

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act amends laws governing executive branch advisory groups. Most of the changes in this act repeal advisory groups or statutory references to those groups.

The following groups are repealed: Public Employee Insurance Program Labor Management Committee; Voting Systems Contracts Advisory Committee; Collaborative Governance Council; Advisory Committee for Technology Standards for Accessibility and Usability; Minnesota Employees Insurance Program Advisory Committee; Veterans Health Care Advisory Council; Property Tax Working Group; Higher Education Veterans Assistance Steering Committee; Land Use Advisory Committee; County Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Advisory Committee; Interagency Native Vegetation Task Force; Reinvest in Minnesota Clean Energy Program Technical Committee; Academic Excellence Foundation; County State-Aid Highway Advisory Committee and Municipal State-Aid Highway Advisory Committee (combined into a new joint county/municipal committee); Renewable Hydrogen Initiative Advisory Committee; Energy Research and Education Advisory Committee; Energy Advisory Task Force; Real Estate Appraiser Advisory Board; Youth Employment Grants Advisory Committee; Community-oriented Police Grant Program Advisory Committee; Weed and Seed Grant Program Committee; Forensic Laboratory Advisory Board; Fire Protection Advisory Council; Battered Women Advisory Council; Uniform Consumer Information Guide Advisory Committee; Medical Assistance Peer Advisory Task Force; Medical Assistance Vendor Advisory Task Force; Health Care Reform Review Council; Services to Persons with Developmental or Physical Disabilities Task Force; Steering Committee on Performance and Reform Outcomes

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Advisory groups not included in this bill generally will continue in existence under the current laws, some of which provide expiration dates specific to an advisory group. Current law also provides for the Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy to review all executive branch advisory groups every odd-numbered year. This bill repeals Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 5, which provided that some executive branch advisory groups expired on June 30, 2009.

## Article 1 State Government

- 1 PEIP Labor/Management Committee (43A.316, subd. 2).** Strikes definition of the Public Employees Insurance Program Labor Management Committee, because this committee is repealed later in this article.
- 2 PEIP Labor/Management Committee (43A.316, subd. 3).** Strikes reference to the Public Employees Insurance Program Labor Management Committee, because this committee is repealed later in this article.
- 3 PEIP Labor/Management Committee (43A.316, subd. 6).** Strikes reference to the Public Employees Insurance Program Labor Management Committee, because this committee is repealed later in this article.
- 4 Voting Systems Contract Advisory Committee (206.805).** Strikes requirement that the Secretary of State appoint an advisory committee to evaluate vendors' proposals for voting systems contracts.
- 5 Repealer.**
  - 6.81: Collaborative Governance Council
  - 15.059, subdivisions 5 and 5b: June 30, 2009 expiration date for some executive branch advisory groups
  - 16E.0475: Advisory Committee for Technology Standards for Accessibility and Usability
  - 43A.316, subdivision 4: Public Employees Insurance Program Labor Management Committee
  - 43A.317, subdivision 4: Minnesota Employees Insurance Program Advisory Committee
  - 196.30: Veterans Health Care Advisory Council
  - 270C.991, subdivision 4: Property Tax Working Group

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- 197.585, subdivisions 2 and 4: Higher Education Veterans Assistance Steering Committee

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## Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture

- 1 Land use advisory committee (92.35).** Strikes language authorizing land use advisory committees within the Department of Natural Resources.
- 2 RIM Clean Energy Program Technical Committee (103F.518, subd. 1).** Strikes reference to the Reinvest in Minnesota Clean Energy Program Technical Committee, because this committee is repealed later in this article.
- 3 County Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Advisory Committee (115.55, subd. 12).** Strikes requirement for the Pollution Control Agency to form a County Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Advisory Committee.
- 4 Repealer:**
  - 84.964: Interagency Native Vegetation Task Force
  - 103F.518, subdivision 11: Reinvest in Minnesota Clean Energy Program Technical Committee

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## Education

- 1 Expiration; Assessment Advisory Council (120B.365, subd. 2).** Extends the expiration date for the Assessment Advisory Committee from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2016.
- 2 Student Advisory Council (136A.031, subd. 3).** Revises membership of the Student Advisory Council.
- 3 Repealer.** Repeals the Academic Excellence Foundation.

### Article 4

## Transportation

- 1 County and Municipal State-Aid Advisory Committee (162.152).** Creates a new advisory committee to advise MnDOT on rules governing the county and municipal state-aid highway systems. This new committee is a combination of two existing groups (one county, one

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municipal), which are repealed later in this article.

