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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**H. F. No. 922**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to economic development; requiring an annual cost-of-living study;  
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 116J.  
1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[116J.013] COST-OF-LIVING STUDY; ANNUAL REPORT.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner shall conduct an annual cost-of-living study in Minnesota.

1.8 The study shall include:

1.9 (1) a calculation of the statewide basic needs cost of living, adjusted for family size;

1.10 (2) a calculation of the basic needs cost of living, adjusted for family size, for each

1.11 county;

1.12 (3) an analysis of statewide and county cost-of-living data, employment data, and

1.13 job vacancy data; and

1.14 (4) recommendations to aid in the assessment of employment and economic

1.15 development planning needs throughout the state.

1.16 (b) The commissioner shall report on the cost-of-living study and recommendations

1.17 by February 1 of each year to the governor and to the chairs of the standing committees

1.18 of the house of representatives and the senate having jurisdiction over employment and

1.19 economic development issues.

1.20 Sec. 2. **COST-OF-LIVING STUDY APPROPRIATION.**

1.21 \$300,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2014 to the

1.22 commissioner of employment and economic development for the cost-of-living study

1.23 required under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.013.