

| Mandate Relief Requested   | Statutory Citation  | Comments  |
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| Change the "pay equity" reporting requirement back to every 5 years (was recently changed to every 3 years)  | MN Statutes §471.999  | Dramatic shifts in the composition of the County workforce, employee duties, or relative compensation will generally not occur within such a short timeframe (three years)  |
| End the placement of <u>State</u> short-term offenders in County jails, or otherwise fully fund County costs to house such offenders   | MN Statutes §609.135  | The State reimburses counties at a rate of \$10 per day   |
| Create more flexibility in the NPDES permitting process; do not treat silt as a pollutant equivalent to motor fuels, for example; eliminate requirements for storm water retention basins and "interim seeding" to control silt runoff during road construction projects | Federal Clean Water Act; MN Statutes §115.03  | Due to extreme weather conditions, it may not always be possible to completely control project site runoff; MNPCA rules and enforcement should recognize this reality   |
| Eliminate the regional Library maintenance of effort requirement   | MN Statutes §134.34 and §134.341  | Eliminating "MOE" requirements provides counties with greater flexibility in prioritizing spending, particularly during difficult budgetary times   |
| Provide full state funding for mandated environmental regulation programs, such as ISTS, Shoreland, Wetlands and Local Water Planning  | Natural Resources Block Grant authorized under MN Statutes §103B.101 and §103B.3369 | In certain cases, counties act as administrative extensions of state government, enforcing state regulations or administering state programs; presumably state agencies that perform similar functions are adequately funded by state resources; counties should receive the same consideration when carrying out a state-wide function |
| Allow counties greater flexibility in approving "other" or "performance septic systems (ISTS) without regard to when a lot was created (allow waivers from the Chapter 7080 Rules or eliminate the arbitrary cut-off date of Jan. 23, 1996)                              | MN Statutes §115.03, §115.55, and §115.56   | Imposing restrictions based on when a lot was created seems arbitrary and limits the county's discretion in approving non-standard septic systems that may be better suited to unique conditions in the county  |