

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1975 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 6, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 16C.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.4 Subd. 2. ~~Conflict of interest~~ Vendor and employee policy development. (a) The
1.5 commissioner must develop policies regarding code of ethics and conflict of interest
1.6 designed to prevent conflicts of interest for employees involved in the acquisition of
1.7 goods, services, and utilities or the award and administration of grant contracts. The
1.8 policies must apply to employees who are directly or indirectly involved in the acquisition
1.9 of goods, services, and utilities, developing requests for proposals, evaluating bids or
1.10 proposals, awarding the contract, selecting the final vendor, drafting and entering into
1.11 contracts, evaluating performance under these contracts, and authorizing payments under
1.12 the contract.

1.13 (b) The policies must contain a process for making employees aware of policy and
1.14 laws relating to conflict of interest, and for training employees on how to avoid and deal
1.15 with potential conflicts.

1.16 (c) The policies must contain a process under which an employee who has a conflict
1.17 of interest or a potential conflict of interest must disclose the matter, and a process under
1.18 which work on the contract may be assigned to another employee if possible.

1.19 (d) The commissioner must develop policies or rules designed to prevent vendors or
1.20 potential vendors from improperly influencing employees involved in the acquisition of
1.21 goods and services. To avoid improper influence, the policies or rules may require vendors
1.22 to disclose specified information, and may specify conditions under which a vendor may
1.23 be disqualified from eligibility for a contract or under which a contract may be canceled
1.24 upon a determination of attempted improper influence. The policies or rules may specify
1.25 conditions under which the commissioner may suspend a person from eligibility to receive
1.26 solicitations, the award of contracts, or ability to sell any products or services to state
1.27 agencies if the commissioner determines that the person has engaged in or attempted to

- 2.1 engage in improper influence of employees involved in the acquisition of goods, services,
- 2.2 and utilities or the award and administration of grant contracts."
- 2.3 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references
- 2.4 Amend the title accordingly