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	Revisor Page ^[1]	HOUSE Secs. ^[2]	SENATE Secs. ^[2]	Comparison	Summary	Working Group Agreement (5/28)
1	INCLUDED in Agreement					
2	R43	—	Art. 1 § 14	SENATE only	State roads. (2024 appropriations law). Broadens uses of funds under a FY 2025 landscaping rider.	Include
3	R48	—	Art. 1 § 13	SENATE only	U.S. Highway 8; Chisago County. Extends trunk highway bond sale authorization and appropriation of bond sale proceeds for a project in Chisago County.	Include
4	R49	Art. 1 § 17	Art. 1 § 16	Policy difference	Allocation; Washington Avenue Bridge. Requires a grant to the University of Minnesota for design and construction of on the Washington Avenue Bridge in Minneapolis.	Include, with split costs (\$2 M METC active transpo. / \$6 M Hennepin County)
5	R50	—	Art. 1 § 17	SENATE only	Allocation; TMOs. Directs grants from the Met Council from funds allocated under the regional transportation sales tax to specified transportation management organizations.	Include, with added Anoka County TMO and equal distribution
6	R51	1-2	1-2	Policy and technical difference	Advisory Council on Traffic Safety. Revises duties for the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety. Authorizes DPS to assist the council and make grants.	Senate language
7	R53, R103	—	3, 50	SENATE only	Medical covering. Permits an applicant to refrain from removing a medically required head covering for their driver's license or identification card photograph.	Include
8	R53	—	4	SENATE only	Greater Minnesota transit account reserve. Establishes a maximum reserve balance requirement for the Greater Minnesota transit account.	Include
9	R54	3	6	Technical difference	Empowering Small Minnesota Communities program. Establishes a program for partnerships between the University of Minnesota and smaller political subdivisions on infrastructure projects.	House language
10	R56	—	8	SENATE only	Local business construction impacts assistance program. Establishes a local business construction impacts economic assistance program for certain trunk highway projects or the Metropolitan Council for transitway projects.	Onetime direct approp. only; exclude statutory provision (see spreadsheet)
11	R59	4	11	Same	Route No. 246. Revises a statutory route description as part of a trunk highway turnback.	Include
12	R60	—	12	SENATE only	Officer Jason B. Meyer Memorial Highway. Designates a stretch of U.S. Highway 63 south of Racine as "Officer Jason B. Meyer Memorial Highway."	Include
13	R60	—	13	SENATE only	Elmstrand * Finseth * Ruge Heroes Memorial Bridge. Designates a bridge over I-35W in Burnsville as "Elmstrand * Finseth * Ruge Heroes Memorial Bridge."	Include
14	R62	6	—	HOUSE only	Greenhouse gas assessment implementation. Delays implementation requirements for greenhouse gas emissions assessments and mitigation activities.	Only include offset additions related to land & natural systems
15	R71	—	23	SENATE only	Local government road funding gap assistance. Creates a local government road funding gap assistance account to provide certain eligible local units of government with financial assistance for roads solely under their jurisdiction.	Include (see spreadsheet)

