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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill creates a pilot program for up to three public-private partnership (PPP) projects between MnDOT or Metropolitan Council and private entities, using any PPP mechanism and without application of current law prohibitions on tolling and private management of transportation infrastructure.

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**1 Public-private partnership pilot program.** Creates a pilot program for public-private partnerships between MnDOT or Metropolitan Council and private entities. The provision is effective following an appropriation to cover administrative and required consultant expenses.

**Subd. 1. Public-private partnership initiatives.** Authorizes the pilot program, limits it to three projects, permits use of any existing or proposed partnership mechanism, allows conversion of existing road facilities to be tolled or managed privately, directs creation of an oversight office, and provides for office membership and duties.

**Subd. 2. Pilot program restrictions and project selection.** Provides for various process requirements and limitations, including competitive proposal evaluation with public notice, required consistency with transportation plans, mandatory temporary transfer of public infrastructure (if transfer is part of the agreement), and restriction to new transportation projects.

**Subd. 3. Evaluation and selection of private entity and project.** Governs proposed project evaluation and review, including directing MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council to contract privately for evaluation of proposed partnerships,

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identifying required expertise of the consultant, specifying considerations in the proposal evaluation, and providing for review by the oversight office established in subdivision 1.

**Subd. 4. Public-private agreement.** Identifies both mandatory and permitted elements of a pilot program contractual agreement with a private entity. Requires review of the agreement by the oversight office established in subdivision 1.

**Subd. 5. Funding from federal government.** Permits receipt of federal funds and federal contracts for the pilot projects, directs seeking to maximize funds from non-state sources, and permits combining funds from multiple sources.

**Subd. 6. Reporting.** Requires legislative reporting on the pilot program that identifies public-private partnership agreements, due by August 1 annually.