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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill expands the scope of the redevelopment account program within the Department of Employment and Economic Development to include the seven county metropolitan area. The bill also eliminates the priority currently given to proposals that meet TIF financing requirements for a redevelopment district, and requires that grant funds be divided evenly between metro and non-metro projects unless applications received are insufficient to make an even division. The bill appropriates \$15 million from the bond proceeds fund for this program.

Section

- 1 **Name changed.** Changes "greater Minnesota development accounts" to "redevelopment accounts."
- 2 **Development authority definition changed.** Eliminates the requirement that a development authority be located outside of the seven-county metro area for purposes of this grant program.
- 3 **Reference eliminated.** Eliminates references to greater Minnesota for purposes of establishing criteria for grants under this program. Eliminates the priority currently given to proposals that meet TIF financing requirements for a redevelopment district.
- 4 **50/50 division of grant funds.** Requires the commissioner to divide grant funds evenly between metro and non-metro projects to the extent that sufficient applications are received to permit this. Also eliminates a reference to greater Minnesota.
- 5 **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$15 million from the bond proceeds fund to the redevelopment account.

Section

- 6** **Bond sale.** Authorizes the sale of bonds to provide the money appropriated in section 5.
7 **Effective date.** Effective the day following final enactment.