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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill expands and clarifies the types of Rochester city spending that qualify as a local matching contribution under the Destination Medical Center (DMC) state aid program. In general, it provides that any city spending to support the DMC Corporation and Economic Development Agency (EDA) qualifies as the local matching contribution required to receive state aid. Under current law, one-half of the amounts the city spends for the corporation's administrative and operating costs do not qualify.

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- 1** **Public infrastructure project.** Modifies the definition of “public infrastructure project” to clarify that it includes amounts spent on planning. Most amounts spent for planning already qualify as part of preparation of the development plan; this would expand it to planning other than for the development plan. Amounts spent for the “public infrastructure project” may be paid with either state aid or city taxes; amounts spent out of city taxes qualify as a local match.
- 2** **City special taxes.** Clarifies that the special city sales tax (on lodging, food and beverages, and admissions) may be spent for any purposes that qualify as a local matching contribution. Section 4 expands the definition of what counts under the local match; this section allows city special sales tax receipts to be spent for those purposes.
- 3** **City general sales tax.** Clarifies that the city general sales tax may be spent for any purposes that qualify as a local matching contribution. Section 4 expands the definition of what counts under the local match; this section allows city general sales tax receipts to be spent for those purposes.

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- 4** **Local matching contribution.** Provides that any city money spent to support the DMC Corporation or the EDA qualifies as a local matching contribution under the state aid program. Under present law, one-half of amounts spent for the corporation's operating and administrative costs do not qualify as a local match.

- 5** **Effective date.** Upon local approval by the city of Rochester, retroactive to the original effective date of the law.