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Overview

This is the House omnibus capital investment bill. This summary covers the provisions governing the use of the appropriations and the statutory changes made. For information on the specific funding amounts and sources, see the spreadsheet prepared by John Walz, Fiscal Analyst for the House Capital Investment Committee. <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/fiscal/files/bond00.pdf>

1 **Summary.**

2 **University of Minnesota.**

Subd. 1. Total amount appropriated for the University of Minnesota.

Subd. 2. Higher education asset preservation and replacement (HEAPR).

Subd. 3. Molecular and cellular biology building, Minneapolis campus. To complete construction, furnish and equip the building.

Subd. 4. Art building, Minneapolis campus. To complete design for the building.

Subd. 5. Biocontainment facilities, St. Paul campus. To construct a biocontainment facility in partnership with the department of agriculture.

Subd. 6. Kiehl building renovation, addition, Crookston. To complete construction drawings and renovate, furnish and equip the renovations and additions to the building.

Subd. 7. Science and math building renovation, phase 2, Morris. To renovate, furnish, and equip the existing building into instructional space. Permits the University to use design-build for this project.

Subd. 8. Transfer to HEAPR. Permits the unspent portion of an appropriation for a project in this section that is complete to be transferred to HEAPR for the campus for which the original appropriation was made. Reduces the debt service for the project proportionately. Applies the reporting and cancellation provisions from the original date of the appropriation to any transferred amount that remains unspent.

Subd. 9. Debt service responsibilities. Requires the University to pay one-third of the debt service on the bonds for projects in this section, except for HEAPR.

3 **Minnesota state colleges and universities (MnSCU).**

Subd. 1. Total amount appropriated for MnSCU.

Subd. 2. Higher education asset preservation and replacement (HEAPR). Requires that the following projects be done, in addition to any others as determined by the board: replacement or renovation of boilers at Winona State University; \$1,090,000 for demolition of old homes on property owned by Moorhead State University to convert the property to parking; \$3,000,000 for the Mankato athletic facilities project (see subdivision 13), and completion of the HVAC project at the Ridgewater College Hutchinson campus.

Subd. 3. Normandale Community College. To design, construct, and equip an addition to the science building and remodel and equip existing science facilities.

Subd. 4. North Hennepin Community College. To design and remodel the old science building into a general education building.

Subd. 5. St. Cloud State Technical College. To design, remodel and equip the
A and B wings of the existing building and for building additions.

Subd. 6. Anoka-Hennepin Technical College. To repair and renovate existing facilities. Requires any roof replacement to be to industry standards and not the higher MnSCU standards.

Subd. 7. Alexandria Technical College. To design a new classroom and office building to replace residential buildings used as temporary classrooms and storage.

Subd. 8. Bemidji State University/Northwest Technical College. To design and construct a technology laboratory. Permits unused 1998 appropriation (for design for co-location of the two institutions) to be used for this purpose. Prohibits the board from conveying the technical college to the school district.

Subd. 9. Systemwide, small projects. To design, construct and equip storage garages at various campuses.

Subd. 10. Systemwide land acquisition. To establish a fund to acquire land adjacent to or near campuses as the opportunity arises. Directs \$300,000 for acquisition of a building at 7th and Maria in St. Paul for Metropolitan State University.

Subd. 11. St. Cloud State University. For renovation and design of Riverview Hall and Eastman Hall, and to remodel lower floors of Lawrence Hall for instructional and administrative use.

Subd. 12. Northland Community and Technical College. For general asset preservation, including renovation of the science center and construction of a corridor and learning center computer lab.

Subd. 13. Minnesota State University, Mankato. For Phase 2 of the student athletic facility renovation.

Subd. 14. Winona State University. To design, through construction bid documents, a new science center.

Subd. 15. Southwest State University. To design renovation of the library.

Subd. 16. Rochester Community and Technical College. To complete construction of an internal road system; design and construct replacement athletic fields; predesign, design, partial construction of quadrangle; and design and construction of a greenhouse.

Subd. 17. Transfer to HEAPR. Permits the unspent portion of an appropriation for a project in this section that is complete to be transferred to HEAPR for the campus to which the original appropriation was made. Reduces the debt service for the project proportionately. Applies the

reporting and cancellation provisions from the original date of the appropriation to any transferred amount that remains unspent.

Subd. 18. Debt service. Requires the board to pay one-third of the debt service on the bonds for projects in this section, except for HEAPR.

Subd. 19. Ridgewater Community and Technical College at Willmar. Permits the college to build an addition to kennels for veterinary technology with existing college funds.

