

**Subject** Office of Administrative Hearings

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## Overview

This bill would change the name of the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) to the Court of Administrative Hearings and authorize OAH to grant a state agency's timely and complete request for remand of an OAH finding of fact, conclusion of law, or recommendation in a contested case proceeding. Under current law and this bill, a contested case proceeding occurs when an individual or business challenges an agency action, such as a license suspension or corrective action order.

H.F. 2451 also repeals two sections of statute pertaining to fair campaign practices that were ruled unconstitutional in federal court.

## Summary

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1	<b>Creation.</b> Changes OAH's name to the Court of Administrative Hearings.
2	<b>Chief administrative law judge.</b> Changes "office" to "court."
3	<b>Writing required.</b> Provides that an agency request for remand under section 5 must be supported by the agency's reasoning.
4	<b>Administrative law judge decision final; exception.</b> Provides that an OAH order or report is not the final decision in the case if the agency requests remand under section 5.
5	<b>Agency request for remand.</b> Authorizes agencies to request remand of an OAH finding of fact, conclusion of law, or recommendation within 45 days. Requires the agency to state with specificity the

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|   | reasons for the request and provide supporting information. Requires OAH to accept a request for remand in certain circumstances. Allows OAH to accept a request for other reasons as justice requires and consistent with the purposes of the Administrative Procedures Act. Requires the chief judge or their designee, upon accepting an agency request for remand, to assign an administrative law judge to conduct further proceedings. |
| 6 | <b>Revisor instruction.</b><br>Requires the Revisor of Statutes to change OAH to the Court of Administrative Hearings as needed in Minnesota Statutes.   |
| 7 | <b>Repealer.</b><br>Repeals two sections in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 211B (Fair Campaign Practices) that have been found unconstitutional by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8 <sup>th</sup> Circuit.   |



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