### **2 Repealer.**

- 162.02, subdivisions 2 and 3: County State-aid Highway Advisory Committee
- 162.09, subdivisions 2 and 3: Municipal State-aid Highway Advisory Committee

## **Article 5**

### **Commerce and Economic Development**

- 1 Renewable Hydrogen Initiative Advisory Committee (216B.813, subd. 2).** Strikes requirement for the Commissioner of Commerce to assemble a Renewable Hydrogen Initiative Advisory Committee.
- 2 Energy Research and Education Advisory Committee (216B.815).** Strikes requirement for an Energy Research and Education Advisory Committee.
- 3 Energy Advisory Task Force (216C.02, subd. 1).** Strikes requirement for Commissioner of Commerce to appoint an Energy Advisory Task Force.
- 4 Clarification of continue existence.** Clarifies that Automobile Theft Prevention Advisory Board did not expire on June 30, 2009, and that actions taken and public funds spent are valid. It is possible, although not completely clear, that this group may have expired on June 30, 2009 under a general advisory group expiration provision contained in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 5. The law creating this group did not specify an expiration date, and the group may not have been aware of the potential application of section 15.059.
- 5 Repealer.**
  - 82B.021, subdivision 10, 82B.05 and 82B.06: Real Estate Appraiser Advisory Board
  - 116L.361, subdivision 2 and 116L.363: Youth Employment Grants Advisory Committee

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### **Public Safety**

- 1 Community-oriented Police Grant Program Committee (299A.62, subd. 2).** Strikes requirement for an advisory committee to advise the Commissioner of Public Safety on distribution of grants under the Community-oriented Police Grant Program.
- 2 Weed and Seed Grant Program Committee (299A.63, subd. 2).** Strikes requirement for an advisory committee to advise the Commissioner of Public Safety on distribution of grants

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under the Weed and Seed Grant Program.

- 3 **Cross reference.** Strikes reference to the Battered Women Advisory Council, which is repealed later in this article.
- 4 **Cross reference.** Strikes duties related to the Battered Women Advisory Council, which is repealed later in this article.
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- 8 **Clarification of continued existence.** Clarifies that the Fire Service Advisory Committee did not expire on June 30, 2009, and that actions taken and public funds spent are valid. It is possible, although not completely clear, that this group may have expired on June 30, 2009 under a general advisory group expiration provision contained in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 5. The law creating this group did not specify an expiration date, and the group may not have been aware of the potential application of section 15.059.
- 9 **Repealer.**
  - 299C.156: Forensic Laboratory Advisory Board
  - 299M.02: Fire Protection Advisory Council
  - 611A.34: Battered Women Advisory Council

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### Health and Human Services

- 1 **Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Council (115.741).** Provides that the Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Council expires June 30, 2019.
- 2 **Laboratory Assessor Selection Committee (144.98, subd. 10).** Provides that the Laboratory Assessor Selection Committee expires June 30, 2018.
- 3 **Uniform Consumer Information Guide Advisory Committee (144G.06).** Strikes requirement for the Commissioner of Health to establish a Uniform Consumer Information Guide Advisory Committee.
- 4 **Prescription electronic reporting advisory committee.** Provides that the Prescription

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electronic reporting advisory committee expires June 30, 2018.

- 5 **Services to Persons with Developmental or Physical Disabilities Task Force (252.30).** Strikes references to the Services to Persons with Developmental or Physical Disabilities Task Force, which is repealed later in this article.
- 6 **American Indian Advisory Council (254A.035, subd. 2).** Extends the expiration date of the American Indian Advisory Council from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2018.
- 7 **Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council (254A.04).** Extends the expiration date of the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2018.
- 8 **Medical Assistance Drug Formulary Committee (256B.0625, subd. 13c).** Extends the expiration date of the Medical Assistance Drug Formulary Committee from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2018.
- 9 **Medical Assistance Peer Advisory Task Force (256B.064, subd. 1a).** Strikes reference to a Medical Assistance peer Advisory Task Force.
- 10 **Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee (256B.093, subd. 1).** Extends the expiration date of the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2018.
- 11 **Medical Assistance Vendor Advisory Task Force (256B.27, subd. 3).** Strikes authority of the Commissioner of Human Services to appoint a Medical Assistance Vendor Advisory Task Force.
- 12 **American Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council (260.835, subd. 2).** Extends the expiration date of the American Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2018.
- 13 **Clarification of continued existence.** Clarifies that the following groups did not expire on June 30, 2009, and that actions taken and public funds spent are valid:
  - Medical Assistance Drug Formulary Advisory Committee
  - Environmental Health Tracking and Biomonitoring Advisory Panel
  - Water Supply System and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Council
  - Prescription Electronic Reporting Advisory Committee

It is possible, although not completely clear, that these groups may have expired on June 30, 2009 under a general advisory group expiration provision contained in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 5. The laws creating these groups did not specify an expiration date, and the groups may not have been aware of the potential application of section 15.059.

- 14 **Repealer.**

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- 62U.09: Health Care Reform Review Council
- 252.31: Services to Persons with Developmental or Physical Disabilities Task Force
- 402A.15: Steering Committee on Performance and Reform Outcomes

## **Article 8**

### **Conforming Changes**

Article 1 of this act repeals section 15.059, subdivision 5, which provided that some advisory groups expired on June 30, 2009. This article makes conforming changes, by striking language that refers to the expiration date in section 15.059, subdivision 5. For example, many sections of this article strike language stating that “notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5” a group does not expire. The reference to section 15.059, subdivision 5, is stricken because this act repeals that subdivision. The subdivisions repealed in the last section of this article all refer to the expiration date in section 15.059.