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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 302

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; requiring variable tuition rates to encourage student
1.3 participation in certain programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section
1.4 136F.70, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 136F.70, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Tuition.** (a) The board shall set rates of tuition for the various
1.8 instructional programs. The board may waive tuition for certain persons, courses, and
1.9 programs.

1.10 (b) The rates of tuition established by the board must be structured to encourage
1.11 enrollment in programs that produce graduates with technical and vocational skills for
1.12 which there is a high employer need within the state. If a reduction in the rate of tuition for
1.13 a program is projected to result in reduced overall funding for the program's operations,
1.14 the board shall offset the projected reduction in funding by appropriate reimbursement.

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section applies to tuition rates set for the 2013-2014
1.16 academic year and thereafter.