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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to charitable organizations; modifying financial statement requirements
1.3 for certain charitable organizations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
1.4 309.53, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 309.53, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Financial statement requirements.** The financial statement shall include
1.8 a balance sheet, statement of income and expense, and statement of functional expenses,
1.9 shall be consistent with forms furnished by the attorney general, and shall be prepared in
1.10 accordance with generally accepted accounting principles so as to make a full disclosure
1.11 of the following, including necessary allocations between each item and the basis of
1.12 such allocations:

- 1.13 (a) total receipts and total income from all sources;
- 1.14 (b) cost of management and general;
- 1.15 (c) program services;
- 1.16 (d) cost of fund-raising;
- 1.17 (e) cost of public education;
- 1.18 (f) funds or properties transferred out of state, with explanation as to recipient and
1.19 purpose;
- 1.20 (g) total net amount disbursed or dedicated within this state, broken down into total
1.21 amounts disbursed or dedicated for each major purpose, charitable or otherwise;
- 1.22 (h) names of professional fund-raisers used during the accounting year and the
1.23 financial compensation and profit resulting to each professional fund-raiser; and

2.1 (i) a list of the five highest paid directors, officers, and employees of the organization
2.2 and its related organizations, as that term is defined by section 317A.011, subdivision 18,
2.3 that receive total compensation of more than \$50,000, together with the total compensation
2.4 paid to each. Total compensation shall include salaries, fees, bonuses, fringe benefits,
2.5 severance payments, and deferred compensation paid by the charitable organization and
2.6 all related organizations as that term is defined by section 317A.011, subdivision 18.

2.7 Unless otherwise required by this subdivision, the financial statement need not be
2.8 certified.

2.9 A financial statement of a charitable organization which has received total revenue
2.10 in excess of \$350,000 for the 12 months of operation covered by the statement shall be
2.11 accompanied by an audited financial statement prepared in accordance with generally
2.12 accepted accounting principles that has been examined by an independent certified public
2.13 accountant for the purpose of expressing an opinion. In preparing the audit the certified
2.14 public accountant shall take into consideration capital, endowment or other reserve funds,
2.15 if any, controlled by the charitable organization. For purposes of calculating the \$350,000
2.16 total revenue threshold provided by this subdivision, the value of donated food to a
2.17 nonprofit food shelf may not be included.

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.