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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Higher Education and Workforce Development Finance and Policy
Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to the University of Minnesota; providing for the improvement of the
1.3 neighborhood adjacent to the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 137.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[137.701] UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Purpose. In order to support and create an environment surrounding
1.8 the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus that is conducive to the purposes of
1.9 higher education and a vital community, the Board of Regents and the city of Minneapolis
1.10 are requested to create with surrounding neighborhoods an appropriate organization so
1.11 that they cooperate in the development of those neighborhoods. The purpose of the
1.12 organization is to improve the university's Minneapolis campus area neighborhoods
1.13 including, without limitation, the following:

1.14 (1) providing and supporting the development of good quality university
1.15 neighborhood housing, including housing for students, faculty, employees, alumni, and
1.16 others who may wish to live in the university area neighborhoods;

1.17 (2) encouraging and assisting university faculty, staff, students, and others to live in
1.18 the neighborhood as long-term residents;

1.19 (3) supporting and assisting appropriate business development in commercial areas
1.20 of the neighborhood; and

1.21 (4) cooperating and coordinating planning and development in all matters affecting
1.22 the neighborhood with local government, businesses, residents, and other stakeholders in
1.23 the neighborhood.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The organization created by the Board of Regents and
2.2 the city of Minneapolis shall include representatives from the organizations currently
2.3 represented on the University District Alliance Steering Committee.

2.4 Subd. 3. **Report.** The Board of Regents and the city of Minneapolis are requested
2.5 to report by January 15, 2010, to the chairs of the legislative committees with primary
2.6 jurisdiction over higher education policy and finance on the status and activities of the
2.7 organization that is created.