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	Yes	No
DOR Administrative Costs/Savings		X

Department of Revenue  
Analysis of H.F. 4279 (Bennett), As Proposed to be Amended (H4279A1)

The city of Albert Lea was authorized in 2005 to impose a sales and use tax of 0.5% and the proceeds were used to finance the lake improvement project in the Shell Rock River Watershed plan. The expiration of the tax was extended several times in subsequent years.

The bill, as proposed to be amended, authorizes the city of Albert Lea, if approved by the voters at a general election, to extend its sales and use tax of 0.5%.

The proceeds would be used to finance the following projects plus associated bonding costs:

1. \$20 million for water quality improvement for the Shell Rock Watershed District;
2. \$9.3 million for expansion, improvement and equipping of the Songbird Trail;
3. \$4.5 million for expansion, improvement and equipping of the Albert Lea Public Library;
4. \$4.7 million for the Snyder Field Complex, including expansion, improvement and equipping of the Snyder Field Recreation Area; and
5. \$1.5 million for acquisition, construction, improvement and equipping of Miracle Field at Edgewater Park.

The bill also authorizes a bond issuance of up to \$40 million plus bond issuance costs.

The tax would terminate at the earlier of 30 years after the tax extension is first imposed or when the city council determines that the amount received from the tax is sufficient to pay for the costs of the projects listed above plus bond issuance costs and interest. The tax could expire earlier if the city so determines by ordinance.

The bill would have no direct impact on state taxes.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue  
Tax Research Division  
<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/revenue-analyses>