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Caps the amount a state agency may pay to acquire real property with public money to no more than ten percent over the appraised value.

Applies to any state officer, employee, board, commission, authority, department, or other agency of the executive branch of state government and includes the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Does not apply to the Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation, or the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Requires the appraiser to be licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 82B, for the type of property being appraised and to conduct the appraisal according to the requirements in that chapter, which include the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. Provides that the appraised value does not include closing, relocation, or other costs authorized by law.

Allows an agency to pay more than ten percent over the appraised value if the appraised value by the agency and the seller is under \$100,000. However, the agency cannot pay more than the seller's appraised value.

The language in this bill is similar the statute governing the Department of Natural Resources acquisition of property, Minnesota Statutes, section 84.0272.