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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill appropriates money for the purchase of National Weather Service transmitters

(1) to be distributed across the state to provide full coverage of weather emergencies; and (2) to pay engineering fees related to the transmitters.

1 **Appropriations; National Weather Service transmitters.** Appropriates $1,421,000 from the general fund, for fiscal year 2000, to the Commissioner of Public Safety to purchase up to 23 National Weather Service transmitters to be distributed across Minnesota to provide full coverage of weather emergencies. The appropriation also is for engineering fees:

to determine the most appropriate locations for the transmitters, antennas, and related equipment;

to determine the viability of the towers to accommodate the additional equipment; and

to identify and implement alternative sites, if necessary.

Specifies that operational maintenance of the transmitters is the responsibility of the National Weather Service pursuant to a written agreement between the Minnesota Department of Administration and the United States Department of Commerce.