

HF 5242 Conference Committee – Transportation Articles

Comparison Summary of House File 5242 (H5242-3) / Senate File 5284 (UEH5242-1)

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HOUSE Art. 1 / SENATE Art. 1: Transportation Appropriations						
R1	1	1	1	1	Technical difference	Transportation appropriations. Sets out the appropriations article structure and defines terms.
R1, R4, R6	1	2	1	2, 14	Appropriations difference	Department of Transportation. Makes supplemental appropriations to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for FY 2025.
R6	1	3	1	3	Appropriations difference	Metropolitan Council. Makes supplemental appropriations to the Metropolitan Council for FY 2025.
R7	1	4	1	4	Appropriations difference	Department of Public Safety. Makes supplemental appropriations to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for FY 2025.
R9	1	5	—	—	HOUSE only	Karlstad Airport. Establishes that a prior appropriation in fiscal year 2022 for a grant to the city of Karlstad is for Phase 1 of an airport project.
R12, R16	—	—	1	15, 17, 19-23	SENATE only	Prior appropriations modifications. Revises various trunk highway fund and trunk highway bond proceeds appropriations made in 2023, including to broaden permissible uses of some funds, reference a MnDOT facilities program, and change the recipient of appropriated funds.
R15	—	—	1	16	SENATE only	Prior transit appropriation. Reduces the FY 2024 general fund appropriation to the Metropolitan Council for the Blue Line light rail transit extension project.

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R18	—	—	1	5	SENATE only	Department of Commerce. Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the commissioner of commerce for environmental review relating to placement of high voltage transmission lines along trunk highways.
R18	—	—	1	6, 7(b) ^[1]	SENATE only	Prior appropriation cancellation and re-appropriation. Makes a one-time appropriation in FY 2024 from the general fund for trunk highway and local road projects, with an equal amount cancelled from a FY 2022 appropriation that is due to cancel in FY 2025.
R19	1	6	1	7(a) ^[1]	Appropriations difference	IJA appropriation cancellation. Cancels an appropriation made in FY 2023 from the general fund related to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
R19	—	—	1	8	SENATE only	Dynamic transportation options study. Makes an appropriation in FY 2025 from the general fund to MnDOT for a dynamic transportation options study.
R19	—	—	1	9	SENATE only	Intra-agency transfer. Requires the commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) to consult with the Metropolitan Council and MnDOT to identify existing council appropriations for light rail transit and bus rapid transit construction and transfer them to MnDOT for the same purpose.
R19	—	—	1	10	SENATE only	Other roadway system. Makes an appropriation in FY 2025 from the general fund to a political subdivision that is contained within a city of the first class and operates its own roadway system, for road construction.
R20	—	—	1	11	SENATE only	Trunk Highway 7 TMO. Makes an appropriation in FY 2025 from the general fund for the city of Shorewood to create a transportation management organization along the Trunk Highway 7 corridor.
R20	—	—	1	12	SENATE only	Trunk Highway 55. Makes an appropriation in FY 2025 from the trunk highway fund to MnDOT to update an environmental impact statement for a road reconstruction project on Trunk Highway 55.
R20	—	—	1	13	SENATE only	University of Minnesota. Makes an appropriation in FY 2025 from the general fund to the University of Minnesota for the Center for Transportation Studies to study and report on a clean transportation standard in Minnesota.

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HOUSE Art. 2 / SENATE Art. 2: Transportation Finance and Policy						
R20, R73, R88	2	1, 27-28, 31-33	—	—	HOUSE only	Ignition interlock & intensive testing programs. Establishes a testing program for issuance of a restricted license following certain DWI offenses involving controlled substances (which is largely parallel but separate from the ignition interlock program).
R21, R22, R48, R51, R52, R73, R84, R87, R116, R129, R131, R152	—	—	2	1-3, 5-6, 35, 40-43, 45-51, 63, 73, 76, 96, 121, 125, 143	SENATE only	Traffic safety cameras. Establishes a traffic safety camera system pilot project, which includes speed limit and red-light enforcement. Creates a work zone speed enforcement pilot project. Specifies certain data classification and retention requirements. Creates red light and speed camera penalty structure and limitations for a citation.
R22	—	—	2	7	SENATE only	Report on dedicated fund expenditures. Amends MnDOT trunk highway fund and highway user tax distribution fund reporting requirements to include the estimated percentage of activities performed that are not for trunk highway purposes.
R23	2	2	—	—	HOUSE only	Rumble strips. Directs MnDOT to establish in-road rumble strips at some locations on the trunk highway system. Sets an implementation timeline.
R24	2	3	—	—	HOUSE only	Mayor Dave Smiglewski Memorial Bridge. Designates a bridge on U.S. Highway 212 in Granite Falls as the “Mayor Dave Smiglewski Memorial Bridge.”
R24	2	4	—	—	HOUSE only	Gopher Gunners Memorial Bridge. Designates a bridge on Trunk Highways 55 and 62 over the Mississippi River as the “Gopher Gunners Memorial Bridge.”

