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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill requests that the legislative auditor conduct a comprehensive review of research practices at the University of Minnesota that involve the use of fetal tissue.

As provided in the bill, the review would determine the amount of research conducted, the total cost (including sources of funding) for the research, and whether the research complies with applicable federal and state laws, as well as Board of Regent policies, related to the acquisition, sale, handling, and disposition of human tissues. The review would also consider whether the policies adopted by the Board of Regents include provisions to ensure that fetal tissue is used in research only when necessary, and that the research activities are conducted in an ethical manner.

The bill includes an appropriation to the legislative auditor for conducting the review, and requests the review's completion no later than 60 days after final enactment of the bill.

#### Section

- 1 University of Minnesota fetal tissue research; legislative auditor review.** Outlines the substantive components of the requested review.
- 2 Appropriation; University of Minnesota fetal tissue research review.** Provides an appropriation to the legislative auditor in fiscal year 2016 for purposes of conducting the

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fetal tissue research review. The funds would continue to be available to the auditor in fiscal year 2017.

- 3**      **Effective date.** Provides an immediate effective date for the bill, with a request that the fetal tissue research review be completed no later than 60 days following enactment of the bill.