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H.F. 1336 establishes a Board of High Pressure Piping Systems consisting of 12 members who must be residents of the state, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The Commissioner of DOLI or the commissioner's designee shall be a nonvoting member of the board. The first board appointments generally shall be for a term of four years. Reappointments or replacements to the board will serve three-year terms. The 11 appointed members include:

- a high pressure piping inspector;
- a licensed mechanical engineer;
- a representative of the piping industry;
- four high pressure piping contractors or their representative, two from the metro area and two from greater Minnesota;
- two high pressure piping journeypersons engaged in high pressure piping systems installation, one from the metro area and one from greater Minnesota; and
- two representatives of Minnesota utility companies.

All appointed members except for the licensed mechanical engineer and the utility company representatives must possess a current license or competency credential.

The board shall have the power to elect its own officers; specify the high pressure piping code that must be followed in Minnesota; maintain an appeals committee to deal with complaints, code amendments,

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code compliance and code clarifications; adopt necessary rules for regulating and licensing persons in the industry; and pay expenses related to board duties. The board must submit an annual budget to the DOLI; the commissioner shall collect fees necessary for the operation of the board. The commissioner is responsible for enforcement of the code and licensing requirements determined by the board. The board shall set the fees for licenses and certifications and for all high pressure piping permits.