Subd. 20. Moorhead State University campus security building. Permits MnSCU to construct a campus building at Moorhead and to enter into a contract with the city for the city to pay for construction in exchange for lease of the building by the city police department. Permits the lease to be for up to 25 years without obtaining state executive council approval.

Subd. 21. Minnesota West Community and Technical College at Worthington. Permits the college to lease land on the campus to the YMCA as long as the siting and design of the facility is consistent with the college's master plan and MnSCU standards. Permits the college to negotiate for use of the facility for college purposes. Permits the lease to include the city of Worthington.

4 **Perpich center for arts education.** To upgrade Delta dormitory. Part of the appropriation is from the general fund.

5 **Children, families, and learning.**

Subd. 1. Total appropriation.

Subd. 2. East metro integration magnet. To design, construct, furnish, and equip a new school building.

Subd. 3. Academy for the blind, library shelving. To install permanent compact shelving in the basement area of the library. This is a general fund appropriation.

Subd. 4. Early childhood learning facilities. For grants to construct or rehabilitate facilities.

Subd. 5. Monolithic dome, Grand Meadow. For an alternative facilities design grant to construct a new school using monolithic dome construction techniques, to demonstrate operating and construction savings for school districts. Grand Meadow must agree to provide the state information and data on the project, and an analysis of a monolithic dome as a suitable educational environment. Grand Meadow's debt service equalization aid must be calculated under the 1999 formula.

Subd. 6. Maximum effort capital loans. Provides for loans to the Caledonia, LaPorte, Red Lake, and Cass Lake school districts. Directs the commissioner to study how the maximum effort loan program should be restructured to allow more school districts to qualify for capital financing under the current aid program rather than the maximum effort program. Requires a report to the house capital investment and K-12 education finance committees and the senate education finance committee and the K-12 education budget division by January 1, 2001. Prohibits the commissioner from accepting any maximum effort loan program applications until after the 2001 legislative session.

Subd. 7. Capital improvement needs and funding sources for public libraries; study. Directs the commissioner to study the capital improvement needs and funding sources for public libraries. Requires the study to include the Pelican Rapids public library, the Minneapolis public library, and the Watonwan county/St. James public library. Requires a report by February 1, 2001.

6 **Residential academies at Faribault.**

Subd. 1. Total appropriation.

Subd. 2. Asset preservation. For asset preservation on both campuses of the Minnesota State

Academies.

Subd. 3. West Wing, Noyes Hall, phase 1. For mold abatement and renovation.

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Natural resources.

Subd. 1. Total appropriation.

Subd. 2. Statewide asset preservation. For statewide asset preservation with priorities established by the commission based on need.

Subd. 3. Office facilities development. To buy a building in Pelican Rapids for field office use.

Subd. 4. ADA compliance. For improved and equal access to DNR facilities and programs.

Subd. 5. State park and recreation area building rehabilitation. To rehabilitate the park system's highest priority buildings.

Subd. 6. Dam repair, reconstruction, removal. To remove dams at Mazeppa, Cannon Falls, Straight River (Faribault), and Old Mill Park. For engineering work to remove the Drayton dam. To repair the dams at Lake Bronson, Willow River, and New London. For emergency dam repairs that arise.

Subd. 7. State park and recreation area betterment rehabilitation. Statewide upgrade, repair and rehabilitation of facilities, including the swimming pool at Buffalo River state park.

Subd. 8. Flood hazard mitigation grants. For grants to local governments for publicly owned capital improvements to prevent or alleviate flood damages, under Minn. Stat. § 103F.161, which provides for grants for one-half the costs of projects up to \$150,000. Provides a nonexclusive list of eligible communities. Limits a grant for implementation of a flood hazard mitigation project in the Red River basin to 75 percent of the cost of the proposed mitigation measures.

Subd. 9. Forest road and bridge projects and forestry recreation facilities. For forest roads and bridges, and for rehabilitation, improvement or development of forestry recreation facilities statewide.

Subd. 10. Fisheries acquisition. To acquire and develop aquatic management areas for fisheries.

Subd. 11. RIM fisheries improvement. For fisheries habitat improvement identified by the Nemadji watershed workgroup.

Subd. 12. Stream protection and restoration. For river restoration on the Otter Tail River at Frazee, the Pomme de Terre River at Appleton, and four lowhead dams along the Red River for fish passage.

Subd. 13. Critical habitat match. For the critical habitat private sector matching account, under Minn. Stat. § 84.943.

