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	Yes	No
DOR Administrative Costs/Savings	X	

Department of Revenue
Analysis of H.F. 4949 (Zeleznikar), As Proposed to be Amended (H4949A2 and H4949A3)

	Fund Impact			
	F.Y. 2026	F.Y. 2027	F.Y. 2028	F.Y. 2029
		(000's)		
General Fund	\$0	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Highway User Tax Distribution Fund	\$0	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Special Revenue Fund				
Transportation Advancement Account	\$0	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Sports & Events Reimbursement Account	\$0	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Effective day following final enactment.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

Current Law: Revenues from the 6.5% portion of the sales and use tax, individual income tax, corporate franchise tax, liquor gross receipts tax, and cannabis gross receipts tax are deposited into the General Fund. Revenues from the retail delivery fee, motor vehicle rental tax and motor vehicle rental fee are dedicated to transportation-related funds.

Proposed Law: The bill, as proposed to be amended, creates a Sports and Events Reimbursement Program Account in the special revenue fund. The program is meant to reimburse a local organizing committee for the following allowable expenses under a sporting event contract: (1) the costs relating to the preparations necessary or desirable for conducting the event; and (2) the costs of conducting the event, including the costs of an improvement or renovation to an existing facility and the costs of the acquisition or construction of a new facility or other facility. Local organizing committees must apply to receive funding. The bill, as proposed to be amended, lists 30 different categories of events that would be eligible for funding.

Sporting events are deemed eligible to receive funding if:

- (1) a site selection organization, after considering one or more sites outside of Minnesota, selects a site in this state for the event to be held either one time or if the event is scheduled under an event contract or event support contract to be held each year for a period of years, one time in each year;
- (2) a site selection organization selects a site in this state as the sole site for the event or the sole site for the event in a region composed of this state and one or more adjoining states and the event is held not more than one time in any year.

Tax revenue deposited into the Sports and Events Reimbursement Program Account would come from the incremental increase in certain tax revenues attributable to sporting events held in the state. Following each eligible sporting event, a local organizing committee must submit a request to the University of Minnesota who will estimate the incremental increase in tax revenue. If the University of Minnesota is unable to estimate the increase, it will notify a local organizing committee. The local organizing committee would then request an estimate from an authorized entity. The bill, as

proposed to be amended, defines authorized entity as an independent third-party economic analysis firm or research organization with demonstrated expertise in conducting economic impact studies for large-scale events. The university then notifies the department of revenue who will transfer funds into the new account. Within 30 days of the determination, funds must be dispersed to the local organizing committee.

Taxes included in the calculations are the state sales and use tax (6.5% general fund portion only), individual income tax, corporate franchise tax, liquor gross receipts tax, cannabis gross receipts tax, motor vehicle rental tax, motor vehicle rental fee and the retail delivery fee.

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