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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2561**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to human services; directing the commissioner of human services to
 1.3 study medical assistance spenddown collection options; requiring a report.
 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES;**
 1.6 **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SPENDDOWN COLLECTION OPTIONS STUDY.**

1.7 The commissioner of human services shall study and report on how other states
 1.8 handle the collection of medical assistance spenddowns. The report shall include: (1) an
 1.9 overview of alternative methods for the collection of medical assistance spenddowns that
 1.10 are practical for the client, provider, and state, and that place responsibility for collecting
 1.11 the spenddown with the state; and (2) the projected costs for implementing these alternative
 1.12 spenddown collection processes in Minnesota. The commissioner shall report the results
 1.13 of the study to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
 1.14 jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance by November 15, 2015.