Subd. 14. Metro greenways and natural areas. To acquire or improve natural areas and greenways in the metro region through purchase of conservation easements or fee titles. Requires project priorities to be set in consultation with local governments, nonprofit organizations, and other interested parties.

Subd. 15. RIM wildlife development/habitat improvements. To develop, protect or improve habitat on state lands and wildlife management areas.

Subd. 16. State park and recreation area acquisition. To acquire property from willing sellers of private lands within state park and recreation area boundaries. For site preparation at the Red River state recreation area.

Subd. 17. Trail acquisition and development. To complete the Paul Bunyan trail between Hackensack and Walker, and for further construction of the Blazing Star state trail. Also for acquisition and development of the Mill Towns Trail through and between Northfield and

Faribault.

Subd. 18. Regional parks: greater Minnesota. For grants to public regional parks organizations outside the metropolitan area. Provides for 60 percent state/40 percent local funding.

Subd. 19. Metropolitan regional park rehabilitation, acquisition, and development. For payment to the metropolitan council for costs of rehabilitation, acquisition, and development by the council and local governments of regional recreational open-space lands in accordance with the council's policy plan.

Subd. 20. State trail connections. For matching grants to local governments to acquire and develop trails connecting communities, trails, and parks. Payment of grants is by reimbursement of expenses incurred. Specifies grants for certain trail connections.

Subd. 21. Moose Lake geologic interpretive center. To construct a geologic interpretive center at Moose Lake state park.

Subd. 22. Lake Minnetonka public access. For a public access at Gray's Bay.

Subd. 23. Reimbursement for flood hazard mitigation study. Permits reimbursement of study costs incurred in the flood hazard mitigation projects funded in 1999. (The 1999 omnibus bonding bill funded projects in Crookston, East Grant Forks, Warren, Ada, Breckenridge, and Oakport, under the grant program in Minn. Stat. § 103F.161.)

Subd. 24. Transfer to asset preservation. Permits the unspent portion of an appropriation for a project in this section that is complete to be transferred to asset preservation. Applies the reporting and cancellation provisions from the original date of the appropriation to any transferred amount that remains unspent.

Subd. 25. Como Park zoo. Requires the zoo to have free admission as long as state bonds issued for the Como Park campus are outstanding.

8 **Office of environmental assistance.** For solid waste grants under Minn. Stat. § 115A.54.

9 **Board of water and soil resources.**

Subd. 1. Total appropriation for the agency.

Subd. 2. CREP - conservation reserve enhancement program. To acquire conservation easements on private land as part of the CREP agreement between the state and the federal government. May not be used for salaries. Requires a study.

Subd. 3. Local government wetland replacement. To acquire land for wetlands or to restore wetlands to replace wetlands drained or filled for local public roads.

10 **Agriculture.** For the rural finance authority (RFA) loan program. Makes basic beginning farmer loans the first priority, seller-sponsored loans second priority, and agricultural improvement loans third priority.

11 **Minnesota zoological gardens.** For repair and upgrades of the heating and cooling system.

12 **Administration.**

Subd. 1. Total appropriation to the agency.

Subd. 2. Electrical utility infrastructure, phase 4. To upgrade the capitol's primary electrical distribution system.

Subd. 3. Capitol security renovation. To renovate space in the capitol for capitol security and related environmental management operation.

Subd. 4. Bureau of criminal apprehension (BCA). Directs that the remainder of previous years' appropriations be used for construction documentation. Prohibits use of design-build. Authorizes the new money to build the laboratory.

Subd. 5. Capital asset preservation and replacement (CAPRA). Total amount appropriated for CAPRA. Part is from the general fund.

Subd. 6. Minnesota public TV digital transmitters. For loans to eight non-metropolitan area public tv stations and KTCA/KTCI to convert from an analog to a digital broadcast signal as mandated by the federal government. Requires repayment over ten years with interest. Part of this appropriation is from the general fund.

Subd. 7. World War II veterans memorial. For design, architectural drawings and the start of construction for a memorial on the capitol mall. Requires an equal match from nonstate sources. From the general fund.

Subd. 8. Gillette Children's Hospital. For a loan to Ramsey county to design, construct, furnish and equip the renovation of and an addition to the Gillette Children's Hospital. Contingent on a commitment of at least \$11,000,000 from nonstate sources. Provides for the loan to be repaid over 20 years in equal installments with interest paid at a rate equal to the interest rate paid by the state for the bonds issued for this appropriation.

