

# Transportation Finance Conference Committee

## Comparison Summary of House File 2438 / Senate File 2082

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### HOUSE Art. 1 / SENATE Art. 1: Appropriations

R1	1	1	1	1	Technical difference	<b>Transportation appropriations.</b> Sets out the appropriations article structure and defines terms. Establishes that appropriations are from the Trunk Highway Fund unless another is named.
R1	1	2	1	2	Appropriation difference	<b>Department of Transportation.</b> Establishes the FY 2026-2027 biennial budget for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). Makes appropriations and provides for carryforward of funds, conditional appropriations, transfers, and legislative reporting.
R16	1	3	1	3	Appropriation difference	<b>Metropolitan Council.</b> Makes FY 2026-2027 biennial appropriations for transportation functions of the Metropolitan Council.
R16	1	4	1	4	Appropriation difference	<b>Department of Public Safety.</b> Establishes the FY 2026-2027 biennial budget for transportation-related as well as some division-wide functions of the Department of Public Safety.
R24	1	5	1	2, subd. 4 (c)(3)	Appropriation difference	<b>Empowering small Minnesota communities.</b> Makes an appropriation for a University of Minnesota program to implement infrastructure project development partnerships with local units of government.
R24	1	6	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Appropriation; local road wetland replacement.</b> Makes a \$10 million appropriation from the General Fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources in FY 2026 for local road wetland replacement activities. Sets a General Fund base.

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R25	1	7	1	2, subd. 4 (c)(2)	Appropriation difference; HOUSE only	<b>Appropriations; priority local transportation projects.</b> Makes onetime appropriations to MnDOT for grants for a variety of specified local road and other transportation projects.
R27	1	8	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Appropriations; priority trunk highway projects.</b> Makes onetime appropriations to MnDOT for a variety of specified trunk highway projects.
R28	1	9	1	5	Finance difference	<b>Appropriation cancellations.</b> Cancels portions of prior appropriations.  HOUSE: cancels amounts for a rail corridor service analysis and the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety  SENATE: cancels amounts for a rail corridor service analysis and Northern Lights Express passenger rail
R29	1	10	1	6	Finance difference	<b>Transfers.</b> Provides for various General Fund transfers.  HOUSE: makes transfers for active transportation; sets a tracking base for transfers to active transportation, the Trunk Highway Fund, and the County State-Aid Highway Fund  SENATE: makes transfers for active transportation and local government road funding gap assistance; sets a tracking base for transfers to active transportation
R29	1	11	1	7	Same	<b>Multimodal systems. (2021 appropriations law).</b> Extends the availability of a FY 2022 appropriation for construction related to a second daily intercity passenger train service, from FY 2025 to FY 2028. Effective the day after enactment.
R33	1	12	1	8	Same	<b>Appropriation; Department of Transportation. (2021 appropriation law).</b> Extends the availability of a FY 2022 appropriation for I-94 land bridge project development, from FY 2025 to FY 2026. Effective the day after enactment.
R33	1	13	1	9	Same	<b>Department of Transportation. (2023 appropriations law).</b> Modifies use of funds in a FY 2024 appropriation for assistance to auto manufacturers, to remove a requirement to provide assistance through grants.

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R33	1	14	1	10	Same	<b>Multimodal systems. (2023 appropriations law).</b> Extends the availability of FY 2024-2025 appropriations for capital and operating costs of a second daily intercity passenger train service, from FY 2025 to FY 2028. Effective the day after enactment.
R38	1	15	1	11	Same	<b>State roads. (2023 appropriations law).</b> Extends the availability of a FY 2024 appropriation for the Highways for Habitat program, from FY 2025 to FY 2027.
R43	1	16	1	14	Finance difference	<b>State roads. (2024 appropriations law).</b> Extends the availability of a FY 2025 appropriation for grants to metropolitan planning organizations related to modeling activities as part of greenhouse gas emissions assessment, from FY 2025 to FY 2026.  SENATE: broadens uses of funds under a landscaping rider
R46	—	— <i>See Art 1, § 9 (b)</i>	1	12	SENATE only	<b>Traffic safety.</b> Amends a FY 2024 appropriation to permit the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety to award grants and extends availability of those funds until FY 2027.
R48	—	—	1	13	SENATE only	<b>U.S. Highway 8; Chisago County.</b> Extends trunk highway bond sale authorization and appropriation of bond sale proceeds for a project in Chisago County until December 31, 2029.
R49	—	—	1	15	SENATE only	<b>Traffic Safety.</b> Extends the availability of a FY 2025 appropriation for lane filtering and lane splitting public education until FY 2027.
R49	1	17	1	16	Policy difference	<b>Allocation; Washington Avenue Bridge.</b> Requires a grant to the University of Minnesota for design and construction of suicide barriers, and to provide suicide diversion information, on the Washington Avenue Bridge in Minneapolis.  HOUSE: directs grant from Hennepin County  SENATE: directs grant from Met Council; requires consultation; sets cancellation

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R50	—	—	1	17	SENATE only	<b>Allocation; Metropolitan Council; transportation management organizations.</b> Requires a grant from the Metropolitan Council from funds allocated under the regional sales and use tax to certain specified transportation management organizations.