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16	R72	7, 11	24	Policy difference	All-electric vehicle surcharge. Increases the surcharge on electric vehicles.	Include, with changes (MSRP-based surcharge) [Prior: H2438A75]
17	R72	10	—	HOUSE only	Neighboring state dealer. Authorizes DPS to treat a motor vehicle dealer that is licensed in a neighboring state as licensed in Minnesota for some functions.	Include
18	R73	—	25	SENATE only	Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle surcharge. Establishes a surcharge on plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.	Include, with changes (MSRP-based surcharge) [Prior: H2438A75]
19	R75, R84	12, 21	28, 32	Technical difference	60-day temporary vehicle permit. Extends the valid period, from 31 to 60 days, on a temporary vehicle permit that is issued instead for a vehicle to be transported out of state.	House language
20	R76	15	—	HOUSE only	Rental motor vehicle plates. Establishes a rental motor vehicle special license plate.	Include
21	R77	16	—	HOUSE only	Dealer license exemption. Establishes that independent contractors are not exempt from requirements to hold a dealer license for the relevant type of motor vehicle business activity.	Include
22	R78	17	—	HOUSE only	Dealers' license qualifications. Expands requirements to obtain a dealer license for motor vehicle business activity.	Include
23	R79	18-19	29	Policy and technical difference	Dealer plates. Modifies requirements on issuance and use of motor vehicle dealer special plates. Both positions allow use of the plates on a courtesy vehicle.	Include H2438A81 amendment (courtesy vehicles; 50-plate limit)
24	R82, R100	20, 39	30, 47	Technical difference	DR/DLA payments. Directs payments to deputy registrars and driver's license agents for some types of transactions, in specified reimbursement amounts based on the type of transaction.	House language, with increased direct approp. (see spreadsheet)
25	R85	22	—	HOUSE only	Insurer application for title. Authorizes a process for issuance of a title on a motor vehicle that is acquired by an insurer through an insurance payment.	Include, with SCH2438A48 technical amendment & 9/1/25 eff. date
26	R86	23	—	HOUSE only	Unpaid insurance vehicle claim. Sets requirements on disposition of a motor vehicle in the possession of a salvage vehicle auction company on behalf of an insurer following an insurance claim.	Include, with SCH2438A48 technical amendment
27	R87	24-26	—	HOUSE only	Retail delivery fee exemptions. Adds an exemption from the retail delivery fee for delivery following a sale of (1) some liquefied fuel products that are subject to the state general sales tax when sold, and (2) road construction materials.	Include
28	R88	27	34	Effective date difference	Intersection. Revises the definition of "intersection" for the chapter of state statutes on traffic regulations.	Senate language
29	R89	28	36 (a)-(c) ^[3]	Technical difference	Traffic-control signal. Clarifies the traffic regulation meaning for flashing yellow arrows on traffic-control signals.	Include Senate language, para. (a)-(c) only
30	R94	31	—	HOUSE only	ATV seat belt requirement. Requires use of a factory equipped seatbelt in a class 2 all-terrain vehicle when it is operated in a public road right-of-way.	Include

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31	R95	32-33	—	HOUSE only	Farm products special permit. Temporarily allows crude soybean oil to be transported on limited routes under a special overweight vehicle permit for farm products.	Include
32	R96, R105	34, 41	—	HOUSE only	Road test scheduling. Allows DPS scheduling of recurring appointment time blocks for commercial driver's license road tests. Adds a definition of "road test."	Include
33	R97	35	44	Same	CDL permit. Extends the valid length of time for a commercial learner's permit.	Include
34	R97, R102, R103	—	43, 48-49, 51 (a) ^[3]	SENATE only	Work zone safety; driver's education and examination. Requires work zone safety topics in driver's education and driver's examinations.	Include: lines 89.11-89.14, eff. date on 90.16-90.17
35	R98	37-38	45-46	Same	Name change evidence. Shifts a list of documents that can be provided to demonstrate a name change as part of application for a REAL ID-compliant credential.	Include
36	R104	40	52	Policy difference	Driver exam fees. Increases the fee for a road test no-shows and cancellations.	House language
37	R105, R160	Art. 2 § 42; Art. 3 § 1-5	42, 53-55, 58-59	Technical difference	Driver's license revocation. Makes a technical change, to identify statutory cross references related to driver's license revocations. Makes conforming changes.	House language
38	R106	—	56-57	SENATE only	Reintegration driver's license expiration extension. Extends the period for a reintegration driver's license and provides a 90-day grace period on regular license applications using an expired reintegration driver's license.	Include
39	R107	—	60	SENATE only	Ignition interlock rulemaking. Revises direction to the Commissioner of Public Safety to adopt rules relating to the ignition interlock device program.	Include (see spreadsheet)
40	R107	—	61	SENATE only	Flexible driver's education methods. Authorizes a student to receive a combination of online, teleconference, and in-person classroom instruction.	Include
41	R112, R116, R127, R133, R142	47-48, 51, 57, 65, 72	—	HOUSE only	Consolidated local transportation financials reporting. Centralizes and amends reporting requirements on local transportation funds, with consolidated report from MnDOT.	Include, with amendment (reporting years; remove penalties; technical) [Prior: H2438A82]
42	R116	50	—	HOUSE only	Active Transportation solicitations. Removes a requirement of annual funding solicitations by MnDOT under the Active Transportation program.	Include
43	R119	53	66	Policy difference	Passenger rail account. Delays the commencement of annual transfers from the General Fund to the passenger rail account, to begin in 2029 instead of 2027. HOUSE: delays reporting to CY 2029	Senate language (see spreadsheet)
44	R121	54-56	70-72	Policy difference	Electric-assisted bicycle rebate. Revises eligibility, amount, and allocation process for the electric-assisted bicycle rebate.	Include, to match Senate tax bill (see SC3276, Art. 10, §§ 28-30)
45	R124	—	73	SENATE only	Motor vehicle repair and replacement parts. Modifies the statutory allocation of revenue from the state general sales tax attributed to auto parts sales.	Include, with allocation changes ^[4] (see spreadsheet)