Subd. 9. Transfer to asset preservation. Permits the unspent portion of an appropriation for a project in this section that is complete to be transferred to asset preservation. Applies the reporting and cancellation provisions from the original date of the appropriation to any transferred amount that remains unspent.

Subd. 10. 717 Delaware St. health building. For building renovation. From the general fund.

Subd. 11. Asset preservation. To correct high-priority deferred maintenance needs of state facilities under the custodial control of the department. From the general fund.

Subd. 12. General predesign and schematic design. For predesign and schematic design for high priority facilities that will be identified through the strategic plan for locating state agencies. From the general fund.

Subd. 13. Agency relocation. From the general fund.

Subd. 14. Property acquisition. For due diligence expenses, acquisition of land, and to purchase options to hold properties that meet state development needs. Also for demolition on lands acquired and to develop temporary parking. From the general fund.

13 **Amateur sports commission.** To complete funding for the Mighty Ducks grants and for other statewide amateur soccer facilities. \$3 million of this is from the general fund.

14 **Military affairs.**

Subd. 1. Total appropriation for the agency.

Subd. 2. Kitchen renovation. To renovate kitchen facilities at the National Guard training and community centers in ten communities.

Subd. 3. Asset preservation. For asset preservation at military affairs facilities.

Subd. 4. Minnesota military museum. For renovation and expansion of the museum at Camp Ripley.

15 **Transportation.**

Subd. 1. Total appropriation for the agency.

Subd. 2. Local bridge replacement and rehabilitation. To match federal funds and to replace or rehabilitate local deficient bridges.

Subd. 3. Rail service improvement loans. Requires loans made with this appropriation to pay interest at the rate paid by the state in issuing the bonds for this appropriation, and for loan repayments to be deposited in the transportation fund and transferred to the bond fund each year. This appropriation is from the state transportation fund.

Subd. 4. Trunk highway facility projects. For the district headquarters buildings in St. Cloud and Detroit Lakes, and for the Moorhead truck station. This appropriation is from the trunk highway fund.

16 **Human services.**

Subd. 1. Total appropriation to the agency.

Subd. 2. Systemwide roof repairs and replacement. For repair and replacements of roofs statewide.

Subd. 3. Systemwide asset preservation. For asset preservation at regional treatment centers.

Subd. 4. Building demolitions, Cambridge. For asbestos abatement and demolition of obsolete buildings at the Cambridge regional treatment center.

Subd. 5. Upgrade Pexton Hall, St. Peter. To add 100 beds in Pexton Hall for individuals committed as sexual psychopathic personalities and sexually dangerous persons, and to construct a connection to Shantz Hall.

Subd. 6. METO campus-Cambridge. To design and install utility equipment on the Minnesota Extended Treatment Options campus at Cambridge.

Subd. 7. Transfer to asset preservation. Permits the unspent portion of an appropriation for a project in this section that is complete to be transferred to asset preservation. Applies the reporting and cancellation provisions from the original date of the appropriation to any transferred amount that remains unspent.

17 **Health.** For a grant for a mobile learning center to educate citizens on organ, tissue, and eye donation. This is a general fund appropriation.

18 **Veterans homes board.**

Subd. 1. Total appropriation to the agency.

Subd. 2. Hastings veterans home, phase 2. To design, repair, and renovate utility infrastructure.

Subd. 3. Minneapolis veterans home. For various infrastructure improvements.

Subd. 4. Asset preservation. For asset preservation at veterans homes statewide.

19 **Corrections.**

Subd. 1. Total appropriation to the agency.

Subd. 2. Faribault sewer repair. To repair or replace the sanitary and storm sewer system at the Minnesota correctional facility-Faribault.

Subd. 3. Oak Park Heights administrative control unit. For a new high security, self-contained 60-bed administrative control unit.

Subd. 4. Lino Lakes, H building remodeling, Phase 3. To remodel the food service building. Requires an agreement with Anoka county for the county to pay the full cost of meals provided to Anoka county jail inmates by the Lino Lakes facility.

Subd. 5. Red Wing mental health support and living unit. To renovate an existing cottage into a mental health support and living unit.

Subd. 6. Stillwater, perimeter wall repair. For repair of interior surface of the perimeter wall. Prohibits using the money to construct or repair the catwalks or to construct or repair new or current guard towers.

Subd. 7. Bayport storm sewer reconstruction. Final appropriation for the project.

Subd. 8. Asset preservation. Permits the unspent portion of an appropriation for a project in this section that is complete to be transferred to asset preservation. Applies the reporting and

cancellation provisions from the original date of the appropriation to any transferred amount that remains unspent.

