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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; requiring a Minnesota processed foods labeling report.
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. **REPORT ON MINNESOTA PROCESSED FOODS LABELING.**

1.5 (a) The commissioner of agriculture must consult with Minnesota food processors
1.6 and retailers regarding the development of labeling that identifies food products processed
1.7 in this state. The commissioner must consult with interested parties including, but not
1.8 limited to, the following organizations:

1.9 (1) at least four food processor industry representatives who represent different
1.10 business sizes and product categories;

1.11 (2) at least two food retailers of which at least one must have retail store locations
1.12 located outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area;

1.13 (3) two representatives of the Department of Agriculture, one who works with the
1.14 Minnesota grown program and one who works with the processed foods program;

1.15 (4) one representative of the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute; and

1.16 (5) two representatives of statewide agricultural producer groups.

1.17 (b) No later than February 1, 2010, the commissioner must report findings and
1.18 recommendations to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agricultural policy
1.19 and finance. The report should include an assessment of the level of food processor interest
1.20 in developing a trademarked logo or labeling statement as well as recommendations
1.21 regarding program funding options, product eligibility criteria, and coordination with
1.22 existing labeling and promotion programs and resources.