

1.1 **Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred**

1.2 **S.F. No. 2162:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying state-aid engineering
1.3 and design standards variances; authorizing local road authorities to adopt design elements
1.4 without state-aid engineering and design variances; modifying state-aid variance procedures;
1.5 establishing advisory committee on design variances; requiring legislative notification for
1.6 denied variances; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 162.02,
1.7 subdivision 3a, by adding subdivisions; 162.09, subdivision 3a, by adding subdivisions;
1.8 162.155; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 162; repealing
1.9 Minnesota Rules, parts 8820.3300, subparts 1, 1a, 3, 4; 8820.3400.

1.10 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.11 Page 1, line 17, after "adopts" insert "a qualifying" and delete "standards" and insert
1.12 "standard"

1.13 Page 1, line 18, before "designs" insert "design or"

1.14 Page 1, line 21, delete "that adopts" and insert "adopting" and after "standards" insert
1.15 "for that project"

1.16 Page 1, line 22, after the first "standard" insert "for a past roadway design project in that
1.17 city"

1.18 Page 2, after line 16, insert:

1.19 "(c) The commissioner, Metropolitan Council, or any other metropolitan planning
1.20 organization in this state must not require a political subdivision that adopts a qualifying
1.21 alternative design standard to meet minimum state-aid geometric design standards for
1.22 state-funded or federally funded county state-aid roadway projects.

1.23 (d) The commissioner may require a resolution by a political subdivision adopting a
1.24 qualifying alternative roadway design under this section that indemnifies, saves, and holds
1.25 harmless the state and its agents of and from claims, demands, actions, or causes of action
1.26 arising out of by reason adopting the alternative design standard. The political subdivision
1.27 must further agree to defend at its sole cost and expense any action or proceeding begun
1.28 for asserting any claim of whatever character against the state arising as a result of adopting
1.29 the qualifying alternative roadway design.

1.30 (e) A political subdivision adopting a qualifying alternative design standard is exempt
1.31 from municipal liability claims as provided under section 466.03, subdivision 5."

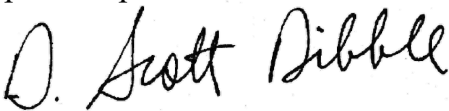
1.32 Page 3, line 19, after the semicolon, insert "or"

1.33 Page 3, line 22, delete "; or" and insert a period

1.34 Page 3, delete lines 23 and 24

- 2.1 Page 4, delete lines 13 and 14
- 2.2 Renumber the clauses in sequence
- 2.3 Page 5, line 6, before "A" insert "(a)"
- 2.4 Page 5, line 9, after "adopts" insert "a qualifying" and delete "standards" and insert
- 2.5 "standard"
- 2.6 Page 5, line 10, before "designs" insert "design or"
- 2.7 Page 5, line 13, delete "that adopts" and insert "adopting" and after "standards" insert
- 2.8 "for that project"
- 2.9 Page 5, line 14, after "standard" insert "for a past roadway design project in that city"
- 2.10 Page 5, line 15, delete the third "the" and insert "a"
- 2.11 Page 5, after line 31, insert:
- 2.12 "(b) The commissioner, Metropolitan Council, or any other metropolitan planning
- 2.13 organization in this state must not require a political subdivision that adopts a qualifying
- 2.14 alternative design standard to meet minimum state-aid geometric design standards for
- 2.15 state-funded or federally funded municipal state-aid roadway projects.
- 2.16 (c) The commissioner may require a resolution by a political subdivision adopting a
- 2.17 qualifying alternative roadway design under this section that indemnifies, saves, and holds
- 2.18 harmless the state and its agents of and from claims, demands, actions, or causes of action
- 2.19 arising out of by reason adopting the alternative design standard. The political subdivision
- 2.20 must further agree to defend at its sole cost and expense any action or proceeding begun
- 2.21 for asserting any claim of whatever character against the state arising as a result of adopting
- 2.22 the qualifying alternative roadway design.
- 2.23 (d) A political subdivision adopting a qualifying alternative design standard is exempt
- 2.24 from municipal liability claims as provided under section 466.03, subdivision 5."
- 2.25 Page 7, line 2, after the semicolon, insert "or"
- 2.26 Page 7, line 5, delete "; or" and insert a period
- 2.27 Page 7, delete lines 6 and 7
- 2.28 Page 7, delete lines 26 and 27
- 2.29 Renumber the clauses in sequence

3.1 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and
3.2 Local Government. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.



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3.4 (Committee Chair)

3.5 March 12, 2025.....
3.6 (Date of Committee recommendation)