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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2603

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; modifying open meeting law; requiring open
1.3 meeting with public comment prior to land acquisition; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2014, section 13D.08, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for
1.5 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 13D; 16B.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 13D.08, is amended by adding a
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 19. State agency real property acquisition. Certain meetings of state
1.10 agencies acquiring real property are governed by section 16B.2961.

1.11 Sec. 2. [13D.09] AGENCY OPEN HOUSES.

1.12 When a state agency is required by law to hold a meeting with an opportunity for
1.13 public comment or testimony, an open house does not constitute a meeting.

1.14 Sec. 3. [16B.2961] ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY; OPEN MEETING.

1.15 Before acquiring real property in fee, an agency must hold at least one open meeting
1.16 in accordance with the special meeting notice requirements of section 13D.04, subdivision
1.17 2, during which the decision to acquire real property in fee is discussed. An opportunity
1.18 for public comment must be available during the meeting.