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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **773**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; requiring the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota
1.3 State Colleges and Universities to disclose certain information related to
1.4 consultants providing advice or analysis to the board; amending Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2014, section 136F.06, subdivision 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 136F.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Governance authority.** (a) The board shall have the authority needed
1.9 to operate and govern the state colleges and universities unless otherwise directed or
1.10 prohibited by law. The board is responsible for its operations and necessary decisions
1.11 unless these are specifically delegated by law to a state department or agency.

1.12 (b) To the extent that the board retains a professional consultant to provide advice or
1.13 to analyze matters related to system operations or governance, the following information
1.14 must be publicly disclosed:

1.15 (1) the identity of the consultant;

1.16 (2) the terms and conditions of any contract or agreement with the consultant; and

1.17 (3) the nature of any advice or analysis the consultant provides to the board.

1.18 The disclosure must occur at an official meeting of the board, or no later than 30 days after
1.19 a contract or agreement with the consultant is entered, whichever is earlier. This paragraph
1.20 applies regardless of whether the board provides payment for the consultant's services.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.