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Overview

This bill amends a couple of Minnesota Department of Transportation design build provisions, and provides authority to the department to use alternative financing mechanisms, including funding from private and federal sources, to help financing and fund transportation projects.

Section

- **1 Stipulated fee.** Amends the required stipend paid to short-listed proposers for a designbuild project, to require payment of the stipend for proposals that are only non-responsible because they exceed the maximum price.
- 2 **Reissuance of bids.** Authorizes MnDOT to reissuance a request for proposals for a designbuild project only to short-listed proposers, and provides for payment of a stipend.
- 3 Alternative financing and investment in transportation projects. Authorizes MnDOT to make agreements on financing transportation projects using funds from private companies or nonprofit sources, subject to approval by the Department of Management and Budget. Requires MnDOT to provide a listing of projects financed under this authority.
- **4 Federal financial program authority.** Authorizes MnDOT to apply for and utilize alternative finance mechanisms available through federal programs. Allows the department to enter into agreements to repay such loans or lines of credit, subject to approval by the Department of Management and Budget.