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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill requires legislative approval of the housing portions of the Metropolitan Council's Development Guide, currently known as Thrive MSP 2040, and allows the legislature to approve or alter the council's affordable, life-cycle housing goals and related funding allocations under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act.

#### Section

- 1 Development Guide.** Requires the legislature to approve the portions of the Metropolitan Council's Metropolitan Development Guide that relate to housing. The development guide is a "compilation of policy statements, goals, standards, programs, and maps prescribing guides for the orderly and economical development, public and private, of the metropolitan area" and includes, among other things, the long-term policy plans for transportation, wastewater collection and treatment, and regional parks and open space. The council adopted a long-term housing policy plan as part of the development guide in December 2014.  
**Effective date.** Effective the day after enactment and applies to the plan adopted by the council last year as well as in the future.
- 2 Affordable, life-cycle goals.** Requires the negotiated life-cycle housing goals for each municipality in the seven county metro area to be submitted to the legislature by January 15 of each year. This section is effective after January 1, 2016, and prevents the Met Council from adopting the goals until the legislature has approved them or the regular session has adjourned and no action has been taken.

## **Section**

This section and section 3 below amend the Local Housing Incentives Account of the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act. A municipality is eligible for funding from the Tax Base Revitalization Account (brownfields cleanup) and the Livable Communities Demonstration Account if it participates in the Local Housing Incentives program. The life-cycle housing goals are used to direct the housing funding received by the municipality through the Local Housing Initiatives Account.

**Effective date.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and would require submission of new goals by January 15, 2016 for metro area counties.

- 3** **Affordable, life-cycle housing opportunities amount.** Allows the legislature to approve, modify, or reject the amount of money distributed to each municipality (the life-cycle housing opportunities amount) that is used to meet that municipalities affordable, life cycle housing goals. If the legislature does not act, then the Met Council can proceed with the proposed distribution at the end of the regular legislative session.

**Effective date.** This section applies to the seven county metro area and the first report would be due by March 15, 2016.