



AGENCY INITIATIVE: INCLUDE CERTAIN MET COUNCIL LEADERS IN THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL

H.F. 1596 (Acomb)

This proposal would amend the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act to include certain Metropolitan Council leaders as “public officials” as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 13.43.

Specifically, the bill includes the following Met Council leaders as a “public official.”

- The chair
- Metropolitan Council members
- The regional administrator
- The deputy regional administrator
- The general counsel, appointed by the Metropolitan Council (Minnesota Statutes, section 473.123, subdivision 8)
- Executive heads of divisions, including general managers and executive directors
- Executive head responsible for compliance with equal employment opportunity provisions of federal law
- The chief law enforcement officer of the Metropolitan Transit Police, appointed by the regional administrator (Minnesota Statutes, section 473.407)

Currently, the Met Council has general managers and executive directors who lead Community Development, Environmental Services, Metropolitan Transportation Services, and Metro Transit, all Met Council divisions. The executive with responsibility for equal opportunity compliance leads the Met Council Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity.

Why this legislation is needed

This legislation would identify additional executive positions that would be subject to certain public disclosures under Minnesota Statutes, section 13.43, subdivision 2, paragraph (e), clause (4), subparagraph (i).

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