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The bill was read for the first time and 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 state government; establishing the Legislative Commission for Policy  
1.3 Innovation and Research; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[3.967] LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION FOR POLICY INNOVATION**  
1.7 **AND RESEARCH.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The Legislative Commission for Policy Innovation  
1.9 and Research consists of:

1.10 (1) three members of the senate appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of  
1.11 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the senate;

1.12 (2) three members of the senate appointed by the minority leader;

1.13 (3) three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
1.14 house; and

1.15 (4) three members of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader  
1.16 of the house of representatives.

1.17 Members shall serve until replaced, or until they are not members of the legislative  
1.18 body from which they were appointed. The responsible appointing authority shall fill a  
1.19 vacancy on the commission within 30 days after the vacancy is created.

1.20 The commission shall meet in January of each odd-numbered year to elect its chair  
1.21 and vice-chair. The chair and vice-chair shall serve until their successors are elected.  
1.22 The chair and vice-chair shall alternate biennially between the senate and the house of  
1.23 representatives. The commission shall meet at the call of the chair. The members shall  
1.24 serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses as

2.1 members of the legislature. The director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission  
2.2 shall assist the commission in administrative matters.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Research topics.** The commission shall periodically select policy  
2.4 innovation topics suitable for review and analysis by a consortium of independent  
2.5 organizations. Topics may include general or specific functions of state government. The  
2.6 commission shall give primary consideration to areas of concern where a comprehensive  
2.7 review and analysis of available research is likely to yield recommendations for policy  
2.8 changes that will provide significant efficiencies and improvements in the operation of  
2.9 state government. Legislators and legislative committees may provide the commission  
2.10 with recommendations for topics. The commission shall make the final determination  
2.11 regarding the selection of topics under this section.

2.12 Subd. 3. **Request for proposal process.** (a) After making the determination of a  
2.13 research topic under subdivision 2, the commission shall prepare a request for proposal  
2.14 relating to the topic that specifies:

2.15 (1) the precise topic and scope of the research required for the report to the  
2.16 commission;

2.17 (2) the deadlines for the response to the request for proposal and for the subsequent  
2.18 report; and

2.19 (3) any other restrictions or guidelines required by the commission.

2.20 The commission shall make the request for proposal publicly available and must  
2.21 review responses from any interested party. A group of individuals or organizations  
2.22 may submit a response.

2.23 (b) After the deadline for submission of responses has expired, the commission must  
2.24 hold a hearing to consider all submissions. The commission shall consider the following  
2.25 factors in selecting a response to the request for proposal:

2.26 (1) the experience and training of individuals and organizations who will prepare the  
2.27 report to the commission;

2.28 (2) the reliability and credibility of individuals and organizations who will prepare  
2.29 the report;

2.30 (3) the proposed method of research; and

2.31 (4) the resources available for the preparation of the report.

2.32 (c) After consideration and hearing of the responses to the request for proposal, the  
2.33 commission may:

2.34 (1) select a submission;

2.35 (2) revise the original request for proposal and extend the deadline for responses; or

2.36 (3) terminate the request for proposal process for the selected topic.

3.1            Subd. 4. **Reports to commission.** The commission shall hold a hearing to receive a  
3.2 report prepared under this section. The chair and vice-chair of the commission shall use  
3.3 their best efforts to ensure that the relevant committees in the legislature are provided with  
3.4 notice of the report and an opportunity to review the report, including an opportunity  
3.5 for additional hearings.

3.6            The commission must ensure that copies of the written report are made publicly  
3.7 available, including an archive of all reports received by the commission on the legislative  
3.8 Web site.

3.9            Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section expires ....., 20...