HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

FILE NUMBER: H.F. 2563 **DATE:** March 9, 2012
Version: As introduced

Authors: Anderson, B.

Subject: Modifying the allowed uses of the Clearwater local sales tax

Analyst: Pat Dalton, 651-296-7434

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd.

The bill provides a specific list of park and trail improvements that the city of Clearwater may fund with its local sales tax. The total amount of revenue that the city may raise from the sales tax remains the same as it was in the original 2008 authorizing legislation - $12 million.

Background: The original bill authorizing the Clearwater local sales tax in 2008 requested the authority to raise $12 million for park and trail improvements, a pedestrian bridge, and a community center. The park and trail improvements were removed from the legislation that passed because they were not linked to specific projects.

In 2011 the city sought and received an amendment to the language allowing the sales tax revenue to be used for park and recreation projects included in a city improvement plan adopted in 2006. However, it turned out that the plan had never been formally adopted.