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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. **4578**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to corrections; repealing the requirement that the commissioner of
1.3 corrections house inmates in multiple occupancy cells to the greatest extent possible;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 243.53.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 243.53, is amended to read:

1.7 **243.53 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS; OCCUPANCY LIMITS OF CELLS.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Separate cells.** (a) When there are sufficient cells available, each inmate
1.9 shall be confined in a separate cell. Each inmate shall be confined in a separate cell in
1.10 institutions classified by the commissioner as custody level five institutions.

1.11 ~~(b) Correctional institutions classified by the commissioner as custody level one, two,~~
1.12 ~~three, or four institutions must permit multiple occupancy, except segregation units, to the~~
1.13 ~~greatest extent possible not to exceed the limits of facility infrastructure and programming~~
1.14 ~~space.~~