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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2923

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; specifying nonvoting members of the  
1.3 Chicano/Latino Affairs Council; expanding duties; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2012, section 3.9223, subdivisions 1, 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 3.9223, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The state Council on Affairs of Chicano/Latino  
1.8 People consists of the following members:

1.9 (1) 11 members appointed by the governor, including eight members representing  
1.10 each of the state's congressional districts and three members appointed at large. The  
1.11 demographic composition of the council members must accurately reflect the demographic  
1.12 composition of Minnesota's Chicano/Latino community, including migrant workers, as  
1.13 determined by the state demographer. Membership, terms, compensation, removal of  
1.14 members, and filling of vacancies are as provided in section 15.0575. Because the council  
1.15 performs functions that are not purely advisory, the council is not subject to the expiration  
1.16 date in section 15.059~~;~~;

1.17 (2) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker and two  
1.18 members of the senate appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee  
1.19 on Rules and Administration shall serve as nonvoting members of the council~~;~~;

1.20 (3) other nonvoting members of the council:

1.21 (i) a member of the governor's official staff designated by the governor;

1.22 (ii) the commissioner of education;

1.23 (iii) the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education;

1.24 (iv) the commissioner of employment and economic development;

- 2.1 (v) the commissioner of human rights;  
2.2 (vi) the commissioner of corrections; and  
2.3 (vii) the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.  
2.4 (b) Each of the commissioners listed in paragraph (a), clause (3), may designate a  
2.5 staff member to serve on the council instead of the commissioner.  
2.6 (c) Only the members designated in paragraph (a), clause (1), are voting members.  
2.7 (d) The council shall annually elect from its membership a chair and other officers  
2.8 it deems necessary.

2.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 3.9223, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.10 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The council shall:

2.11 (1) recommend to the governor and the legislature legislation to improve the  
2.12 economic and social condition of Chicano/Latino people in this state;

2.13 ~~(1)~~ (2) advise the governor and the legislature on the nature of the issues confronting  
2.14 Chicano/Latino people in this state, including the unique problems encountered by  
2.15 Chicano/Latino migrant agricultural workers;

2.16 ~~(2)~~ (3) advise the governor and the legislature on statutes or rules necessary to ensure  
2.17 Chicano/Latino people access to benefits and services provided to people in this state;

2.18 ~~(3) recommend to the governor and the legislature legislation to improve the~~  
2.19 ~~economic and social condition of Chicano/Latino people in this state;~~

2.20 (4) serve as a conduit to state government for organizations of Chicano/Latino  
2.21 people in the state;

2.22 (5) serve as a referral agency to assist Chicano/Latino people to secure access to  
2.23 state agencies and programs;

2.24 (6) serve as a liaison with the federal government, local government units, and  
2.25 private organizations on matters relating to the Chicano/Latino people of this state;

2.26 (7) perform or contract for the performance of studies designed to suggest solutions  
2.27 to problems of Chicano/Latino people in the areas of education, employment, human  
2.28 rights, health, housing, social welfare, and other related programs;

2.29 (8) implement programs designed to solve problems of Chicano/Latino people when  
2.30 authorized by other statute, rule, or order; ~~and~~

2.31 (9) publicize the accomplishments of Chicano/Latino people and their contributions  
2.32 to this state;

2.33 (10) work with other state and federal agencies and organizations to develop small  
2.34 business opportunities and promote economic development for Latinos in Minnesota;

- 3.1           (11) supervise development of a Latin American trade primer, outlining Latino  
3.2 customs, cultural traditions, and business practices, including language, for use by  
3.3 Minnesota's export community;
- 3.4           (12) cooperate with other state and federal agencies and organizations to develop  
3.5 improved state trade relations with Latin American countries; and
- 3.6           (13) assist recent immigrants in adaptation into the culture and promote the study  
3.7 of English as a second language.