

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; establishing the Task Force for Policy Innovation  
1.3 and Research.

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

1.5 Section 1. **TASK FORCE FOR POLICY INNOVATION AND RESEARCH.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Membership. The Task Force for Policy Innovation and Research  
1.7 includes the following 15 members:

1.8 (1) four members of the senate appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of  
1.9 the Committee on Rules and Administration, including the chair of the Committee on  
1.10 Finance and two members of the minority;

1.11 (2) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
1.12 house;

1.13 (3) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader  
1.14 of the house of representatives;

1.15 (4) one member appointed by and serving at the pleasure of each of the following:

1.16 (i) the Wilder Foundation;

1.17 (ii) the Blandin Foundation;

1.18 (iii) the Minneapolis Foundation;

1.19 (iv) the McKnight Foundation; and

1.20 (v) the Bush Foundation;

1.21 (5) the director of the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the  
1.22 Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota; and

1.23 (6) one member from the office of the president of the University of Minnesota,  
1.24 selected by the president.

2.1 The appointing authorities under this subdivision shall complete their appointments no  
2.2 later than July 1, 2010.

2.3 The responsible appointing authority shall fill a vacancy on the task force within 30  
2.4 days after the vacancy is created.

2.5 The director of the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the Humphrey  
2.6 Institute shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than September 1, 2010.

2.7 The task force shall select a chair from its membership at the first meeting. The members  
2.8 shall serve without compensation from the task force but legislative members may be  
2.9 reimbursed for their reasonable expenses as members of the legislature. The director of  
2.10 the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the Humphrey Institute shall assist  
2.11 the task force in administrative matters.

2.12 Subd. 2. **Report.** The task force shall consider methods and procedures to best  
2.13 provide the legislature with high quality, rigorous public policy research regarding issues  
2.14 and topics of concern to the legislature. By February 1, 2011, the task force shall report to  
2.15 the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with  
2.16 jurisdiction over state government policy and finance regarding:

2.17 (1) a process for the selection of topics for public policy research of interest to  
2.18 the legislature;

2.19 (2) recommended methods and procedures for conducting and reporting the  
2.20 research; and

2.21 (3) a method to provide funding for the policy innovation and research initiative  
2.22 proposed by the task force.

2.23 The report shall also include any draft legislation necessary to implement the  
2.24 recommendations.

2.25 Subd. 3. **Expiration.** The task force expires after the submission of the report  
2.26 required under subdivision 2.

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