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

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; requiring the commissioner of the Office of Higher

1.3 Education to enter into a contract if an information technology project exceeds a

1.4 certain cost threshold; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter

1.5 136A.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[136A.071] CONTRACT REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION**

1.8 **TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS.**

1.9 The commissioner must enter into a contract with one or more vendors for the

1.10 development and completion of an information and telecommunications technology project

1.11 if the total expected cost is more than \$1,000,000. The contract must be solicited, awarded,

1.12 and executed according to the requirements of chapter 16C. Notwithstanding section 16C.08,

1.13 subdivision 2, a competitive proposal process must be used for professional and technical

1.14 services related to a project subject to this section, regardless of whether a current state

1.15 agency employee is able and available to perform the services called for by the contract.

1.16 The state chief information officer may submit a proposal in response to a solicitation

1.17 required by this section.