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Bill Summary

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Provides a process for terminating an NRP and has the effect of continuing the Minneapolis NRP policy board beyond its December 31, 2011 expiration date. The NRP was originally authorized in 1990 and only applies to cities of the first class. Minneapolis is the only city to have implemented an NRP.

Provides that an NRP can only be terminated according to the process in the bill. Requires funds dedicated for NRP activities and received by the program before January 1, 2011, as well as other specified funds that are retained by the neighborhood, the NRP, or the city be spent only for purposes in the statute and in accordance with the NRP policy board citizen participation process.

Provides for continued operation and oversight by members of the NRP policy board after the agreement creating the board terminates on or after December 31, 2011, until all contracts have been entered into to obligate all remaining money in the program. Requires all money to be spent or obligated by December 31, 2014. Permits the policy board to then transfer duties and obligations to another entity, at which time the city may terminate the program. Directs the city and NRP policy board to provide for an orderly transition of program staff and duties.

Effective the day following final enactment.

Under Minn. Stat. § 469.1831, subd. 6, the policy board must include members of the city council, county board, school board, library board, park board, the mayor or designee, a member of the House of Representatives from the city and a member of the Senate from the city. It may also include representatives of community organizations, business owners, neighborhood organizations, labor, and neighborhood residents. The policy board may be a joint powers board with listed powers.