

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 1721, the first engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 5, after line 34, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 116J.66, is amended to read:

1.4 **116J.66 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE.**

1.5 The commissioner shall establish within the department a business assistance center.

1.6 The center shall consist of (1) a Bureau of Small Business which shall have as its sole

1.7 function the provision of assistance to small businesses in the state and (2) a bureau

1.8 of licenses to assist all businesses in obtaining state licenses and permits. This center

1.9 shall be accorded at least equal status with the other major operating units within the

1.10 department. A small business advocate office is established in the Business Assistance

1.11 Center to provide one-stop access for small businesses in need of information or assistance

1.12 in obtaining or renewing licenses, meeting state regulatory requirements, or resolving

1.13 disputes with state agencies."

1.14 Amend the title accordingly