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R24	2	5-6	2	8-9	Policy difference; Technical difference	Transportation greenhouse gas emissions impact assessment. Revises and broadens requirements on assessment of trunk highway projects for impacts on greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled. SENATE: clarifies adding projects; allows certain exemptions; creates assessment and mitigation account; adds advisory committee members
R31	—	—	2	10	SENATE only	Report. Amends the legislative report submitted by MnDOT on the privatization of transportation contracts to include additional workforce and recruitment information.
R32, R104	2	7-12, 43	2	11-16, 91	Technical difference	High voltage transmission lines. Governs high-voltage transmission lines within trunk highway right-of-way, including to authorize placement in right-of-way and provide for relocation costs and reimbursement limitations.
R34, R117	—	—	2	17, 19, 98-105	SENATE only	Pedestrian mall authorization. Authorizes all cities to designate lands for pedestrian malls on city rights-of-way, rather than the sole authority residing with cities of the first class in business districts.
R35, R99	—	—	2	18, 20-21, 84	SENATE only	Use of funds; debt service authorization. Allows the use of newly-established dedicated transportation revenues for local government debt service.
R36, R38, R43, R50, R51, R70, R72, R77, R117	—	—	2	22-23, 25, 28, 36, 38, 41, 58, 62, 64, 97	SENATE only	Roadable aircraft. Establishes registration and operation requirements for roadable aircraft.
R37	2	13-14	2	24	Technical difference	Temporary vehicle permit. Extends the valid period, from 21 to 60 days, for a temporary permit for vehicle operation that can be issued to the buyer of a new motor vehicle.
R39	2	15	—	—	HOUSE only	Minnesota professional sports team philanthropy plates. Allows for designation of some Minnesota professional sports team special plate donations to go to the Minnesota Loon Restoration Project. Renames the special plate.

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R41	—	—	2	26	SENATE only	Fleet vehicles; deputy registrar transactions. Provides that a deputy registrar may process certain registration activities for vehicles in a registered fleet, including issuing replacement license plates and registering new vehicles to existing fleets.
R42, R78, R93	—	—	2	27, 67, 79	SENATE only	Motorcycle safety account; special revenue fund. Makes a variety of technical clarifications related to the motorcycle safety account.
R43	2	16, 60(a) ^[1]	—	—	HOUSE only	Rotary International plates. Establishes a Rotary International special license plate and provides for plate requirements, eligibility, donations, design, and transfer.
R44, R47	—	—	2	29, 33, 34 ^[1]	SENATE only	Dealers; duplicate or replacement plate provisions. Modifies auto dealers’ access to replacement or duplicate license plates for vehicles currently registered in Minnesota. A dealer is required to apply for certificate of title before receiving the duplicate or replacement plates and must remove the plates from the vehicle at the time of title transfer.
R44, R47, R48	2	17-19	2	34 ^[1]	Policy difference; Technical difference	Vehicle title applications. Extends the deadline for submission of a title or title transfer application following sale of a motor vehicle. HOUSE: extends to 20 calendar days; SENATE: extends to 30 days
R45, R82	—	—	2	30, 70	SENATE only	Filing fees; allocations. Requires the commissioner of public safety to distribute funds from the driver and vehicle services operating account to deputy registrars and driver’s license agents based on instances of no-fee transactions.
R46, R83, R139	—	—	2	31, 71, 130	SENATE only	Competitive bidding. Requires the commissioner of public safety to conduct rulemaking for a competitive bidding process when a deputy registrar or driver’s license agent closes their office location. Provides certain location authorization requirements. Requires a legislative report.
R47	—	—	2	32	SENATE only	Lessees; information. Authorizes the release of leased motor vehicle information to licensed motor vehicle dealers as part of a vehicle lease or sale.

