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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; requesting the legislative auditor conduct a review
1.3 of University of Minnesota research activities that involve the use of fetal tissue;
1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FETAL TISSUE RESEARCH;
1.7 LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR REVIEW.

1.8 (a) The legislative auditor is requested to complete a comprehensive review of
1.9 the use of fetal tissue in research activities at the University of Minnesota. The review
1.10 must include:

1.11 (1) the total number of research activities in which fetal tissue is currently or has been
1.12 previously used, including those that are in progress and those that have been completed;

1.13 (2) the cost of acquiring fetal tissues for use in research activities, itemized by the
1.14 source of funds used for procurement, including funds from federal, state, and other public
1.15 sources, and funds derived from student tuition and fees;

1.16 (3) the extent to which the conduct of the research activities complies with
1.17 applicable federal and state laws related to acquisition, sale, handling, and disposition
1.18 of human tissues, including fetal tissues;

1.19 (4) the extent to which the conduct of the research activities complies with
1.20 applicable Board of Regents policies and procedures related to acquisition, sale, handling,
1.21 and disposition of human tissues, including fetal tissues; and

1.22 (5) whether applicable Board of Regents policies include provisions to ensure fetal
1.23 tissue is used in research activities only when necessary, and to ensure that the research

2.1 activities are conducted in an ethical manner, including whether procedures and protocols
2.2 for oversight have been implemented to verify compliance with these policies.

2.3 (b) As used in this section, "research activities" include any academic fetal
2.4 tissue research or fetal tissue transplantation research activity or program conducted
2.5 in a University of Minnesota facility, or which is supported, directly or indirectly, by
2.6 University of Minnesota funds.

2.7 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FETAL TISSUE**
2.8 **RESEARCH REVIEW.**

2.9 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2016 to the Office of the
2.10 Legislative Auditor for purposes of conducting the review requested by section 1. The
2.11 balance in fiscal year 2016 does not cancel, but is available in fiscal year 2017.

2.12 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.13 This act is effective the day following final enactment. The legislative auditor is
2.14 requested to complete the review provided in section 1 no later than 60 days following
2.15 final enactment.