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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 773

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; requiring the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota
1.3 State Colleges and Universities to disclose certain information related to
1.4 consultants providing advice or analysis to the board; amending Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2014, section 136F.06, subdivision 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 136F.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Governance authority.** (a) The board shall have the authority needed
1.9 to operate and govern the state colleges and universities unless otherwise directed or
1.10 prohibited by law. The board is responsible for its operations and necessary decisions
1.11 unless these are specifically delegated by law to a state department or agency.

1.12 (b) To the extent that the board, chancellor, or other system administrator or official
1.13 enters a contract or agreement with a professional consultant to provide advice or to
1.14 analyze matters related to system operations or governance, the following information
1.15 must be disclosed as provided in this paragraph:

1.16 (1) the identity of the consultant;

1.17 (2) the terms and conditions of the contract or agreement with the consultant; and

1.18 (3) the nature of any resulting advice or analysis provided by the consultant under
1.19 the contract or agreement.

1.20 The disclosure must be posted on the board's Web site no later than 30 days after the
1.21 contract or agreement is entered, and placed on the agenda for discussion at the next
1.22 official meeting of the board.

1.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
1.24 and applies to contracts entered on or after that date.