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46	R129	—	74-75	SENATE only	Railroad and pipeline safety assessments. Amends the assessment on both railroad and pipeline companies and reallocates appropriations from the assessment.	Include
47	R130, R133	59, 64	76, 81-82	Technical difference	Coordinated unmanned aircraft events. Provides for fleet registration of unmanned aircraft systems used in coordinated flight as part of a one-day event.	House language
48	R130	60-63	77-80	Effective date difference	Electronic attestation; aircraft registration. Allows electronic attestation in registration of some types of aircraft. Makes technical changes.	House language
49	R134, R136	—	83, 86-87	SENATE only	Metropolitan Council; direct contracting preferences. Expands state agency small business contracting preferences to the Metropolitan Council and authorizes direct negotiation of certain types of contracts.	Include
50	R134, R138, R141, R159	—	84-85, 88, 90, 105(a) ^[3]	SENATE only	Metropolitan Council; transportation financial reporting. Modifies a variety of required transportation reporting requirements for the Metropolitan Council. Consolidates and repeals reporting requirements.	Include
51	R139	67-69	—	HOUSE only	Met Council bonding. Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to issue bonds or other obligations for some regional transit capital expenditures.	Include, with H2438A66 amendment (retained funds)
52	R140	70	89	Technical difference	Transit service for certified disabled riders. Establishes free regular route transit in the Twin Cities metropolitan area for certified special transportation service riders.	Senate language, with SCH2438A40 amendment (eff. date)
53	R142	71	91	Policy difference	Metropolitan Council; loan authorized. Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to loan up to \$250 million for a highway project that coordinates with one major transitway project.	Include, with SCH2438A51 amendment (two projects; reporting)
54	R143	73	92	Same	Traffic safety violations disposition analysis. Extends the due date for a final report on an analysis of the disposition of various types of traffic citations.	Include
55	R143	—	93-94	SENATE only	Motorcycle operation rules. Modifies and delays authorization for lane filtering and lane splitting.	Include TJG09 only (traffic lane restrictions)
56	R145	—	96	SENATE only	Autonomous mower research. Requires MnDOT to study autonomous mower technology.	Include (see spreadsheet)
57	R147	—	97	SENATE only	MnDOT cost participation policy. Directs MnDOT to adopt a revised cost participation policy between the department and local units of government.	Include
58	R151	—	100	SENATE only	Minnesota Senate Majority Leader Kari Dziedzic Memorial Bridge. Directs Minneapolis to designate the 10th Avenue Bridge as the "Minnesota Senate Majority Leader Kari Dziedzic Memorial Bridge."	Include, with technical changes (special law)
59	R152	74	102	Same	Rulemaking; loss of voluntary control. Directs DPS to revise administrative rules that govern physician's statements on safely operating a vehicle following an episode of loss of consciousness or voluntary control.	Include
60	R153	75	95	Same	Full-service provider in Circle Pines. Directs DPS to appoint the existing deputy registrar and driver's license agent as a full-service office in the city of Circle Pines.	Include

