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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; requiring disclosure of minerals and metal mined

1.3 outside the state in products procured by the state; proposing coding for new law

1.4 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[16C.067] PREFERRED MINERALS AND METALS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings

1.8 given:

1.9 (1) "minerals and metals" or "minerals or metals" means one or more of the following:

1.10 nickel, copper, cobalt, steel, or iron powder; and

1.11 (2) "goods" means solar panels and batteries in electric vehicles.

1.12 Subd. 2. **State contracting.** Before a commissioner or other agency head enters into a

1.13 contract for the purchase of goods, the commissioner or agency head must require that the

1.14 vendor of the goods disclose whether the goods contain, or have any components that

1.15 contain, minerals or metals and state where those minerals and metals were mined or

1.16 produced and, if applicable, who the manufacturer is.

1.17 Subd. 3. **Disclosure to legislature.** If a vendor discloses that its goods or any components

1.18 of its goods contain minerals or metals that do not come from Minnesota, the commissioner

1.19 or agency head must promptly report to the chairs of the legislative committees with

1.20 jurisdiction over mining that the commissioner or agency head is entering into a contract

1.21 for goods containing minerals and metals not from Minnesota. The commissioner or agency

1.22 head must detail efforts made to obtain the goods from vendors that contain, or have

2.1 components that contain, minerals and metals from Minnesota and a rationalization for the
2.2 decision to contract for goods that contain minerals and metals from outside the state.

2.3 Subd. 4. **Grant recipients use of state funds.** If a recipient of a state grant uses state
2.4 grant proceeds to purchase goods, the recipient must disclose to the agency serving as the
2.5 fiscal agent whether the goods contain, or have any components that contain, any amount
2.6 of minerals or metals and state where those minerals and metals were mined or produced
2.7 and, if applicable, who the manufacturer is. The commissioner or agency head of the agency
2.8 serving as the fiscal agent for the grant must promptly report to the chairs of the committees
2.9 in the senate and the house of representatives with jurisdiction over mining regarding state
2.10 funds used to purchase goods or components of goods containing minerals or metals mined
2.11 or produced outside the state.

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