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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2575**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; establishing a business advocate in the
1.3 Department of Employment and Economic Development; proposing coding for
1.4 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[116J.681] SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE.**

1.7 A small business advocate office is established in the Bureau of Business Services
1.8 to provide one-stop access for small businesses in need of information or assistance in
1.9 obtaining or renewing licenses, meeting state regulatory requirements, or resolving
1.10 disputes with state agencies. The department shall not increase its full-time equivalent
1.11 staff complement to administer this section.