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Overview

This is the omnibus capital investment bill. For the appropriations, see the spreadsheet prepared by House Fiscal Analyst, Melissa Johnson.

- 1 **Capital improvement appropriations.** Summary of the agencies and their total appropriations.
- 2 **University of Minnesota.**
- 3 **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.**
- 4 **Minnesota State Academies.**
- 5 **Perpich Center for Arts Education.**
- 6 **Natural Resources.**
- 7 **Pollution Control Agency.**
- 8 **Board of Water and Soil Resources.**
- 9 **Rural Finance Authority.**
- 10 **Minnesota Zoological Garden.**
- 11 **Administration.**
- 12 **Amateur Sports.**
- 13 **Military Affairs.**
- 14 **Public Safety.**
- 15 **Transportation.**

- 16 **Metropolitan Council.**
- 17 **Human Services.**
- 18 **Veterans Affairs.**
- 19 **Corrections.**
- 20 **Employment and Economic Development.**
- 21 **Public Facilities Authority.**
- 22 **Housing Finance Agency.**
- 23 **Minnesota Historical Society.**
- 24 **Bond sale expenses.**
- 25 **Bond sale authorization**
- 26 **Alternative energy sources.** Conforming change. See next couple of sections.
- 27 **Onsite energy generation from renewable sources.** Modifies the statute that requires new state buildings to have at least two percent of the buildings energy needs met from wind and solar located on the building site so that the requirement is limited to wind energy sources.
- 28 **Solar energy in state buildings.** Requires an appropriation for construction or major renovation of a state building to include five percent for the purchase and installation of "made in Minnesota" solar energy systems on or adjacent to the state building. Provides exceptions and limitations.
- 29 **Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure Program.** Establishes the program, which is funded in the bill.
- 30 **Housing infrastructure bonds account.** Allows the MHFA to establish a housing infrastructure bond account as a separate account in the housing development fund.
- 31 **Housing infrastructure bonds; authorization; standing appropriation.** Similar to the nonprofit housing bonds authorized in 2008, this authorizes the MHFA to issue \$10 million in debt for supportive housing, acquisition and rehabilitation of foreclosed or abandoned housing to be used for affordable rental housing, acquisition of foreclosed or abandoned property attributable to land to be leased by community land trusts, and acquisition and rehabilitation of federally assisted rental housing. The bonds are not GO and not backed by state's full faith and credit. Provides a standing general fund appropriation of up to \$740,000 million per year to pay debt service, beginning in fiscal year 2013.
- 32 **Trail connections.** Amends the 2006 project description for the Mesabi Trail and exempts it from match.
- 33 **Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit.** Provides that the 2006 appropriation for the project may be for a grant to Dakota County.
- 34 **State Trail Acquisition, Rehabilitation, and Development.** Extends availability of the 2008 appropriations for the Chester Woods Trail (to June 30, 2016) and the Minnesota River Trail (Dec. 31, 2014).

- 35 Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit.** Provides that the 2008 appropriation for the project may be for a grant to Dakota County, the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority, or the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority. Also expands the uses of the money.
- 36 Minneapolis Veterans Home Campus, Building 17 HVAC replacement.** Permits unspent funds from the 2008 appropriation to be used for purposes described in the 2010 and 2011 capital investment laws.
- 37 St. Cloud State University - National Hockey Center; HEAPR.** Expands the authorized use of state bond appropriations made in the 2008 bonding bill for the National Hockey Center at St. Cloud State University (SCSU) to include Higher Education Asset Preservation and Repair (HEAPR) uses on the St. Cloud campus or system wide. It also makes the bond appropriation available until June 30, 2016. \$6.5 million in general obligation bonds was appropriated for the National Hockey Center in the Department of Employment and Economic Development section of the 2008 bonding bill. Of this appropriation, approximately \$4.8 million is remaining for the Hockey Center or HEAPR projects.
- 38 Transit Capital Improvement Program.** Provides that the 2009 appropriation for the project may be for a grant to Dakota County, the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority, or the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority. Also expands the uses of the money.
- 39 Minnesota Sex Offender Program Treatment Facilities - Moose Lake.** Permits unused funds from the 2010 appropriation to be used for asset preservation at Moose Lake.
- 40 County and Local Preservation Grants.** Strikes the 2010 set-aside for a grant to South Saint Paul for the 1941 Navy Hangar.
- 41 Normandale Community College.** Strikes the student services building portion of the purpose for the 2011 appropriation.
- 42 NHED Mesabi Range Community and Technical College, Eveleth.** Strikes authority to acquire a privately owned housing facility on the campus from the 2011 appropriation.
- 43 Transit Capital Improvement Program.** Adds Minnesota Valley Transit Authority to the list of transit providers eligible to receive a grant from the 2011 appropriation for work related to the transitway projects listed.
- 44 Public Facilities Authority, WIF.** Exempts the 2011 Albert Lea project from the WIF program requirements.
- 45 Bond sale schedule.** Amends the 2011 provision that set the limit on the amount that may be transferred from the general fund to the state bond fund to pay debt service during the biennium to take into account bond sales authorized in 2012. Provides that part of the debt service must be from the tobacco settlement bond proceeds fund and the rest from the general fund. The proceeds from the tobacco bonds must be used for debt service. This provides savings to the general fund because general fund debt service is reduced by the amount of the tobacco bond proceeds (the \$635.744 million). So for FY 2012 and 2013 general fund debt service payments are lower than they would otherwise be - lower by \$635.744 million. The debt service numbers in the bill show the total debt service picture for this biennium.
- 46 Lake Superior-Poplar River Water District.** Creates the district as a municipal corporation with the powers in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 110A (providing for rural water districts), 429 (special assessments), and 444 (water works, storm and sanitary sewer systems). Provides that the district cannot issue general obligation bonds. Provides that the sections of chapter 110A relating to establishing the district by petition and identifying the area to be included in the district (110A.04, 110A.09 to 110A.18) and election of directors (110A.07) do not apply to this district. Provides for

user financing of the system, apart from any initial capital investment funded by the state. Provides that no one is obligated or entitled to receive water from the district unless a party to a contract to purchase water. Provides for a board of directors of between three and 13 members with the initial board appointed by the Cook County board of commissioners. Provides for staggered terms and the organizing meeting. Provides for an elected board under general law after that.

Terminates DNR permits for water appropriation from the Poplar River once the district is operational and fully permitted. Effective upon local approval.

- 47** **Acquisition for Canisteo Project.** Directs DNR to acquire land or interests in land needed to construct the conveyance system and other betterments to accommodate the Canisteo mine pit outflow. Permits DNR to use eminent domain for this.
- 48** **Repealer.** (a) Repeals the MnDOT rule limiting the state's share of port development assistance program project costs to no more than 50 percent of the nonfederal share of the eligible costs.
- (b) Repeals the 2011 law for appropriation of water from the Poplar River once DNR terminates the permits. Requires DNR to notify the Revisor of Statutes in writing.
- 49** **Effective Date.** Except as otherwise provided, effective the day after enactment.