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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3992

03/03/2022 Authored by Hansen, R., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to metropolitan government; modifying the basis for determining operation
1.3 and maintenance expenditures for metropolitan-area regional parks; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 473.351, subdivision 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 473.351, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. Allocation formula. By July 1 May 15 of every year each implementing agency
1.8 must submit to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission a statement of the next
1.9 annual anticipated operation and maintenance expenditures of the regional recreation open
1.10 space parks systems within their respective jurisdictions and the previous year's actual
1.11 expenditures from the most recent annual audited financial statement. After reviewing the
1.12 actual expenditures submitted from the most recent annual audited financial statements,
1.13 and by July 15 of each year, the parks and open space commission shall forward to the
1.14 Metropolitan Council the funding requests from the implementing agencies based on the
1.15 actual expenditures made from the most recent annual audited financial statements. The
1.16 Metropolitan Council shall distribute the operation and maintenance money as follows:

1.17 (1) 40 percent based on the use that each implementing agency's regional recreation
1.18 open space system has in proportion to the total use of the metropolitan regional recreation
1.19 open space system;

1.20 (2) 40 percent based on the operation and maintenance expenditures made in the previous
1.21 year by each implementing agency in proportion to the total operation and maintenance
1.22 expenditures of all of the implementing agencies; and

2.1 (3) 20 percent based on the acreage that each implementing agency's regional recreation
2.2 open space system has in proportion to the total acreage of the metropolitan regional
2.3 recreation open space system. The 80 percent natural resource management land acreage
2.4 of the park reserves must be divided by four in calculating the distribution under this clause.

2.5 Each implementing agency must receive funding of no less than 40 percent of its actual
2.6 operation and maintenance expenses to be incurred in the current calendar year budget,
2.7 from the most recent annual audited financial statements as submitted to the parks and open
2.8 space commission. If the available operation and maintenance money is less than the total
2.9 amount determined by the formula including the preceding, the implementing agencies will
2.10 share the available money in proportion to the amounts they would otherwise be entitled to
2.11 under the formula.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
2.13 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
2.14 Scott, and Washington.