

1.1 Moller and Novotny from the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy to which  
1.2 was referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 1396, A bill for an act relating to public safety; expanding the permitted uses  
1.4 of unmanned aerial vehicles by law enforcement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section  
1.5 626.19, subdivision 3.

1.6 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.7 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.8 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.19, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 3. **Authorized use.** A law enforcement agency may use a UAV:

1.10 (1) during or in the aftermath of an emergency situation that involves the risk of death  
1.11 or bodily harm to a person;

1.12 (2) to preserve or protect evidence from the imminent risk of destruction;

1.13 (3) over a public event where there is a heightened risk to the safety of participants or  
1.14 bystanders;

1.15 (4) to assist in the lawful pursuit of a suspect who is fleeing law enforcement or who  
1.16 the law enforcement agency reasonably believes might flee;

1.17 ~~(3)~~ (5) to counter the risk of a terrorist attack by a specific individual or organization if  
1.18 the agency determines that credible intelligence indicates a risk;

1.19 ~~(4)~~ (6) to prevent the loss of life and property in natural or man-made disasters and to  
1.20 facilitate operational planning, rescue, and recovery operations in the aftermath of these  
1.21 disasters;

1.22 ~~(5)~~ (7) to conduct a threat assessment in anticipation of a specific event;

1.23 ~~(6)~~ (8) to collect information from a public area if there is reasonable suspicion of criminal  
1.24 activity;

(9) to locate an incarcerated person escaping from an adult correctional facility under the control of the commissioner of corrections or licensed by the commissioner of corrections under section 241.021;

(7)(10) to collect information for crash reconstruction purposes after a serious or deadly collision occurring on a public road;

(8)(11) over a private area with the written consent of the occupant or a public area for officer training or public relations purposes; and

(9)(12) for purposes unrelated to law enforcement at the request of a government entity provided that the government entity makes the request in writing to the law enforcement agency and specifies the reason for the request and proposed period of use; and

(13) to facilitate the search for a missing person."

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

This Committee action taken March 26, 2025

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