20 **Public safety.**

Subd. 1. Total appropriation for the agency.

Subd. 2. National weather service transmitters. To buy national weather service transmitters for up to 13 sites around the state and for generator upgrades at MnDOT sites for full weather coverage, and to pay necessary engineering fees. This appropriation is from the general fund.

Subd. 2. Law enforcement centers; study. Requires a study and report on the exact locations for law enforcement centers, including whether there should be three locations in the metropolitan area, as now contemplated. Directs the commissioner to consider the location of state universities, and technical and community colleges and the current training available in higher educational facilities.

21 **Trade and economic development.**

Subd. 1. Total appropriation for the agency.

Subd. 2. Public facilities authority. (a) To match federal grants to the water pollution control revolving fund. Provides a nonexclusive list of eligible projects.

(b) To match federal grants to the drinking water revolving fund. Provides a nonexclusive list of eligible projects.

(c) Directs that allocation of state matching funds between (a) and (b) must be based on the amount of the federal funds available to either.

Subd. 3. Wastewater infrastructure funding program (WIF). Directs the use of funds for projects on the 2000 intended use plan in priority order to qualified applicants that submit plans and specifications to the MPCA or that receive a funding commitment from USDA before December 1, 2001. Lists municipalities on the intended use plan in priority order. States the list is not exclusive. Directs the MPCA to consider only the existing wastewater flow and loadings in calculating the essential project components. Limits a WIF grant to a municipality to not more than \$15,000 per existing connection.

Subd. 4. Clean Water Partnership. For the clean water partnership loan program.

Subd. 5. Brownfields redevelopment. For the redevelopment account in Minn. Stat. § 116J.561.

Subd. 6. Direct reduction iron processing facilities. For a grant to Itasca county to design freshwater wells and wastewater treatment facilities, pipelines, railroads and road, and to extend sewer and water to direct iron reduction processing facilities. Contingent on an agreement with a company using the process to locate in Minnesota.

Subd. 7. Landfall HRA retaining walls. To repair or replace deteriorating retaining walls.

Subd. 8. Glover-Sudduth Center. To the city of Minneapolis to design and construct the Glover-Sudduth center for urban affairs and economic development.

Subd. 9. Farmamerica. For accessibility and security improvements. This is a general fund appropriation, and available until June 30, 2001.

22 **Housing finance agency.** For loans and grants for publicly-owned temporary or transitional housing.

23 **Minnesota historical society.**

Subd. 1. Total appropriation to the agency.

Subd. 2. Asset preservation. Includes a set aside of \$200,000 for the LeDuc Mansion.

Subd. 3. St. Anthony Falls heritage center. To complete the center.

Subd. 4. County and local preservation grants. For historic preservation projects. Requires an equal match. Grant recipients must be public entities and the facilities publicly owned.

Subd. 5. State capitol furnishings restoration. To restore historic furniture in the capitol. This appropriation is from the general fund.

24 **Bond sale expenses.**

25 **Bond sale schedule.**

26 **Bond sale authorization.**

Subd. 1. Bond proceeds fund. Authorizes the sale of general obligation bonds to provide money appropriated from the bond proceeds fund.

Subd. 2. Transportation fund. Authorizes the sale of general obligation bonds, with proceeds going to the bond proceeds account in the state transportation fund, to provide money appropriated from that fund.

Subd. 3. Maximum effort school loan fund. Authorizes the sale of general obligation bonds to provide money for the maximum effort school loan fund.

27 **Red River state recreation area.** Establishes the Red River state recreation area in Polk county. Describes the land in the area. Directs the commissioner of natural resources to administer the area, subject to rules and regulations for state recreation areas. Directs the commissioner to appoint a citizens' oversight committee to assist with developing and managing the area. The committee serves without compensation.

28 **Mill Towns Trail.** Establishes the trail as starting at Faribault Junction (the termination point of the Sakatah Singing Hills Trail), extending through Faribault, Dundas, Northfield, Waterford, and Randolph, terminating at the Cannon Valley Trail. Provides for the trail to be for riding, hiking and snowmobiling.

29 **Early childhood learning and child protection facilities.** Adds centers that serve refugee and immigrant families to those purposes for which the commissioner may give priority for grants.

30 **Grant application process (magnet schools).** Eliminates the maximum dollar amount for a grant for which a magnet school may apply to avoid unintentionally capping grants if the cumulative amount over several appropriations exceeds the maximum.

