

1.1 moves to amend the first division engrossment to H.F. No. 35 as follows:

1.2 Page 2, after line 16, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 2. [256.4831] WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY GRANTS.

1.4 Subdivision 1. Grant program established. A website accessibility grant program is
1.5 established. Within available appropriations, grants must be awarded by the Minnesota
1.6 Council on Disability under section 256.482 to improve the accessibility of local government
1.7 websites and website content for persons with disabilities.

1.8 Subd. 2. Website Accessibility Grant Advisory Council. (a) A Website Accessibility
1.9 Grant Advisory Council is established. The purpose of the advisory council is to assist the
1.10 Minnesota Council on Disability in awarding grants under subdivision 1. The advisory
1.11 council consists of the following members:

1.12 (1) one representative of the League of Minnesota Cities, appointed by the league;

1.13 (2) one representative of the Association of Minnesota Counties, appointed by the
1.14 association;

1.15 (3) one representative of the Minnesota Council on Disability, appointed by the council;

1.16 (4) one member of the public who is a self-advocate, appointed by the governor; and

1.17 (5) the state chief information officer, or a designee.

1.18 (b) The terms, compensation, and removal of members is governed by section 15.059.

1.19 The advisory council must elect a chair from among its members.

1.20 (c) The advisory council is subject to chapter 13D. The advisory council must meet at
1.21 the request of the Minnesota Council on Disability or the chair, but no fewer than two times
1.22 per year to fulfill its duties. The Minnesota Council on Disability must provide meeting
1.23 space and other administrative assistance to support the work of the advisory council.

2.1 (d) The advisory council must review applications from local governments for grant
2.2 funding to support website accessibility projects and to make recommendations to the
2.3 Minnesota Council on Disability for the award of grants. The Minnesota Council on Disability
2.4 may not award a grant unless it has been reviewed by the advisory council. The advisory
2.5 council must establish uniform, objective criteria to be used in evaluating grant applications.
2.6 The criteria must include standards to ensure grant funding is distributed equitably across
2.7 the state, and that grant funds are available without regard to a local government's population
2.8 size.

2.9 Subd. 3. **Report to legislature.** No later than January 15, 2022, and annually thereafter,
2.10 the Minnesota Council on Disability must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority
2.11 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state government finance and
2.12 local government detailing the grants awarded under this section, including the number of
2.13 grant applications received, the number of grants awarded, the geographic distribution of
2.14 grant applications and awards, and the amount of each grant awarded and how it was used."

2.15 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.16 Amend the title accordingly