**SENATE Art. 2: Trunk Highway Bonds**

R50	—	—	2	1-4	SENATE only	Authorizes \$100.1 million in trunk highway bonding for state road construction, of which \$100,000 is for bond sale expenses.
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**HOUSE Art. 2 / SENATE Art. 3: Transportation Finance and Policy**

R51	2	1-2	3	1-2	Policy and technical difference	<b>Advisory Council on Traffic Safety.</b> Revises duties for the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety. Authorizes the Department of Public Safety to assist the council and make grants. HOUSE: effective July 1, 2025 SENATE: authorizes safety conference; specifies project types; effective the day after enactment
R53	—	—	3	3	SENATE only	<b>Medically required covering.</b> Cross-references the authorization to wear a medically required covering in a data practices statute. Effective the day following final enactment.
R53	—	—	3	4	SENATE only	<b>Greater Minnesota transit account.</b> Establishes a statutory reserve balance requirement for the Greater Minnesota transit account, of which must not be more than five percent of the total annual transit assistance fund balance from the previous fiscal year.

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R53	—	—	3	5	SENATE only	<b>All-terrain vehicle definition.</b> Amends the classification of an all-terrain vehicle to (1) expand the types of tires that may be used on the vehicle; and (2) increases the dry weight of the vehicle from 2,000 lbs. to 3,000 lbs.
R54	2	3	3	6	Technical difference	<b>Empowering Small Minnesota Communities program.</b> Establishes a program for partnerships between entities in the University of Minnesota and smaller political subdivisions to provide support and assistance on analysis, design, and project development for infrastructure projects.
R55	—	—	3	7	SENATE only	<b>Mitigating transportation project impacts on business.</b> Amends the business liaison process for construction projects that produce substantial business impacts. Requires the liaison to provide information sharing resources about business assistance opportunities available.
R56	—	—	3	8	SENATE only	<b>Local business construction impacts assistance program.</b> Establishes a local business construction impacts economic assistance program with MnDOT for certain trunk highway projects or the Metropolitan Council for transitway projects.
R57	—	—	3	9	SENATE only	<b>Highway user tax distribution fund; highway purposes definition.</b> Amends statutory appropriation limitations on the use of highway user tax distribution funds and trunk highway funds. Strikes existing statutory limitations on the commissioner of transportation using funds from the highway user tax distribution fund or trunk highway fund for certain transportation programming and operations by MnDOT.
R59, R117	—	—	3	10, 65	SENATE only	<b>Corridors of Commerce; Department of Transportation efficiency savings.</b> Makes available reallocated efficiency savings from MnDOT in the Corridors of Commerce program.
R59	2	4	3	11	Same	<b>Route No. 246.</b> Revises a statutory route description as part of a trunk highway turnback.

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R60	—	—	3	12	SENATE only	<b>Officer Jason B. Meyer Memorial Highway.</b> Designates a stretch of U.S. Highway 63 south of Racine as "Officer Jason B. Meyer Memorial Highway." Funds for the memorial signs must come from nonstate sources.
R60	—	—	3	13	SENATE only	<b>Elmstrand * Finseth * Ruge Heroes Memorial Bridge.</b> Designates the bridge on Burnsville Parkway over Interstate Highway 35W in the city of Burnsville as "Elmstrand * Finseth * Ruge Heroes Memorial Bridge." Funds for the memorial signs must come from non-state sources.
R60	—	—	3	14	SENATE only	<b>Purpose and need statement development requirements.</b> Establishes requirements for the development of purpose and need statements for certain MnDOT projects. Requires scoping process for projects before inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan ("STIP").
R62	2	5	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Definitions.</b> Makes a conforming change, to revise a reference to a definition that is being moved to a different section of statutes.
R62	2	6	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Applicable projects; implementation.</b> Amends requirements governing greenhouse gas emissions assessments and mitigation activities for some trunk highway projects, to (1) halt currently required assessments and mitigation; and (2) delay the requirements until August 1, 2028, for projects subsequently added to the State Transportation Improvement Program. Effective the day after enactment.
R63	2	7-8	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Transportation impact assessment and mitigation account.</b> Requires a transfer of funds from the transportation impact assessment and mitigation account if the unencumbered account balance has gone above half of the amount of funds deposited in the account in a fiscal year. Up to 90 percent of the available balance must be transferred to the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund.

