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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; creating Minnesota Green Enterprise Authority; appropriating
1.3 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[116J.438] MINNESOTA GREEN ENTERPRISE AUTHORITY.**

1.6 (a) The Minnesota Green Enterprise Authority is created to advise, promote, market,
1.7 coordinate, and mandate collaboration on green enterprise and green economy projects, as
1.8 defined in section 116J.437, with state agencies, local governments, and the business and
1.9 agricultural communities. The authority is charged with utilizing existing resources and
1.10 breaking across administrative agency barriers to expedite the delivery of grants, licenses,
1.11 permits, and other requirements for implementing green economy projects.

1.12 (b) The authority consists of:

1.13 (1) three primary members dedicated full time to activities on behalf of the goals of
1.14 the authority, which include (i) a member employed in the Department of Employment and
1.15 Economic Development, appointed by its commissioner, (ii) a member employed in the
1.16 Pollution Control Agency, appointed by its commissioner, and (iii) a member employed in
1.17 the Office of Energy Security, appointed by its director; and

1.18 (2) three members dedicated half time to activities on behalf of the goals of the
1.19 authority, which include (i) a member employed by the Department of Natural Resources,
1.20 appointed by its commissioner, (ii) a member employed by the Department of Agriculture,
1.21 appointed by its commissioner, and (iii) a member employed by the Department of
1.22 Transportation, appointed by its commissioner.

1.23 (c) The authority shall seek out and appoint a director from the business community
1.24 who shall serve without compensation. The director is responsible for representing the

2.1 authority and the state at trade shows or missions, as well as assisting the authority with
2.2 its activities and efforts on behalf of the green economy.

2.3 (d) The authority may accept gifts, contributions, and in-kind services for the
2.4 purposes of this section.

2.5 (e) The authority shall report to the legislature by January 1 annually on its activities
2.6 and progress with advancing the green economy.

2.7 (f) This section expires January 2, 2020.

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

2.9 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; GREEN ENTERPRISE AUTHORITY.**

2.10 \$100,000 is transferred from the balance of the fiscal year 2009 appropriation for the
2.11 Green Jobs Task Force under Laws 2008, chapter 363, article 6, section 3, subdivision
2.12 4, and is appropriated to the commissioner of employment and economic development
2.13 for the creation and activities of the Green Enterprise Authority. This appropriation is
2.14 available through June 30, 2010.