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61	R153	76	—	HOUSE only	Bus rapid transit alternate mode analysis. Directs the Metropolitan Council to conduct an analysis of alternate transit options in the Blue Line LRT project corridor.	Include, with 6/15/26 due date
62	R154	77	—	HOUSE only	High-subsidy transit service analysis. Directs the Metropolitan Council to conduct an analysis of high-subsidy routes in the regular route transit system.	Include
63	R154	78	—	HOUSE only	Metro Mobility forecasting analysis. Directs MnDOT to arrange an analysis of Metropolitan Council forecasting practices for Metro Mobility costs and service.	Include, with MMB added as report recipient MMB
64	R155	—	103	SENATE only	Studies; transportation network companies; riders with disabilities. Requires MnDOT to conduct a study on improving access on TNC vehicles for those with mobility challenges.	Include, as replaced by SCH2438A37 amendment (revised study)
65	R159	—	105 (b) ^[3]	SENATE only	DVS Oversight Committee. Repeals the DVS Oversight Committee.	Include
66	—	—	—	New	Regional sales tax reallocation. Reallocates a portion of regional sales tax revenue from counties to the Met Council for BRT build-out and broadens uses of remaining county funds. [See H2438A79 (regional sales tax) amendment]	Include, with revisions (8.5% reallocation; broadened county uses)
67	—	—	—	New	TH 5 project limits. (2023 appropriations law). Broadens the project segment for funds appropriated for TH 5 improvements.	Include H2438A55 amendment (project limits)
68	—	—	—	New	Rum River Dam pedestrian bridge. Directs Anoka County to use sales tax funds available for active transportation, to go to Rum River Dam pedestrian bridge and bridge work.	Include H2438A77 amendment (Rum River Dam)
69	—	—	—	New	Corridors of Commerce projects. Amends Corridors of Commerce funding and lookback requirements for regional allocations.	Include SCH2438A54 amendment (calc.; lookback)
70	—	—	—	New	Sergeant Joshua A. Schmit Memorial Highway. Designates a portion of Trunk Highway 23 from north of Willmar to Spicer as “Joshua Schmidt Memorial Highway.”	Include (see HF 854 / H2438A46 amendment)
71	—	—	—	New	TH 65 intersection improvements. (2024 appropriations law). Extends availability of funds appropriated for TH 65 intersections.	Include H2438A54 amendment (extension)
72	—	—	—	New	Anoka park-and-ride. Directs the Met Council to pursue shared use of the Northstar station park-and-ride.	Include H2438A74 amendment (park-and-ride)
73	—	—	—	New	EV charging station fee. Imposes a per kilowatt hour fee on public EV charging station use and directs a working group.	Include [Prior: SF 2092]

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74	NOT Included					
75	R53	—	5	SENATE only	All-terrain vehicle definition. Amends the classification of an all-terrain vehicle.	Dropped
76	R55	—	7	SENATE only	Mitigating transportation project impacts on business. Amends the business liaison process for construction projects that produce substantial business impacts.	Dropped
77	R57	—	9	SENATE only	Highway purposes definitions. Specifies highway purposes. Amends statutory limitations on the use of highway funds.	Dropped
78	R59, R117	—	10, 65	SENATE only	Corridors of Commerce; MnDOT efficiency savings. Makes available reallocated efficiency savings from MnDOT in the Corridors of Commerce program.	Dropped
79	R60	—	14	SENATE only	Purpose and need statement. Establishes requirements for the development of purpose and need statements for certain MnDOT projects. Requires scoping process for projects.	Dropped
80	R62, R108, R109, R117	5, 44, 46, 52	—	HOUSE only	Transportation project activity portal. Directs MnDOT to create a map-based portal for trunk highway projects and project analysis activity. Revises and centralizes various related MnDOT reports and reporting requirements.	Dropped
81	R63	8	—	HOUSE only	Transportation impact assessment and mitigation account. Requires a transfer of funds from the transportation impact assessment and mitigation account based on the unencumbered account balance.	Dropped
82	R64, R159	—	15-22, 105(c) ^[3]	SENATE only	State-aid design standards and variances from design standards for state-aid roads. Requires the incorporation of the MnDOT Facility Design Guide for future state-aid road designs. Amends various state-aid design & variance provisions.	Dropped
83	R71, R136	9, 66	—	HOUSE only	Investment of money. Directs local units of government to use interest or investment income resulting from transportation funding only for transportation purposes.	Dropped
84	R74, R88, R89, R159	—	26-27, 33, 35, 104	SENATE only	All-electric and plug-in hybrid electric motorcycle surcharges. Establishes indexed surcharges for all-electric motorcycles and plug-in hybrid electric motorcycles.	Dropped
85	R76	13-14	—	HOUSE only	Blackout special plate. Revises allocation of donation revenue from blackout special plates.	Dropped
86	R84	—	31	SENATE only	Replacement of license plates. At the time of transfer, requires removal of license plates by the owner and the purchaser must obtain new license plates.	Dropped
87	R91, R93	—	36 (d) ^[3] , 37, 40	SENATE only	Authority to issue citation to pedestrian. Narrows conditions under which a pedestrian may be issued a citation for circumstances involving crossing a roadway.	Dropped
88	R92	29	—	HOUSE only	Accident reporting. Broadens the circumstances in which crash reporting by peace officers to DPS is required.	Dropped
89	R93	30	—	HOUSE only	License revocation for extreme speed. Broadens the circumstances in which a driver’s license is revoked for speed related violations.	Dropped

