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- 1 **Budget development.** Authorizes the Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy or appropriate House or Senate committees to develop budget recommendations to present to the legislature. Requires state agencies to provide specified types of requested information.
- 2 **Subcommittee on government accountability.** Requires the Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy (LCPFP) to establish a subcommittee on government accountability to review recommendations from the commissioner of finance regarding presentation of information on statewide goals and indicators.
- 3 **Local impact notes.** Under current law, the commissioner of finance must coordinate development of a local impact note for proposed legislation or administrative rules upon request of the chair or the ranking minority member of the House or Senate Tax Committee. This bill adds the chairs and ranking minority members of the Finance and Ways and Means committees to those who can request a local impact note. The bill also requires that a copy of the completed note be given to the chair and ranking minority member of all committees to which a bill is referred.

(A local impact note estimates the local impact on each type of political subdivision that would result from the proposed legislation.)
- 4 **Budget format.** Adds a cross-reference to information required under section 6 of this bill.
- 5 **Purpose of performance data.** Requires that performance data presented as part of a budget proposal provide information so the legislature can determine the extent to which agency resources are being used to achieve performance goals.
- 6 **Performance measures for change items.** Requires that to the extent possible, proposed

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budget change items must identify relevant Minnesota Milestones and other statewide goals and indicators relating to the proposed initiative. Requires that by June 15 of each even-numbered year, the commissioner must report to the LCPFP subcommittee on government accountability regarding the format and process for presentation and selection of Minnesota Milestones and other statewide goals and indicators. Requires that by July 15 of each even-numbered year, the subcommittee approve the format and process for use in the preparation of the budget documents.

7 Cash flow forecast. Requires that within 30 days of the November budget forecast, the commissioner of finance must deliver to the Governor and the legislature a forecast of cash flow for the general fund.

8 Deficiency requests. Requires that by January 15 each year, the commissioner of finance must notify the chairs of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee of any budget change requests requiring priority attention to eliminate budget shortfalls likely to occur before the end of the legislative session, or for which legislative inaction would result in the suspension of agency or program operations.

9 Duties and rights of executive employees. States that, except as provided in paragraph (b), executive branch employees are expected during work hours to be nonpartisan resources to all decision makers and to assist both executive and legislative decision makers. Provides that workload concerns must be mediated, if necessary, in a manner that does not advantage any particular set of decision makers.

Paragraph (b) provides that if an executive employee's responsibilities include advocating for the appointing authority's policy or political goals, these responsibilities must be included in the employee's position description. Forbids a managerial employee from requesting an executive branch employee to advocate policy or political goals during hours of work, except according to the employee's position description.

10 Whistleblower law. Amends the whistleblower law in chapter 181 to forbid employment discrimination against an employee in the executive branch because the employee communicates information that the employee, in good faith, believes to be truthful and accurate, and that relates to improving services provided by the executive branch, to: (1) a legislator or an employee in the legislative branch; or (2) an elected official in the executive branch.

11 Sesquicentennial Commission. Amends the law governing the Sesquicentennial Commission to require it to solicit input and suggestions from communities throughout the state during the sesquicentennial celebration regarding the selection and use of Minnesota Milestones goals and indicators.

12 Working group. Requires the commissioner of finance to convene a working group to assist in preparation of recommendations for the Minnesota Milestones report required under this bill. Provides that the group expires 30 days after the commissioner of finance submits recommendations required under this bill.