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HF 670 – Omnibus Capital Investment Bill (General Fund Appropriations)

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Section 1 [Capital Improvement Appropriations] specifies terms and conditions for appropriations in the bill. Appropriations are from the general fund in fiscal year 2024 to be spent for public purposes. These are onetime appropriations. Money appropriated in the act is available until a project is completed or abandoned or canceled, subject to a statutory cancellation procedure after four years. Specifies that for any project funded in whole or in part by this act that: (1) workers on the project be paid at least the prevailing wage rate; and (2) the project is subject to prevailing wage reporting and record keeping requirements and enforcement by the Department of Labor and Industry. Defines “project” as the acquisition of property, predesign, design, erection, construction, remodeling, or repairing of a building, facility, or other capital project financed with state funds. Money is available when the commissioner of management and budget determines the project is fully funded.

Sections 2 through 13 appropriate money from the general fund for state and local government projects as listed on the spreadsheet prepared by Hannah Grunewald Noeldner, Fiscal Analyst, with Senate Counsel, Research, and Fiscal Analysis. The following table is an aid to find sections within the bill:

Section Number	Agency	Starts at line
2	Natural Resources	1.22
3	Pollution Control Agency	3.29
4	Board of Water and Soil Resources	4.19
5	Public Safety	4.30
6	Amateur Sports Commission	5.31
7	Military Affairs	6.7
8	Transportation	6.14
9	Metropolitan Council	10.4
10	Human Services	12.29

11	Employment and Economic Development	14.8
12	Public Facilities Authority	25.8
13	Minnesota Historical Society	27.23

Section 14 [Minnesota Historical Society; Historic Building Façade Grant Program]

Subd. 1. [Establishment] establishes a grant program to provide grants to municipalities that meet eligibility criteria. The initial pilot project provides grants to the city of Litchfield.

Subd. 2 [Definition] defines municipality to mean a home rule charter or statutory city or town.

Subd. 3 [Eligibility] A municipality may be eligible based on population or based on having a commercial historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Subd. 4 [Grant agreements] requires municipalities to enter grant agreements with owners of properties that meet specified criteria. Requires the property owner to use the money to rehabilitate the building façade of a property that meets the criteria for the program. The rehabilitation must meet certain federal standards and guidance from the Historical Society. The rehabilitation must be completed within two years of the property owner’s receipt of grant. Unused money must be returned to the Historical Society for deposit in the general fund. The Historical Society must prescribe the form of the grant agreement.

Section 15 [Cancellation] cancels appropriations that appeared on the January 2023 cancellation report.

Section 16 [Effective Date] sets the day after enactment as the effective date.