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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2232

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; requiring the commissioner of administration
1.3 to maintain a tracking system of new agency projects over a certain amount;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [16A.0565] CENTRALIZED TRACKING LIST OF AGENCY
1.7 PROJECTS.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Centralized tracking. The commissioner must maintain a
1.9 centralized tracking list of new agency projects estimated to cost more than \$100,000 that
1.10 are paid for from the general fund.

1.11 Subd. 2. New agency project. (a) For purposes of this section, a "new agency
1.12 project" means:

1.13 (1) any new agency program or activity with more than \$100,000 in funding from
1.14 the general fund; and

1.15 (2) any preexisting agency program or activity with an increase of \$100,000 or more
1.16 above the base level in general fund support.

1.17 (b) For purposes of this section, a new agency project does not include:

1.18 (1) general aid programs for units of local government, or entitlement programs
1.19 providing assistance to individuals; or

1.20 (2) a new program or activity or increase in a program or activity that is mandated
1.21 by law.

1.22 Subd. 3. Transparency requirements. The centralized tracking list maintained by
1.23 the commissioner must report the following for each new agency project:

1.24 (1) name of the agency and title of the project;

- 2.1 (2) a brief description of the project and its purposes;
2.2 (3) the extent to which the project has been implemented; and
2.3 (4) the amount of money that has been spent on the project.

2.4 Subd. 4. **Timing and reporting.** The commissioner must display the information
2.5 required by subdivision 3 on the department's Web site. The list shall be maintained in
2.6 a widely available and common document format such as a spreadsheet that does not
2.7 require any new costs to develop. The commissioner must report this information to the
2.8 chairs of the house of representatives Ways and Means Committee and the senate Finance
2.9 Committee quarterly and must update the information on the Web site at least quarterly.