31 **Authority to acquire, develop, and sell real property for instructional purposes (technical college carpentry program).** Gives the board greater flexibility in acquisition and disposition of personal and real property and improvements to real property by the board for the purposes of instructional construction by technical colleges.

32 **Warranties (technical college carpentry program).** Permits the MnSCU board to offer less extensive or no warranties in addition to offering the statutory housing warranties for the sale of properties from the instructional construction classes.

33 **State employee purchase (technical college carpentry program).** Permits a state employee to purchase personal or real property resulting from instructional construction by a technical college under stated conditions.

34 **Transfer of state college or university-owned improvements.** Permits the MnSCU board to dispose of an improvement located on state-owned lands and requires the board to retain the proceeds of the sale.

35 **General authority; construction; improvements.** Permits the MnSCU board to make repairs and to do minor capital projects (not to exceed \$250,000), financed with operating appropriation or institutional receipts, without specific legislative authority if they are undertaken for asset preservation, code compliance, or do not materially increase the net square footage of the institution, and do not materially increase the costs of instructional programs. Except for

emergencies, requires the board to notify the legislature of projects over \$100,000 prior to entering into any contract.

- 36 **Conditions for soccer grants.** Prohibits grantees from using the money to acquire land for soccer fields; grant funds are for development of the fields. Requires an equal match. Requires one percent set aside for arts.
- 37 **St. Cloud technical college.** Amends the 1998 bonding appropriation to fund predesign instead of design for remodeling of the remaining space in the graphic arts and dental space project.
- 38 **McLeod West School District. No. 2887.** Amends the scope of the project to provide for remodeling of an education facility. (In 1998, the legislature appropriated the money for the McLeod West Interdistrict cooperative, made up of independent school districts for Brownton and Stewart, to design and acquire land for a new pre-kindergarten through grade 12 facility. Following consolidation of the school districts in 1999, the legislature amended the provision to refer to the new McLeod West school district and limit the scope to design and acquisition of land for a grade 7 to 12 facility.)
- 39 **Metro regional trails.** Amends the 1998 appropriation for metro regional trails to allow the unspent amount allocated to Anoka county to be used to construct restrooms, trailhead, signs, and amenities at the trailhead to the Rice Creek West Regional Trail.
- 40 **Hutchinson community civic center.** Amends the 1998 appropriation from design, construct, furnish and equip to allow for acquisition and remodeling of a community center.
- 41 **Capital project priorities; higher education.** Requests the University of Minnesota and MnSCU to consider criteria listed in establishing priorities for requests for bond funds for capital projects. Criteria are maintenance and preservation of existing facilities, completion of projects, updating facilities, and maximizing use of nonstate contributions.
- 42 **Infrastructure reporting standards (GASB).** Under current law, state funds must be accounted for and financial reports made in compliance with generally accepted government accounting principles. These principles are adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Recently, GASB has adopted new standards. One of the new standards, GASB Statement 34, deals with capital assets, including infrastructure. Statement 34 requires that newly acquired, constructed or significantly renovated infrastructure be reported under the new standards as of the fiscal year 2002 reports. Reporting of existing infrastructure is required as of the fiscal year 2006 financial statements.
- This accelerates the schedule for implementation of the infrastructure reporting requirements. New infrastructure would have to be reported as of the fiscal year 2001 report, and existing infrastructure as of the report for fiscal year 2002.
- 43 **Gillette Children's Hospital surcharge forgiveness.** Exempts Gillette Children's Hospital from the hospital surcharge until the loan to Ramsey county for construction and renovation of an addition to the hospital is repaid in full. If the surcharge that would have been collected in any year is greater than the annual loan payment amount, the county must prepay the loan by that amount.
- 44 **Working group.** Directs the commissioners of transportation, trade and economic development, public safety, natural resources, and agriculture to convene a workgroup to assess the financial, physical, economic, social, and environmental effects on southern Minnesota of increased railroad activity within the DM&E corridor. Requires a report to the legislature and governor by December 1, 2000.
- 45 **Cancellations and transfers.** Cancels or transfers prior year capital investment appropriations for projects completed or abandoned.
- 46 **Wall extensions.** Directs the commissioner of transportation to complete the sound abatement

wall on highway 100, and to plan construction of a sound abatement wall on the south side of I-94 from the St. Paul border to the Franklin bridge, by the end of 2000.

47 **Department cooperation.** Requires the commissioners of transportation and natural resources to cooperate in alignment of the Gitchi-Gami state trail during realignment of the state highway 61 corridor.

48 **Effective date.** Day after enactment.