

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 226 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 5, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 12A.16, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.4 Subd. 5. **Waivers authorized.** The requirements of section 174.50, subdivisions 5;
1.5 ~~6, 6a,~~ and 7, are waived for grants under subdivision 3.

1.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 174.50, subdivision 6b, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 6b. **Bridge engineering and design costs in smaller cities.** ~~Until June 30,~~
1.8 ~~2007,~~ (a) The commissioner may make grants from the state transportation fund to a
1.9 home rule or statutory city with a population of 5,000 or less ~~and a net tax capacity of~~
1.10 ~~under \$200,000~~ for design, ~~and preliminary engineering,~~ and construction of bridges
1.11 on city streets.

1.12 (b) Grants under this subdivision are subject to the procedures and criteria
1.13 established under subdivisions 5 ~~and~~, 6, and 7.

1.14 (c) Grants may be used for:

1.15 (1) 100 percent of the design and ~~preliminary~~ engineering costs that are in excess of
1.16 \$10,000;

1.17 (2) 100 percent of the bridge approach work costs that are in excess of \$10,000; and

1.18 (3) 100 percent of the bridge construction work costs.

1.19 ~~Total grants under this subdivision to all cities may not exceed \$200,000.~~

1.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 174.50, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.21 Subd. 7. **Bridge grant program requirements; rulemaking.** (a) The commissioner
1.22 of transportation shall develop rules, procedures for application for grants, conditions of
1.23 grant administration, standards, and criteria as provided under subdivision 6, including
1.24 bridge specifications, in cooperation with road authorities of political subdivisions, for use

2.1 in the administration of funds appropriated to the commissioner and for the administration
2.2 of grants to subdivisions.

2.3 (b) The maximum use of standardized bridges is encouraged. Regardless of the size
2.4 of the existing bridge, a bridge or replacement bridge is eligible for assistance from the
2.5 state transportation fund if a hydrological survey indicates that the bridge or replacement
2.6 bridge must be ten feet or more in length.

2.7 (c) As part of the standards or rules, the commissioner shall, in consultation with
2.8 local road authorities, establish a minimum distance between any two bridges that cross
2.9 over the same river, stream, or waterway, so that only one of the bridges is eligible for a
2.10 grant under this section. As appropriate, the commissioner may establish exceptions from
2.11 the minimum distance requirement or procedures for obtaining a variance.

2.12 (d) Political subdivisions may use grants made under this section to construct or
2.13 reconstruct bridges, including but not limited to:

2.14 (1) matching federal aid grants to construct or reconstruct key bridges;

2.15 (2) paying the costs to abandon an existing bridge that is deficient and in need of
2.16 replacement, but where no replacement will be made; and

2.17 (3) paying the costs to construct a road or street to facilitate the abandonment of
2.18 an existing bridge, if the commissioner determines that the bridge is deficient, and that
2.19 construction of the road or street is more economical than replacement of the existing
2.20 bridge.

2.21 (e) Funds appropriated to the commissioner from the Minnesota state transportation
2.22 fund shall be segregated from the highway tax user distribution fund and other funds
2.23 created by article XIV of the Minnesota Constitution."

2.24 Page 1, delete lines 11 to 22 and insert "Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50,
2.25 subdivisions 6a, 6b, or 6c."

2.26 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.27 Amend the title accordingly