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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill amends a 2009 law that established a pilot program for selecting and undertaking local transportation projects on the municipal and county state-aid systems using the design-build method of contracting. The bill (1) removes an October 1, 2012, expiration date for the program; (2) eliminates a council established to select projects for the program; transferring those duties to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT); (3) expands MnDOT's oversight of the solicitation process; (4) removes limits on the distribution of projects between the county versus municipal state-aid systems; (5) eliminates an annual legislative report on the program; and (6) changes program terminology. Under the revisions, the program expires upon completion of nine design-build projects.

1   **Design-build local projects.** Directs MnDOT to select and support projects to be undertaken by cities and counties on their respective state-aid systems in a 2009 pilot program to use design-build contracting on local roads. Removes limits on the distribution between projects done on the county versus municipal state-aid systems. Makes conforming changes. Has the program expire after completion of nine design-build projects.

2   **Effective date.** Eliminates an October 1, 2012, expiration date for the pilot program.

3   **Design-build contracting program.** Establishes that MnDOT must sign off on a request for qualifications (RFQ) and a request for proposals (RFP) prior to sending the requests out to contractors. Amends terminology to no longer refer to a "pilot" program. Makes conforming changes.

4   **Effective date.** Eliminates an October 1, 2012, expiration date for the pilot program.