

1.1 Nash from the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy to which was referred:

1.2 H. F. No. 23, A bill for an act relating to employment; modifying whistleblower
1.3 protections for public employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.932,
1.4 subdivision 1.

1.5 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.6 Page 1, after line 4, insert:

1.7 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.931, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 1a. **Abuse.** "Abuse" means actions that may, directly or indirectly, result in
1.10 unnecessary costs to programs of a state agency or political subdivision. Abuse may involve
1.11 paying for items or services when there is no legal entitlement to that payment.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.931, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.13 read:

1.14 Subd. 3a. **Fraud.** "Fraud" means an intentional or deliberate act to deprive another of
1.15 property or money or to acquire property or money by deception or other unfair means.
1.16 Fraud includes intentionally submitting false information to the department for the purpose
1.17 of obtaining a greater compensation or benefit than that to which the person is legally
1.18 entitled. Fraud also includes failure to correct errors in the maintenance of records in a
1.19 timely manner after a request by a state agency or political subdivision.

1.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.931, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.21 read:

1.22 Subd. 7. **Waste.** "Waste" means practices that, directly or indirectly, result in unnecessary
1.23 costs to programs of a state agency or political subdivision, such as misusing resources."

2.1 Page 2, line 11, delete everything after "reports" and insert "fraud, waste, or abuse in
2.2 programs of a state agency or political subdivision"

2.3 Page 2, line 12, delete "funds" and delete "any" and insert "a" and after "body," insert
2.4 "a"

2.5 Amend the title as follows:

2.6 Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon, insert "providing definitions;"

2.7 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct internal references

2.8 Correct the title numbers accordingly

2.9 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee
2.10 on Workforce Development Finance and Policy.

2.11 This Committee action taken February 11, 2025

2.12 Chair