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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass and Read Second Time

May 18, 2009

Pursuant to Rule 4.20, re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

March 17, 2010

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to crimes; changing requirement that defendant waiver of jury trial be
1.3 consented to by prosecutor; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 631.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[631.015] TRIAL BY JURY; WAIVER; COURT APPROVAL;**
1.7 **PROSECUTOR CONSENT.**

1.8 The defendant may waive a jury on any issue with the approval of the courts and the
1.9 consent of the prosecutor. The court may accept a defendant's waiver of a jury on any
1.10 issue without the consent of the prosecutor, if the court finds that requiring a jury would
1.11 deprive the defendant of a fair trial.