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### Overview

This bill requires the Metropolitan Council to develop accessibility design standards in procurement of light rail transit vehicles and provide a legislative report on retrofitting current vehicles to fit the design.

#### Section

- 1 [473.4056] Light rail transit vehicle design.** Creates a new section of statutes on design of light rail transit vehicles.
  - Subd. 1. Adoption of standards.** Requires the council to adopt, by January 1, 2015, standards on the design of light rail transit vehicles for subsequent procurement, subject to review and approval by the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee. Requires posting on the council's website.
  - Subd. 2. Minimum standards.** Sets requirements for the design standards, including dedicated wheelchair spaces, seating next to dedicated spaces, and meeting standards in the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 2 Metropolitan Council report regarding transit vehicle design.** Requires a legislative report on adapting the light rail transit vehicle fleet to meet the design standards required to be developed in section 1 of the bill. The report is due by February 15, 2015.