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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing a Minnesota Food Council; providing
1.3 appointments; requiring reports; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 41E.

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

1.6 Section 1. 41E.01 MINNESOTA FOOD COUNCIL.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment; membership. The Minnesota Food Council is established.
1.8 The council is composed of 20 members as follows:

1.9 (1) the commissioner of agriculture or the commissioner's designee;

1.10 (2) the commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee;

1.11 (3) the commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner's designee;

1.12 (4) three representatives of the University of Minnesota, one from each of the following
1.13 institutions: the Department of Applied Economics; Extension; and the Institute on the
1.14 Environment;

1.15 (5) ten stakeholder representatives, consisting of at least one representative of each of
1.16 the following groups, as appointed by the governor: farmers, consumers, agricultural
1.17 advocates, environmental advocates, and public health advocates;

1.18 (6) the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction
1.19 over agriculture finance; and

1.20 (7) the ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees
1.21 with jurisdiction over agriculture finance.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The council must be a vehicle for networking, communication, research,
2.2 and reporting of policy recommendations to improve the food system in Minnesota,
2.3 particularly the development and expansion of secure, local, and sustainable food production
2.4 systems that promote economic viability, ecological soundness, and social responsibility.
2.5 The council must report at least annually to the governor and the legislative committees
2.6 with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Terms and compensation of appointees; staff.** (a) The council's membership
2.8 terms, compensation, filling of vacancies, and removal of members are as provided in section
2.9 15.0575.

2.10 (b) The council may employ an executive director, assistant director, and administrative
2.11 assistant to carry out its duties.