

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act provides a process for determination of whether to reduce the number of taxicab permits at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport and an order in which any such reduction must occur. The act also eliminates the requirement that the Metropolitan Council adopt a separate airport or aviation policy plan and changes references to airport or aviation plans to “transportation plans.” The act repeals the requirement that the Met Council prepare an annual assessment of air transportation and repeals certain obsolete language relating to airport planning.

### Section

- 1** **Airport taxi service.** Provides order in which any reduction in the number of taxicab permits at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport must take place. Provides factors to be considered in determining whether the number of taxicab permits should be reduced. Requires that permit transfers, if allowed, must be allowed on the same basis for sole proprietors, individual owner-operators and corporations.
- 2** **Comprehensive plan for airports.** Eliminates the requirement that the Metropolitan Council adopt a long-range comprehensive policy plan for airports.
- 3** **Development guide contents.** Adds a requirement that the Met Council’s transportation development guide include a long-range assessment of air transportation trends and factors that may affect airport development in the metropolitan area. Requires consultation with the Metropolitan Airports Commission and cities with airports.
- 4** **Transportation plan.** Changes term defined from “Aviation policy plan” to “Transportation policy plan” to reflect elimination of airport policy plans as separate Met Council long-range policy plans.

- 5 **Reference amended.** Changes reference from “aviation policy plan” to “transportation policy plan.”
- 6 **Reference amended.** Changes reference from airport chapter of the Metropolitan Development Guide to transportation chapter of Development Guide.
- 7 **Reference eliminated.** Eliminates reference to airport portion of the Metropolitan Development Guide.
- 8 **Repealer.** Repeals requirement that the Metropolitan Council prepare an annual long-range assessment of air transportation trends and factors that may affect airport development in the metropolitan area. Repeals a provision which prevented the Metropolitan Council from requiring that a local government unit continue a current use, adopt a comprehensive plan designation or change zoning to ensure or preserve the availability of land for a new major airport. Repeals obsolete language which required plans, reports and agreements on various dates between 1989 and 1993.
- 9 **Application clause.** Applies in the seven-county metropolitan area.