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R21, R50, R51, R66, R114, R143	2	20-21, 24-25, 53	2	4, 37, 39, 52-54, 95, 133	Policy difference; Technical difference	Electric-assisted bicycles. Modifies various requirements governing electric-assisted bicycles, including definitions, operating rules, device sales practices, age-appropriate electric-assisted bicycle safety training, and study of youth operation of e-bikes. HOUSE: sets e-bike definition exclusion; requires e-bike label with highest class; sets disclosure for powered cycle sales; SENATE: sets e-bike definition exclusion; requires e-bike label with highest or each class; sets passenger requirements; sets disclosure for motorized bicycle & motorcycle sales; requires youth operation study
R52, R65, R84, R97, R98, R103, R154	2	22-23, 29-30, 35-36, 40-42, 58	2	44, 72, 74 ^[1] , 88-90, 144(a) ^[1]	Policy difference; Technical difference	Active transportation. Sets requirements on complete streets policies and guidance as well as including vulnerable road users in driver education and knowledge tests. HOUSE: amends driver’s education requirements; makes statutory appropriation; SENATE: makes transfer & direct appropriation
			1	2 subd. 4(a) ^[1] , 18		
R67	—	—	2	55	SENATE only	Disability parking space signs. Requires the Minnesota Council on Disability to design a new uniform disability parking sign for use statewide and consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Requires the new sign to be installed at newly-created parking facilities and in the regular course of replacement beginning August 1, 2025.
R68	2	26	2	56	Policy difference	Lights On grant program. Creates a Lights On grant program for vouchers that are provided to vehicle operators to replace or repair malfunctioning motor vehicle lights. HOUSE: identifies purpose; sets grant preference criteria; SENATE: sets requirements on administrative costs and voucher distribution; sets grant preference criteria; requires reporting
R70	—	—	2	57	SENATE only	Child passenger restraint and education account. Makes a technical change.
R70	—	—	2	59	SENATE only	Escort vehicles. Permits an additional escort driver in lieu of a peace officer for the hauling and escort of an overdimensional load.

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R71	—	—	2	60	SENATE only	Road construction materials. Adds bulk aggregate materials to the definition of road construction materials for the road construction materials overweight vehicle permit.
R71, R145	—	—	2	61, 134	SENATE only	Motorcycle operation rules; lane filtering. Permits motorcyclists to operate motorcycles either abreast of or to overtake or pass another vehicle within the same traffic lane or between two parallel lanes of moving or stationary traffic headed in the same direction. Requires a public education campaign.
R78	—	—	2	65, 66, 68	SENATE only	Temporary mailing address authorization. Codifies definitions of certain address information. Authorizes the designation of a temporary mailing address.
R81, R84, R146	—	—	2	69, 74, 136	SENATE only	Online renewal of REAL ID-compliant and noncompliant driver’s licenses. Establishes provisions for the online renewal of both REAL ID-compliant and noncompliant driver's licenses or identification cards.
R86	—	—	2	75	SENATE only	Online driver’s license knowledge testing authorization. Authorizes third-party proctors to administer fourth or subsequent examinations for a driver’s license applicant.
R87	—	—	2	77-78	SENATE only	Reintegration driver’s license; reinstatement fee clarification. Clarifies that a reinstatement fee must not be assessed against an applicant for both a reintegration driver’s license application or upon successful completion of a reintegration license and subsequent application for a driver’s license.
R93	2	34	2	34	Policy difference	Tribal worksite training program. Directs MnDOT to create a Tribal worksite training program for state-funded construction projects. SENATE: sets trunk highway fund limits
R94	—	—	2	81	SENATE only	Pavement life cycle analysis. Amends the process for a life-cycle cost analysis performed for pavement selection on some highway projects.
R99	—	—	2	82	SENATE only	Safe routes to school accounts. Makes a technical change to the safe routes to school account in the special revenue fund.

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R99, R122	—	—	2	83, 108-115	SENATE only	Designation of responsible authority. Requires MnDOT to be designated the responsible authority for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of certain bus rapid transit and light rail transit projects in the metropolitan area.
R100	2	37	2	85	Policy difference; Technical difference	Transportation facilities capital program. Establishes a program on capital projects for MnDOT agency buildings and facilities. SENATE: references sustainable building guidelines
R101	2	38-39	2	86-87	Policy difference; Technical difference	Passenger rail. Authorizes MnDOT to arrange for fee and revenue collection related to passenger rail service. HOUSE: identifies purpose; SENATE: requires reporting; requires legislation for fee increase
R104, R110	2	44, 48-52	—	—	HOUSE only	Motor carrier of railroad employees. Amends requirements on a motor carrier of railroad employees related to automobile insurance, civil enforcement, and analyses of federal preemption as well as agricultural sector adverse impacts.
R105	2	45	2	140	Policy difference	Wayside detector systems. Governs wayside detector systems that monitor passing trains for some types of equipment defects. HOUSE: sets requirements for railroads to use wayside detector systems; requires certain analyses; SENATE: requires a study on wayside detector system or other automated rail scanning technology
R107	2	46	—	—	HOUSE only	Train length. Limits some train lengths in Minnesota to a maximum of 8,500 feet, sets a schedule of fine amounts for violation and provides for civil actions, and requires analyses of federal preemption as well as agricultural sector adverse impacts.
R108	2	47	2	92	Policy difference; Technical difference	Yardmaster hours of service. Sets limits for on-duty hours of some railroad employees who supervise and coordinate train activity in a railyard.

