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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 221

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

- 1.1A bill for an act
- 1.2relating to transportation; prohibiting inclusion of highway spending for
- 1.3nonhighway purposes in governor's budget; requiring a report; proposing coding
- 1.4for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 161.
- 1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6Section 1. [161.0895] HIGHWAY PURPOSE; REPORT.
- 1.7(a) To ensure compliance with the Minnesota Constitution, article XIV, sections 2, 5,
- 1.8and 6, commissioners of state agencies must not include in a biennial budget any expenditures
- 1.9from the trunk highway fund or the highway user tax distribution fund for a nonhighway
- 1.10purpose or for any purpose prohibited by section 161.045.
- 1.11(b) No later than 45 days following the submission of the governor's biennial budget to
- 1.12the legislature under section 16A.11, the commissioner of management and budget and the
- 1.13attorney general must jointly submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members
- 1.14of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. The
- 1.15report must examine proposed appropriations from the trunk highway fund and the highway
- 1.16user tax distribution fund, explain the highway purpose of the proposed appropriations,
- 1.17determine if any proposed appropriation is for a nonhighway purpose, and, for nonhighway
- 1.18purposes, recommend the fund to be used.
- 1.19(c) For the purposes of this section, an appropriation for a nonhighway purpose is any
- 1.20appropriation not for construction, improvement, or maintenance of highways or for any
- 1.21purpose prohibited by section 161.045.