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Bill Summary

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This bill allows for the commissioner of transportation to distribute the remnant steel from the I-35W bridge collapse once the special claims process and any litigation is completed to the Minnesota Historical Society, survivors of the collapse, federal and state agencies responsible for transportation, colleges and universities in the field of engineering, or other persons or institutions directly impacted by the bridge collapse. The bill also provides that the commissioner decides how to distribute the steel and releases the state from liability related to the condition of the steel, including the potential presence of lead-based paint. This section is effective the day following final enactment and provides the commissioner six months to distribute the steel.