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A bill for an act
relating to economic development; creating the Trade Policy Advisory Council;
proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[116J.9661] TRADE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Trade Policy Advisory Council is established to advise and assist the governor and the legislature regarding government procurement agreements of United States trade agreements.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The Trade Policy Advisory Council shall have 14 members, as follows:

- (1) the commissioner of employment and economic development or designee;
- (2) the commissioner of agriculture or designee;
- (3) two senators, including one appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration, and one appointed by the minority leader; and
- (4) two members of the house of representatives, including one member appointed by the speaker of the house and one member appointed by the minority leader; and
- (5) eight members appointed by the governor. The governor's appointees shall represent specified interests, as follows:
 - (i) two representatives of organized labor;
 - (ii) a representative of an organization representing environmental interests;
 - (iii) a representative from each of two separate organizations representing family farmers;
 - (iv) two representatives from business and industry;

2.1 (v) a representative of a nonprofit organization focused on international trade and
2.2 development.

2.3 (b) The Trade Policy Advisory Council may invite representatives from other state
2.4 agencies, industries, trade and labor organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and
2.5 local governments to join the council as nonvoting ex officio members.

2.6 (c) Except for initial appointments, the appointing authorities shall make
2.7 appointments by the first Monday in January of every odd-numbered year.

2.8 Subd. 3. **Term.** Except for the initial appointees, members of the Trade Policy
2.9 Advisory Council shall serve for a term of two years and may be reappointed. Members
2.10 shall serve until their successors have been appointed.

2.11 Subd. 4. **Administration.** The commissioner of employment and economic
2.12 development or the commissioner's designee shall provide meeting space and
2.13 administrative services for the council.

2.14 Subd. 5. **Initial appointments and first meeting.** The appointing authorities shall
2.15 appoint the first members of the council by September 15, 2013. The first appointees shall
2.16 serve until the first Monday in January, 2015. The commissioner of the Department of
2.17 Employment and Economic Development shall convene the first meeting by December
2.18 15, 2013, and shall act as chair until the council elects a chair at its first meeting.

2.19 Subd. 6. **Chair.** The members shall elect a chair from the legislative members
2.20 of the advisory council.

2.21 Subd. 7. **No compensation.** Public members of the advisory council serve without
2.22 compensation or payment of expenses.

2.23 Subd. 8. **Duties.** The Trade Policy Advisory Council shall:

2.24 (1) advise the governor and the legislature on matters relating to United States
2.25 trade agreements;

2.26 (2) assess the potential impact of federal trade agreements on the state's economy;

2.27 (3) advise the governor and the legislature of the group's findings and make
2.28 recommendations, including any draft legislation necessary to implement the
2.29 recommendations, to the governor and the legislature;

2.30 (4) determine, on a case-by-case basis, the impact of a specific federal trade
2.31 agreement by requesting input from state agencies, seeking expert advice, convening
2.32 public hearings, and taking other reasonable and appropriate actions;

2.33 (5) request information from the Office of the United States Trade Representative
2.34 necessary to conduct an appropriate review of government procurement agreements or
2.35 other trade issues; and

3.1 (6) receive information obtained by the United States Trade Representative's single
3.2 point of contact for Minnesota.

3.3 Subd. 9. **Report.** The Trade Policy Advisory Council shall submit a report to the
3.4 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions of the
3.5 Senate and House of Representatives with primary jurisdiction over jobs with its findings
3.6 and recommendations no less than once per fiscal year. The report shall include draft
3.7 legislation to implement its recommendations.

3.8 Subd. 10. **Sunset.** The council will sunset January 1, 2020.