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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 538

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board
1.3 to revise the standards of conduct for peace officers.

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

1.5 Section 1. PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS OF CONDUCT; WHITE
1.6 SUPREMACIST AFFILIATION AND SUPPORT PROHIBITED.

1.7 (a) The Peace Officer Standards and Training Board must revise the peace officer
1.8 standards of conduct that the board is mandated to publish and update under Minnesota
1.9 Statutes, section 626.843, subdivision 1, clause (6), to prohibit peace officers from affiliating
1.10 with, supporting, or advocating for white supremacist groups, causes, or ideologies or
1.11 participation in, or active promotion of, an international or domestic extremist group that
1.12 the Federal Bureau of Investigation has determined supports or encourages illegal, violent
1.13 conduct.

1.14 (b) For purposes of this section, white supremacist groups, causes, or ideologies include
1.15 organizations and associations, and ideologies that promote white supremacy and the idea
1.16 that white people are superior to Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC); promote
1.17 religious and racial bigotry; or seek to exacerbate racial and ethnic tensions between BIPOC
1.18 and non-BIPOC or engage in patently hateful and inflammatory speech, intimidation, and
1.19 violence against BIPOC as means of promoting white supremacy.