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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to arts and cultural heritage; providing a process for community  
1.3 governance of the Minnesota Orchestra; proposing coding for new law as  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 129E.

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

1.6 Section 1. [129E.01] LEGISLATIVE FINDING; ORCHESTRA.

1.7 The legislature determines that:

1.8 (1) having a world-renowned orchestra is an important asset to the state of  
1.9 Minnesota and ensuring that such a highly acclaimed orchestra is present in Minnesota  
1.10 is an important public purpose;

1.11 (2) providing broad-based community governance of an orchestra develops trust  
1.12 among patrons, taxpayers, and the orchestra's musicians and other staff and helps ensure  
1.13 this important asset will retain its high level of accomplishment and renown; and

1.14 (3) enacting legislation providing for community governance indicates to musicians  
1.15 continuing support for a world-renowned orchestra in Minnesota.

1.16 Sec. 2. [129E.02] GOVERNANCE; MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA.

1.17 The Minnesota Orchestra is encouraged to restructure its governance to create a  
1.18 membership-based governance structure. Under this governance structure:

1.19 (1) any person paying the annual dues specified in the governing documents of the  
1.20 association would be entitled to elect the board of directors of the association;

1.21 (2) the bylaws of the association would include specific duties for the board and the  
1.22 officers and would specify conditions under which the board or officers could be removed  
1.23 by the membership; and

2.1 (3) governance decisions not reserved for the board of directors would be voted on  
2.2 by the membership, with each dues-paying member entitled to one vote on these issues.

2.3 **Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.4 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.