

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S.F. No. 2511

1.2 A bill for an act  
1.3 relating to state government; establishing a collaborative governance council;  
1.4 requiring reports; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 6.

1.5 May 4, 2010

1.6 The Honorable James P. Metzen  
1.7 President of the Senate

1.8 The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher  
1.9 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.10 We, the undersigned conferees for S.F. No. 2511 report that we have agreed upon  
1.11 the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.12 That the House recede from its amendments and that S.F. No. 2511 be further  
1.13 amended as follows:

1.14 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.15 "Section 1. **[6.81] COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL.**

1.16 **Subdivision 1. Establishment; purpose; membership.** (a) A collaborative  
1.17 governance council is established and shall include major statewide governmental entities  
1.18 and nongovernmental statewide organizations as provided in this subdivision. The council  
1.19 has nine members, including the state auditor and one member appointed by and serving  
1.20 at the pleasure of each of the following:

1.21 (1) League of Minnesota Cities;

1.22 (2) Minnesota Association of Townships;

1.23 (3) Association of Minnesota Counties;

1.24 (4) Minnesota School Board Association;

1.25 (5) American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 5;

1.26 (6) Education Minnesota;

1.27 (7) Service Employees International Union; and

1.28 (8) the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

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

2.3 (b) The council shall seek input from nonmember organizations whose expertise can  
2.4 help inform the council's work.

2.5 (c) In conjunction with the state auditor's duties to recommend best practices for  
2.6 delivery of local government services, the state auditor shall serve as chair of the council  
2.7 and shall convene the first meeting by July 31, 2010. The council must meet at least  
2.8 quarterly and must provide notice of its meetings to the public and to the members of the  
2.9 legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over state and local government,  
2.10 education policy and finance, and early childhood through grade 12 education policy and  
2.11 finance. Meetings of the council shall be open to the public.

2.12 (d) Members do not receive compensation or reimbursement of expenses from the  
2.13 council for service on the council.

2.14 Subd. 2. **Powers and duties; report.** (a) The council shall develop  
2.15 recommendations to the governor and the legislature designed to increase collaboration  
2.16 in government. These recommendations may include, but are not limited to, strategies,  
2.17 policies, or other actions focused on the following:

2.18 (1) the review of statutes, laws, and rules that slow or prevent collaboration efforts;

2.19 (2) the use of collaboration to improve the delivery of governmental services;

2.20 (3) the use of technology to connect entities and share information, including  
2.21 broadband access;

2.22 (4) the modernization of financial transactions and their oversight by facilitating  
2.23 credit and debit card transactions, electronic funds, transfers, and electronic data  
2.24 interchange; and

2.25 (5) the creation of model forms for joint power agreements.

2.26 (b) By February 1 of each year, the council shall submit its recommendations,  
2.27 including any draft legislation necessary to implement its recommendations, to the  
2.28 governor and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
2.29 and divisions with jurisdiction over state and local government policy and finance and  
2.30 early childhood through grade 12 education policy and finance.

2.31 Subd. 3. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2015.

2.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2010."