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R64	—	—	3	15-22	SENATE only	<b>Design standards and variances from design standards for state-aid roads.</b> Requires the incorporation of the Department of Transportation Facility Design Guide for future state-aid road designs. Amends a variety of provisions related to state-aid engineering design standards and the process by which a local road authority may request a variance from those standards.
R71	—	—	3	23	SENATE only	<b>Local government road funding gap assistance.</b> Creates a local government road funding gap assistance account to provide certain eligible local units of government with financial assistance for the design, construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of roads solely under their jurisdiction.
R71, R136	2	9, 66	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Investment of money.</b> Directs local units of government (including counties, cities, and the Metropolitan Council) to use interest or investment income resulting from transportation funding only for transportation purposes. Effective the day after enactment.
R72	2	10	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Dealer.</b> Authorizes the Department of Public Safety to treat a motor vehicle dealer that is licensed in a neighboring state as licensed in Minnesota for some functions, including handling electronically-transmitted vehicle registrations and transfers.
R72	2	11	3	24	Policy difference	<b>All-electric vehicle surcharge.</b> Increases the surcharge on electric vehicles, from \$75 to \$200. HOUSE: revises revenue allocation; effective July 1, 2025 SENATE: establishes indexing; effective Augst 1, 2025
R73	—	—	3	25	SENATE only	<b>Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle surcharge.</b> Establishes a \$100 surcharge on plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. Establishes indexing. Effective August 1, 2025.
R74, R88, R89	—	—	3	26-27, 33, 35	SENATE only	<b>All-electric motorcycle and plug-in hybrid electric motorcycle surcharge; definitions.</b> Establishes a \$40 surcharge for all-electric motorcycles and a \$20 surcharge for registration of a plug-in hybrid electric motorcycle. Defines those vehicles. Imposes indexing on the two surcharges. Effective August 1, 2025.

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R75, R84	2	12, 21	3	28, 32	Technical difference <i>Staff rec.: House language</i>	<b>60-day temporary vehicle permit.</b> Extends the valid period, from 31 to 60 days, on a temporary vehicle permit that is issued instead of vehicle registration for a vehicle to be transported out of state. Effective October 1, 2025.
R75	2	13-14	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Blackout special plate.</b> Revises allocation of donation revenue from blackout special plates, so that 43.75 percent is directed to the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund instead of the driver and vehicle services operating account.
R76	2	15	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Rental motor vehicle plates.</b> Establishes a rental motor vehicle special license plate. Sets eligibility, identifies eligible vehicles, specifies application requirements, provides for plate design, sets plate transfer requirements, and sets an exemption from validation stickers. Applies the earlier of July 1, 2026, or once the plates are made available.
R77	2	16	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Exemptions.</b> Establishes that independent contractors are not exempt from requirements to hold a dealer license for the relevant type of motor vehicle business activity.
R78	2	17	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Dealers' licenses; location change notice; fee.</b> Expands qualification requirements to obtain a dealer license related to motor vehicle business activity, which includes necessitating a national background check. Effective January 1, 2026.
R79	2	18	3	29	Policy and technical difference	<b>Dealer plates.</b> Modifies requirements on issuance and use of motor vehicle dealer special plates, including to allow use of the plates on a courtesy vehicle.  HOUSE: limits total plate issuances; authorizes plate administration by a trade association; modifies fees
R81	2	19	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Dealer license for trailers, motorized bicycles; plates, fees; exemptions.</b> Amends requirements on dealer plate issuance to dealers involved in sales of mopeds and some types of trailers.



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R82, R100	2	20, 39	3	30, 47	Technical difference <i>Staff rec.: House language</i>	<b>Reimbursements.</b> Directs payments to deputy registrars and driver’s license agents for some types of transactions, in specified reimbursement amounts based on the type of transaction.
R84	—	—	3	31	SENATE only	<b>Removal of license plates.</b> Requires the removal of license plates affixed to a vehicle by the owner upon transfer of interest in the vehicle. The purchaser, at the time of transfer, must obtain new license plates and pay all relevant fees. Effective January 1, 2026.
R85	2	22	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Insurer application for title.</b> Authorizes a process for issuance of a title on a motor vehicle that is acquired by an insurer through an insurance payment, when the title was not provided to the insurer following a claim payment. Effective August 1, 2025.
R86	2	23	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Requirements upon unpaid insurance vehicle claim.</b> Sets requirements on disposition of a motor vehicle in the possession of a salvage vehicle auction company on behalf of an insurer following an insurance claim. Effective August 1, 2025.
R87	2	24	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Fuel products.</b> Defines “fuel products” for the chapter of state statutes governing the retail delivery fee.
R87	2	25	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Road construction materials.</b> Defines “road construction materials” for the chapter of state statutes governing the retail delivery fee.
R87	2	26	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Transactions.</b> Adds an exemption from the retail delivery fee for delivery following a sale of (1) some liquefied fuel products that are subject to the state general sales tax when sold, and (2) road construction materials.