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90	R93	—	38	SENATE only	Speed limit on Steele CSAH 12; city of Medford. Designates a statutory speed limit for a specified segment of Steele County State-Aid Highway 12 in the city of Medford.	Dropped
91	R93	—	39	SENATE only	Speed limit on Beltrami CSAH 20; Lake Beltrami State Park. Designates a statutory speed limit for a specified segment of Beltrami County State-Aid Highway 20.	Dropped
92	R94	—	41	SENATE only	School bus stop arm violation fines. Increases the penalties for violations of the school bus stop arm law.	Dropped
93	R97	36	—	HOUSE only	Online renewal. Authorizes online driver's license or ID card renewal and duplicate issuance.	Dropped
94	R103	—	51 (d)-(g) ^[3]	SENATE only	Driver's exam scheduling. Sets requirements on availability and staggered release of online road exam appointments.	Dropped
95	R107	43	—	HOUSE only	Emissions reduction goals; grants. Authorizes MnDOT to provide grants as provided in law related to environmental and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.	Dropped
96	R107	—	62	SENATE only	Outcome analysis of state highway investment plan modifications. Requires, upon subsequent revisions to the 20-year state highway investment plan, an analysis of all trunk highway projects included in the plan.	Dropped
97	R109	45	63	Policy and technical difference	Asset sustainability ratio targets. Directs MnDOT to meet specified asset sustainability ratio targets for pavement and provide reporting on the results.	Dropped
98	R114	49	64	Policy difference	Resilient pavement program. Establishes a resilient pavement program that provides supplemental funding for paving materials design modifications.	Dropped
99	R120	—	67-69	SENATE only	Multidisciplinary project development; Complete Streets. Requires a revision to certain MnDOT street planning policies and implementation to incorporate project development requirements being set.	Dropped
100	R128	58	—	HOUSE only	Grants administrative costs. Authorizes DPS to retain specified percentages of appropriations made for grants, to cover administrative costs.	Dropped
101	R147	—	98	SENATE only	Changeable message signs. Directs traffic safety messages on certain roadside electronic signs regarding headlight use during periods of inclement weather.	Dropped
102	R148	—	99	SENATE only	Policy advisory committee modifications. Requires the adoption of bylaws and procedures to govern three currently organized policy advisory committees for specified MnDOT projects. Establishes public participation and community engagement processes.	Dropped
103	R151	—	101	SENATE only	Report; electric-assisted rebate bicycle program. Requires a report from the Department of Revenue on the operation of the electric-assisted bicycle rebate program.	Dropped
104	—	—	—	New	Commuter transit service area. Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to provide transit service in commuter rail corridors. [See H2438A62 amendment]	Dropped
105	—	—	—	New	Anti-displacement funds. (2024 appropriations law). Extends anti-displacement appropriation to 6/30/2029.	Dropped

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106	—	—	—	New	Transit service levels. Sets requirements related to maintenance of current transit service levels.	Dropped
107	—	—	—	New	Blue Line LRT. (2023-24 appropriations law). Cancels (just prior to impending cancellation) a remaining Blue Line LRT appropriation; re-appropriates the funds for transit. [See H2438A73 amendment]	Dropped

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109 Notes

110 List generally excludes: (1) House Article 1 (appropriations); and (2) Senate Articles 1 (appropriations) & 2 (bonds).

111 ^[1] Revisor Page is the starting page number(s) in the side-by-side document.

112 ^[2] Unless specified otherwise, House sections are for Article 2 and Senate sections are for Article 3.

113 ^[3] Reference is repeated; some repealer provisions are listed separately.

114 ^[4] HUDT percentages are: 43.0% (FY 26); 41.0% (FY 27); 36.0% (FY 28); 30.0% (FY 29); 36.0% (FY 30-33); phase-in to 43.5% (over FY 34-37).