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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 174

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; waiving surplus federal property fees for state colleges
1.3 and universities; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section
1.4 16B.2975, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16B.2975, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. Authorization. (a) The commissioner is the state agency designated to transfer,
1.8 purchase, accept, sell, or dispose of surplus property for the state and for the benefit of any
1.9 other governmental unit or nonprofit organization for any purpose authorized by state and
1.10 federal law and in accordance with state and federal rules and regulations. Any governmental
1.11 unit or nonprofit organization may designate the commissioner to purchase or accept surplus
1.12 property for it upon mutually agreeable terms and conditions. The commissioner may
1.13 acquire, accept, warehouse, and distribute surplus property and charge a fee to cover any
1.14 expenses incurred in connection with any of these acts.

1.15 (b) Federal surplus property that has been transferred to the state for donation to public
1.16 agencies and nonprofit organizations must be transferred or sold in accordance with the
1.17 plan developed under paragraph (c). Expenses incurred in connection with the acquisition,
1.18 warehousing, distribution, and disposal of federal surplus property must be paid from the
1.19 surplus services revolving fund. Proceeds of sales, minus any expenses, must be deposited
1.20 in the surplus services revolving fund.

1.21 (c) The commissioner shall develop a detailed plan for disposal of donated federal
1.22 property in conformance with state law and federal regulations. The plan must be submitted

2.1 to the governor for certification and submission to the federal administrator of general
2.2 services.

2.3 (d) The commissioner, after consultation with one or more nonprofit organizations with
2.4 an interest in providing housing for homeless veterans and their families, may acquire
2.5 property from the United States government that is designated by the General Services
2.6 Administration as surplus property. The commissioner may lease the property to a qualified
2.7 nonprofit organization that agrees to develop or rehabilitate the property for the purpose of
2.8 providing suitable housing for veterans and their families. The lease agreement with the
2.9 nonprofit organization may require that the property be developed for use as housing for
2.10 homeless and displaced veterans and their families and for veterans and their families who
2.11 lose their housing.

2.12 (e) The commissioner may not charge a fee to a Minnesota state college or university
2.13 in connection with the transfer of federal surplus property to that entity. Each fiscal year,
2.14 the commissioner must certify to the commissioner of management and budget the total
2.15 amount of expenses that were unreimbursed under the fee waiver in this paragraph, in an
2.16 amount less than or equal to \$..... The commissioner of management and budget shall
2.17 transfer the amount of certified costs from the general fund and deposit it in the surplus
2.18 services revolving fund. Transfers may occur quarterly, based on quarterly cost and revenue
2.19 reports, with final rectification and reconciliation after each fiscal year. Amounts necessary
2.20 to fund the transfers required by this paragraph are appropriated in each fiscal year from
2.21 the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.