

AFFIRM

Alliance
for
Fair
Federal
Immigration
Reform
of
Minnesota

We AFFIRM the rights of immigrants, AFFIRM the contribution they make to our economy, and promote fair immigration policy and legislation.

AFFIRM is an alliance of immigrant groups, religious and labor organizations, lawyers and legal services, advocacy organizations, and businesses working together to advocate for fair immigration legislation and policy at the local, state, and federal level that respects and protects immigrants.

AFFIRM State Legislative Update

March 20, 2007

AFFIRM is currently working on several pieces of legislation at the state level.

Mn Dream Act (SF 653, HF 0722)

Senate: Passed out of Higher Ed committee. Awaiting a floor vote. Will likely be added to Higher Ed omnibus after passing the floor.

House: Scheduled for a hearing Thursday, March 22nd at 12:30 in the Higher Ed & Work Force Development Policy & Finance Division (Chair - Rukavina).

Resolution in Support of Federal Comprehensive Reform (SF 886, HF 771)

Senate: Awaiting a hearing in Business, Industry and Jobs (Chair- Metzen). It will be heard before the April 14th deadline.

House: Passed with unanimous support from Higher Ed & Workforce Development (Chair - Rukavina). Awaiting a floor vote.

Citizenship Tax Credit (SF 830, HF 747)

Senate: Held hearing on March 7th, bill held over for possible inclusion in omnibus bill.

House: Held hearing on March 12th, bill held over for possible inclusion in omnibus bill.

State Commission on New Minnesotans (SF 1081, HF 1315)

Senate: Passed out of State & Local Govt. Operations on March 8th with supportive testimony from the Chamber of Commerce. Passed out of Rules. Will possibly be heard in Finance this week.

House: Passed out of the House Heritage Committee on Monday 3/19, referred to State Government Committee.

Opposition to Real ID (SF 984, HF 1438)

Senate: Awaiting a hearing in Senate transportation committee.

House: Passed the House Public Safety Committee on Monday 3/19, awaiting a floor vote.

Adult Basic Education (ABE) funding for English Language Learner's will also be tracked and supported by AFFIRM.