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A bill for an act

relating to state government; providing for disposition of contested case hearings by the Office of Administrative Hearings; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 14.57.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 14.57, is amended to read:

14.57 INITIATION; DECISION; AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATE.

(a) An agency shall initiate a contested case proceeding when one is required by law. ~~Unless otherwise provided by law,~~ An agency shall ~~decide~~ submit a contested case ~~only~~ to the Office of Administrative Hearings for disposition in accordance with the contested case procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act. Upon initiation of a contested case proceeding, ~~an agency may, by order, provide that~~ the report or order of the administrative law judge constitutes the final decision in the case.

(b) As an alternative to initiating or continuing with a contested case proceeding, the parties, subsequent to agency approval, may enter into a written agreement to submit the issues raised to arbitration by an administrative law judge according to sections 572.08 to 572.30.

Sec. 2. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

By January 15, 2012, the revisor of statutes shall present a bill to the legislature to make the conforming statutory changes to incorporate the contested case procedures under section 1.