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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; providing for disposition of contested case hearings  
1.3 by the Office of Administrative Hearings; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010,  
1.4 section 14.57.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 14.57, is amended to read:

1.7 **14.57 INITIATION; DECISION; AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATE.**

1.8 (a) An agency shall initiate a contested case proceeding when one is required by law.  
1.9 ~~Unless otherwise provided by law, An agency shall decide~~ submit a contested case ~~only to~~  
1.10 the Office of Administrative Hearings for disposition in accordance with the contested  
1.11 case procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act. Upon initiation of a contested case  
1.12 proceeding, ~~an agency may, by order, provide that~~ the report or order of the administrative  
1.13 law judge constitutes the final decision in the case.

1.14 (b) As an alternative to initiating or continuing with a contested case proceeding, the  
1.15 parties, subsequent to agency approval, may enter into a written agreement to submit the  
1.16 issues raised to arbitration by an administrative law judge according to sections 572.08  
1.17 to 572.30.

1.18 Sec. 2. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

1.19 By January 15, 2012, the revisor of statutes shall present a bill to the legislature to  
1.20 make the conforming statutory changes to incorporate the contested case procedures  
1.21 under section 1.