

# AFFIRM

Alliance  
for  
Fair  
Federal  
Immigration  
Reform  
of  
Minnesota

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*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 April 25, 2007

### **Mn Dream Act**

*Senate & House* – Included in Higher Education omnibus and is currently being heard in conference committee.

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

*Senate:* Referred to Rules Committee. No hearing scheduled.

*House:* In anticipation of a floor vote in the House, AFFIRM is counting votes and working with DFL and Republican authors to confirm broad bi-partisan support by the full House of Representatives

### **Citizenship Tax Credit (SF 830, HF 747)**

*Senate:* Bill was included in the omnibus tax bill.

*House:* The tax credit was not included in the Tax omnibus package. AFFIRM is working with the author to explore possibilities of having it added in.

### **State Commission on New Minnesotans**

*Senate & House:* State Government omnibus bill is currently being heard in conference committee.

### **Opposition to Real ID (SF 984)**

*Senate:* Passed on the senate floor as a stand-alone bill.

*House:* Amended onto a transportation omnibus that will be heard next in Ways & Means.

**Health Care for Undocumented Immigrant Children** – Health & Human Services omnibus is currently being heard in conference committee.

### **Adult Basic Education (ABE) funding for English Language Learner's:**

Currently in E-12 Education Finance conference committee. The House recommends \$3.5 million in new funding over the biennium, in addition to a 3% annual funding increase already in statute. AFFIRM is working to get House funding for this provision.

*Next state legislative cmt. meeting will be held Monday, April 30th at 9:00 am in the cafeteria of the SOB.*