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## Bill Summary —

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## **Overview**

Provides that no executive agency (other than the Department of Veterans Affairs) may have more than one deputy commissioner, and that no agency may have assistant commissioners.

- Number of deputy commissioners. Provides that no agency other than the Department of Veterans Affairs may have more than one deputy commissioner, and that no agency may employ an assistant commissioner.
- **Department of Administration; appointments.** Provides that the Commissioner of Administration may appoint one deputy commissioner. Current law authorizes appointment of two.
- **Unclassified positions.** In the general law dealing with state unclassified positions, strikes references to assistant agency heads.
- **Department of Commerce.** Provides that the Commissioner of Commerce may appoint one deputy commissioner. Current law authorizes appointment of four. Strikes references to appointment of assistant commissioners and an assistant to the commissioner.
- **DNR.** Strikes references to appointment of up to three assistant commissioners in the DNR.
- **Pollution Control Agency.** Strikes reference to appoint of assistant commissioners in the Pollution Control Agency.
- 7 Employment and Economic Development. Strikes authority for the Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development to appoint four deputy commissioners.
- **8 Employment and Economic Development.** Authorizes the Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development to delegate certain duties to a deputy commissioner.
- 9 MnDOT. Provides that the Commissioner of Transportation may appoint one deputy commissioner and a personal secretary. Current law authorizes appointment of four people at the level of deputy and assistant commissioner, assistant to the commissioner, and personal secretary (with up to two

deputies).

- **Corrections.** Provides that the Commissioner of Corrections may appoint one deputy commissioner. Current law authorizes appointment of two.
- **Reduction.** Estimates annual general fund savings of at least \$3.8 million in each year of the next biennium from implementation of this bill.