

**Subject** Membership of Rural Health Advisory Committee

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## Overview

This bill modifies the size and membership of the Rural Health Advisory Committee at the Health Department.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Establishment; membership.</b></p> <p>Amends § 144.1481, subd. 1. Increases the size of the Rural Health Advisory Committee at the Health Department from 16 to 21 members. Adds the following members: a member of a Tribal nation; a representative of a local public health agency or community health board; a health professional or advocate who works with people with mental illness (under current law one of the consumer members must be an advocate for persons who have a mental illness or developmental disability); a representative of a community organization working with individuals experiencing health disparities; and an individual with expertise in economic development or an employer outside the seven-county metro. Modifies the description of one other member; allows another oral health professional to serve on the committee if a dentist is not available; and requires one of the three consumer members to be from a community experiencing health disparities.</p> |
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