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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing the Feeding Minnesota Task Force; proposing
1.3 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 31.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[31.97] FEEDING MINNESOTA TASK FORCE.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** The commissioner of agriculture shall
1.7 establish the Feeding Minnesota Task Force to maximize the consumption of Minnesota
1.8 grown produce and livestock by facilitating the donation of harvested products to charities
1.9 that provide food for hungry people.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Members.** The commissioner shall appoint members of the task force to
1.11 represent the following organizations and industries:

- 1.12 (1) the Minnesota grown program;
- 1.13 (2) the Second Harvest food bank organization;
- 1.14 (3) the Minnesota Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association;
- 1.15 (4) the Minnesota Apple Growers Association;
- 1.16 (5) the Minnesota Milk Producers Association;
- 1.17 (6) the Minnesota Pork Producers Association;
- 1.18 (7) the Minnesota Beef Council;
- 1.19 (8) the Minnesota Egg and Poultry Association;
- 1.20 (9) the Minnesota Agri-Growth Council;
- 1.21 (10) the Minnesota Farmers' Market Association;
- 1.22 (11) the Minnesota Trucking Association;
- 1.23 (12) the Area 2 Potato Growers Association;
- 1.24 (13) University of Minnesota Extension;

- 2.1 (14) the food canning and processing industry;
2.2 (15) the meatpacking and processing industry; and
2.3 (16) the Youth Conservation Corps.

2.4 Subd. 3. **Administrative support.** The commissioner shall provide staff and other
2.5 administrative support for the task force.

2.6 Subd. 4. **Report.** The task force shall make policy recommendations to the chairs
2.7 of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over agricultural finance by February 1,
2.8 2010, and thereafter as necessary.

2.9 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** The task force and this section expire June 30, 2011.