

Subject Task force on metropolitan governance

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Overview

This bill creates a task force on metropolitan governance to study and make recommendations to the legislature on reform and governance of the Metropolitan Council.

Summary

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1 **Task force on metropolitan governance.**

Uncodified section that creates a task force on metropolitan governance.

Subd. 1. Established. Establishes the task force on metropolitan governance with the purpose of studying and making recommendations to the legislature on reform and governance of the Metropolitan Council.

Subd. 2. Membership. Specifies the members of the task force and by whom they are appointed. Members include legislators, and representatives of local units of government, a Metropolitan Council collective bargaining unit, private business, transit, higher education, and the public. Membership appointments must be made by July 15, 2023.

Subd. 3. Chair; other officers. Requires the task force to elect a chair and vice-chair and any officers necessary from its membership.

Subd. 4. Duties. Articulates the specific governance models that the task force must study and evaluate.

Subd. 5. State; metropolitan agencies must cooperate; subcommittees. Requires the Metropolitan Council and state and metropolitan agencies to cooperate with the task force and provide information in a timely fashion. Allows the task force to establish subcommittees and invite stakeholders to participate in its work.

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Subd. 6. No compensation or expenses; grants. States that no member of the task force may receive compensation or per diem for task force participation. Authorizes the task force to accept grants to support its work, so long as the money does not create a conflict of interest for the task force or its members.

Subd. 7. Administrative support; staff. Requires the Legislative Coordinating Commission to provide space, administrative support, and staff for the task force. The task force may hold meetings in any publicly accessible location in the Capitol complex that is equipped with technology that can facilitate remote testimony.

Subd. 8. Open meeting law. Provides that the task force meetings are subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

Subd. 9. Report. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the chair and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with responsibility for or jurisdiction over the Metropolitan Council and metropolitan agencies by February 1, 2024.

Effective the day following final enactment and expires June 30, 2024. Subdivisions 5, 6, and 7 apply in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.



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