

## CCAC Review and Comment

### Legislative and/or Code Information

Bill number(s) description (if applicable) – Attach Bill language

[SF 2536/HF 2135](#) Adult-Size Changing Facilities

**(n) Adult-size changing facilities.** (1) The code must require the installation of adult-size changing facilities on each floor where there is a restroom accessible to the public. This requirement is met by providing adult-size changing facilities in either a unisex restroom or in both a men's restroom and a women's restroom. Adult-size changing facilities consist of:

- (i) an adult-size changing table in a private location;
- (ii) a supply of paper table liners and disinfectant wipes;
- (iii) an appropriately sized waste container for used supplies;
- (iv) nonslip flooring;
- (v) wall-mounted hooks and a shelf for a user's personal supplies;
- (vi) a chair for the user's attendant or caregiver; and
- (vii) signage indicating the presence of the adult-size changing facilities.

(2) Adult-size changing tables must have a changing surface that:

- (i) is a minimum of 24 inches wide and 71 inches long;
- (ii) either sits at or is capable of being adjusted to a height of between 18 and 28 inches above the floor;
- (iii) is weight-bearing to a minimum of 350 pounds; and
- (iv) has both a safety rail and restraint straps available.

Subject/Building Code Section(s)

Minnesota Rules, chapter 1341, Minnesota Accessibility Code  
 Proposed Minnesota Statutes 326B.106 Subd. 4 (n)

### Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

TAG Formed  Yes  No

Title of TAG: Building Code Series 1 TAG

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 MSR Design; MN American Institute of Architects  
 Michaud Cooley Erickson; Building Systems Design and Engineering Practices  
 CBS Construction Services, Inc; Contractors

**TAG Meeting Date(s)**

11/9/2021; 11/23/2021; 12/7/2021; 12/21/21

**TAG Comments/Recommendations – Attachment**  Yes  No

1. TAG members support adoption of national model code requirements for adult changing tables through the rulemaking process that will adopt the 2024 “I” codes in lieu of the proposed statutory requirements.
2. Placing technical requirements in statute limits the ability of designers, builders and building officials from proposing and approving alternative designs.
3. The bill language conflicts with the intent of the State Building Code that buildings be designed to accommodate all persons with disabilities. The addition of a requirement for adult changing tables without any increase in the size of the restroom, will create barriers for other members of the disability community who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices.
4. Adopting the national model code language reduces costs by only requiring adult changing tables in key locations and using existing requirements for family- and assisted-use restrooms.
5. Accessibility advocates and subject-matter experts recommend regulating adult changing tables in the building code rather than through legislation to prevent inconsistency with the national standard. It is anticipated that the 2024 IBC will contain appropriate provisions for adult changing tables.
6. TAG members do not recommend these proposed legislative changes. However, if the proposed bills move forward, they should be modified to include an effective date that allows 18-months for implementation and a sunset date, so the statute expires when the new building code with criteria for adult changing stations becomes effective.

**Criteria Addressed (check all that apply)**

- Eliminating inconsistencies     
  Promoting coordination & consistency     
  Making rules easier to understand & apply  
 Streamlining construction regulation & construction procedures     
  Improving procedures within and among jurisdictions  
 Other:

**CCAC Comments & Recommendations**

A motion was made by Sprung, seconded by Guth, to approve the Technical Advisory Group Report on Adult-sized Changing Facilities. The roll call vote was unanimous with 17 votes in favor.

**Date of CCAC Meeting:** January 20, 2022

**Prepared by/Name & Title**  
Scott McLellan, Construction Codes Advisory Council Chair

**Date**  
January 21, 2022