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						HOUSE: requires certain analyses; effective Aug. 1, 2024; SENATE: effective July 1, 2024
R113	—	—	2	93	SENATE only	Motor vehicle lease sales tax revenue. Changes the deposit account and establishes a statutory appropriation for motor vehicle leasing sales tax revenue that is directed to local bridges.
R120	2	54	2	106	Policy difference; Technical difference	Transportation financial review. Directs the Metropolitan Council to submit an annual financial review to the legislature that provides various fiscal details about the transportation area of the council’s budget and financials. HOUSE: sets April 1 due date; requires budget year data; SENATE: sets Dec. 1 due date; requires state fiscal year data
R121, R154	2	55, 59	2	107, 144(b) ^[1]	Technical difference	Zero-emission and electric transit vehicles. Amends and broadens requirements for a Metropolitan Council plan on transitioning to zero-emission transit vehicles.
R125	2	56	2	119	Policy difference; Technical difference	Bus rapid transit project infrastructure. Requires the Metropolitan Council to include and fund the costs of specified aspects of all bus rapid transit (BRT) projects. HOUSE: effective date; SENATE: excludes certain intersection quadrants; sets conditions to require transit priority traffic signals; effective date
R126	—	—	2	116-117	SENATE only	Cleanliness and repair standards. Amends statutorily required cleaning and repair standards for Metro Transit vehicles and property and modifies the legislative reporting requirements.
R128	—	—	2	118, 120	SENATE only	Funds reporting. Requires each metropolitan county to report in even-numbered years on the use of regional transportation sales and use tax revenue. Modifies the required annual report from the Metropolitan Council on operating reserve fund balances of the council and replacement transit service providers.

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R129	—	—	2	122-123	SENATE only	Driver’s license same day issuance pilot project. Amends a pilot project enacted in 2021 for the issuance of driver’s licenses at the time of application. The changes modify the design and construction requirements of the credential issued by the pilot project.
R130	—	—	2	124	SENATE only	Additional deputy registrar of motor vehicles for Ramsey County. Authorizes driver’s license agent services at or near the Hmong Village shopping center in St. Paul, converting the location into a full-service office.
R132	2	57	—	—	HOUSE only	Community roadside landscape partnerships. Specifies program expansion considerations for MnDOT’s community roadside landscape partnership program.
R132, R136	—	—	2	126, 128	SENATE only	Antidisplacement community prosperity programming; Blue Line extension. Establishes the antidisplacement community prosperity program to be administered by the Antidisplacement Community Prosperity Program Board. Programming must support a variety of community functions designed to counter displacement impacts from Blue Line light rail transit extension project.
R134	—	—	2	127	SENATE only	Autonomous mowers research and development. Requires MnDOT to conduct research into autonomous mowing operations and mowing configurations by other governments or private entities.
R138	—	—	2	129	SENATE only	Commercial driver workforce study required. Requires study on commercial driver shortages in Minnesota's transportation and transit sectors by MnDOT and DPS and various stakeholders.
R140	—	—	2	131	SENATE only	DVS materials in language other than English requirement. Requires the Division of Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) to produce materials in a language other than English if a substantial portion of the total number of yearly transactions are conducted in a language other than English.
R142, R148	—	—	2	132, 138	SENATE only	Dynamic transportation options; Metro Mobility enhancement; reports. Requires MnDOT to conduct (1) a study on access to various flexible transportation services in rural areas; and (2) in consultation with Metropolitan Council, a comprehensive study aimed at enhancing the Metro Mobility program.

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R145	—	—	2	135	SENATE only	City speed limit analysis study. Requires MnDOT to conduct a study to evaluate speed limits in cities that have implemented speed limit changes under Minnesota Statutes, section 169.14, subdivision 5h.
R147	—	—	2	137	SENATE only	Clean transportation fuel standard study; University of Minnesota. Requires the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota to conduct a comprehensive assessment and report on the economic and policy impacts of implementing a low carbon transportation standard for transportation fuels in Minnesota.
R149	—	—	2	139	SENATE only	Minnesota State Fair transportation planning; Metropolitan Council. Requires the Met Council to submit a 2024 transportation service plan for the 2024 Minnesota State Fair. Specifies plan elements.
R150	—	—	2	141	SENATE only	Special license plate review committee; study. Requires DPS and DVS to study the establishment of a standing committee responsible for reviewing and approving proposals for special license plates.
R151	—	—	2	142	SENATE only	Traffic engineering studies and investigations. Requires MnDOT to incorporate the latest version of the federal manual on traffic control devices for purposes of performing traffic engineering studies and setting or adjusting speed limits.
R154	2	60(b) ^[1]	—	—	HOUSE only	Repealer. Paragraph (b) repeals an administrative rule that mandates a minimum 180-hour length of instruction on commercial motor vehicle operation, which is required for a postsecondary institution that is approved as a third-party tester.

Notes

^[1] Section number is repeated.

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