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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2130

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; prohibiting certain officials from serving on the
1.3 University of Minnesota Board of Regents or Board of Trustees of the Minnesota
1.4 State Colleges and Universities system for a limited time; amending Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2010, section 136F.02, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in
1.6 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 137.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 136F.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The board consists of 15 members appointed by the
1.10 governor, including three members who are students who have attended an institution for
1.11 at least one year and are currently enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or
1.12 certificate program in an institution governed by the board. The student members shall
1.13 include one member from a community college, one member from a state university, and
1.14 one member from a technical college. One member representing labor must be appointed
1.15 after considering the recommendations made under section 136F.045. The governor
1.16 is not bound by the recommendations. Appointments to the board are with the advice
1.17 and consent of the senate. At least one member of the board must be a resident of each
1.18 congressional district. All other members must be appointed to represent the state at large.
1.19 In selecting appointees, the governor must consider the needs of the board of trustees and
1.20 the balance of the board membership with respect to labor and business representation
1.21 and racial, gender, geographic, and ethnic composition.

1.22 A commissioner of a state agency may not serve as a member of the board. A
1.23 former member of the legislature may not serve as a member of the board for a period of
1.24 two years after leaving legislative office.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
 2.2 and applies to individuals appointed on or after that date.

2.3 Sec. 2. **[137.0231] FORMER LEGISLATORS ON BOARD OF REGENTS;**
 2.4 **LIMITATION.**

2.5 A former member of the legislature may not serve on the Board of Regents for a
 2.6 period of two years after leaving legislative office.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
 2.8 and applies to individuals elected to the Board of Regents on or after that date.