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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill makes a variety of policy changes relating to the metropolitan council. It would abolish the metropolitan parks and open space commission; allow the council to charge industrial users of wastewater services separately from local governments; do away with a consolidated regional agency financial report; and repeal an obsolete provision relating to school district capital improvement plans.

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- 1 **Included employees.** Conforming language to delete metropolitan parks and open space commission from the list of state employees.
- 2 **Metropolitan agency.** Conforming language to delete metropolitan parks and open space commission from the list of metropolitan agencies.
- 3 **Budget.** Deletes reference to consolidated financial report, the requirement for which is repealed by the bill.
- 4 **Application.** Conforming language to delete reference to the metropolitan parks and open space commission from the statute requiring metropolitan agencies to have affirmative action plans.
- 5 **Regional recreation open space policy plan.**

Subd. 1. Requirements. Conforming language to delete references to the metropolitan parks and open space commission from the statute providing for a long-range regional park system policy plan.

Subd. 2. Hearing; revision. Conforming language to delete requirements for review and comment on the council's policy plan by the metropolitan parks and open space

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commission.

- 6** **Council review.** Conforming language to delete requirement for review by the metropolitan parks and open space commission of local park plans.
- 7** **To metro local governments.** Conforming language to delete requirement for the council to get advice from the metropolitan parks and open space commission on parks grants to local governments.
- 8** **Council acquisition.** Conforming language to delete the metropolitan parks and open space commission from park acquisition process.
- 9** **Allocation formula.** Conforming language to delete the metropolitan parks and open space commission from the park funds allocation process.
- 10** **Direct charging of industrial users.** Authorizes the metropolitan council to charge industrial users directly for their use of regional wastewater treatment services, and to deduct the charges to industrial users from the charges made to local governments.
- 11** **Commission abolished; members; employees; successor.** Abolishes the metropolitan parks and open space commission and transfers its duties, employees, property, and obligations to the metropolitan council.
- 12** **Application.** Applies in the seven-county metropolitan area.
- 13** **Repealer.** Repeals requirement for a consolidated financial report for all metropolitan agencies; obsolete requirement that school districts submit 1980 capital improvement plans to council; and provisions relating to the metropolitan parks and open space commission.