Comprehensive Sex Education HF1414 (Lippert)**
 - 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
- **PrEP and nPEP Drug Assistance Program SF1137 (Dibble)/HF1878 (Loeffler)**
 - Increase availability and access to PrEP and nPeP by establishing a program to assist drug co-pay and lab costs for low-income individuals.
- **MNCare/MA HIV Drug Co-Pay Assistance SF1136 (Dibble)/HF1388 (Hornstein)**
 - Ensure that low income people living with HIV can access lifesaving medications without co-pay requirements. Create an exemption for HIV medications from cost-sharing requirements.
- **Healthcare Worker Monitoring Program Repeal**
 - Repeal outdated, unscientific, and stigmatizing requirement that healthcare workers living with HIV, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C must be reported to the Health Department and submitted to a monitoring plan.
- **Mental Health Protections Act HF12 (Cantrell)/SF83 (Dibble)**
 - Protect LGBTQ Minnesotans from Harmful Conversion Therapy
 - Ensure LGBTQ people receive mental healthcare that is ethical, affirming and culturally competent

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- **Opioid Stewardship Fund & Opioid Addiction Advisory Council HF400 (Olson)/SF751 (Rosen)**
 - Establishes the Opioid Addiction Advisory Council to confront the opioid and overdose epidemic
 - Creates the Opioid Stewardship Fund
 - Requires opioid manufactures to pay registration fees
 - Funds collected are used to support treatment and recovery services statewide

- **Homes for All:**
 - \$300 million in bonds to create supportive housing/ \$50 million tax credits
 - \$25 million for Housing Supportive Services/\$55 million for MN Housing
 - Prevent homelessness, provide emergency shelter & improve stability
 - Build and preserve affordable housing, Provide Rental Assistance