

**Subject** Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council (MAELC) and  
Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI)

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## Summary

This bill modifies the per diem compensation for MAELC and AURI. Minnesota Statutes, section 15.0575 sets the default per diem compensation for members of boards at \$55 a day. This bill would keep members of the House and Senate at the \$55 rate but would allow up to a \$125 per diem rate for non-House and non-Senate members upon a vote of approval by MAELC and AURI.

MAELC develops recommendations for the legislature on agriculture education, issues grants to develop secondary and postsecondary agriculture education programs, and operates the Minnesota Center for Agricultural Education. AURI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established by the legislature to research and promote new products and product uses and the expansion of existing markets for the state's agricultural commodities and products.

This bill would be effective July 1, 2027.