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R88	2	27	3	24	Effective date difference	<b>Intersection.</b> Revises the definition of “intersection” for the chapter of state statutes governing traffic regulations. HOUSE: effective August 1, 2025 SENATE: effective July 1, 2025
R89	2	28	3	36 (a)-(c) <sup>[2]</sup>	Technical difference <i>Staff rec.: Senate language</i>	<b>Traffic-control signal.</b> Clarifies the traffic regulation meaning for flashing yellow arrows on traffic-control signals.
R91	—	—	3	36 (d) <sup>[2]</sup>	SENATE only	<b>Limitation on authority to issue citation to pedestrian.</b> Narrows circumstances by which a pedestrian may be issued a citation for entering a roadway to cross after the display of a steady yellow signal or a steady red signal.
R91	—	—	3	37	SENATE only	<b>Limitation on authority to issue citation to pedestrian.</b> Limits the circumstances by which a pedestrian may be issued a citation for entering a cross walk during a flashing or steady display of a “Don’t Walk” pedestrian signal. Effective August 1, 2025, for citations issued on or after that date.
R92	2	29	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Officer to report accident to commissioner.</b> Broadens the circumstances in which crash reporting by peace officers to the Department of Public Safety is required, to include accidents on streets and paths that result in bodily injury regardless of subsequent medical treatment.
R93	2	30	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>License revocation for extreme speed.</b> Broadens the circumstances in which a driver’s license is revoked for speed related violations, to include speeding convictions when exceeding the speed limit by 35 miles per hour or more.
R93	—	—	3	38	SENATE only	<b>Speed limit on Steele County State-Aid Highway 12; city of Medford.</b> Designates a statutory speed limit for a specified segment of Steele County State-Aid Highway 12 in the city of Medford.

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R93	—	—	3	39	SENATE only	<b>Speed limit on Beltrami County State-Aid Highway 20; Lake Beltrami State Park.</b> Designates a statutory speed limit for a specified segment of Beltrami County State-Aid Highway 20 from its intersection with Beltrami County State-Aid Highway 21 to the entrance of Lake Bemidji State Park.
R93	—	—	3	40	SENATE only	<b>Limitation on authority to issue citation to pedestrian.</b> Limits the circumstances by which a pedestrian may be issued a citation for not using a crosswalk when crossing a roadway between adjacent intersections with operational traffic signals.
R94	—	—	3	41	SENATE only	<b>School bus stop arm violation fine increase; repeat violation fine established.</b> Increases the statutory penalties for violations of the school bus stop arm law by adding a \$700 fine for a violation occurring within ten years of a prior violation and a \$950 fine for a violation occurring within ten years after two or more violations.
R94	2	31	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Seat belt requirement.</b> Requires use of a factory equipped seatbelt in a class 2 all-terrain vehicle when it is operated in a public road right-of-way.
R95	2	32-33	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Farm products special permit.</b> Temporarily—until January 1, 2031—adds crude soybean oil to the set of agricultural products that can be transported on limited routes under a special overweight vehicle permit for farm products.
R96	2	34	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Road test.</b> Adds a definition of “road test” to the chapter of state statutes governing driver’s education and licensing.
R97	—	—	3	43	SENATE only	<b>Work zone; definition.</b> Adds a definition of “work zone” to the chapter of state statutes governing driver’s education and licensing.
R97	2	35	3	44	Same	<b>Person 18 or more years of age.</b> Extends the valid length of time for a commercial learner’s permit, from six months to one year.

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R97	2	36	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Online renewal.</b> Authorizes online driver’s license or Minnesota identification card renewal and duplicate issuance. Sets requirements and limitations.
R98	2	37-38	3	45-46	Same	<b>Evidence; identity and name change.</b> Shifts a list of documents that can be provided to demonstrate a name change as part of application for a REAL ID-compliant credential.
R102, R103	—	—	3	48-49, 51	SENATE only	<b>Work zone safety; driver’s education; driver’s manual; examination subjects.</b> Requires work zone safety and work zone safety driving rules to be taught as driver education and driver’s examination subjects.
R103	—	—	3	50	SENATE only	<b>Certain head wear permitted; medical covering.</b> Permits an applicant who, because of an injury or illness that requires continuous coverage of their head or scalp, to refrain from removing the medically required covering for their driver’s license or identification card photograph.
R104	2	40 <i>See Art. 2, § 34</i>	3	52	Policy difference	<b>Examination fees.</b> Increases the fee for a road test no-show or a cancellation within 24 hours of the scheduled appointment time. Imposes a fee of \$20 for a cancellation that is 24 to 72 hours before the scheduled time.  HOUSE: sets \$40 fee  SENATE: sets \$50 fee
R105	2	41	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Test scheduling.</b> Allows Department of Public Safety scheduling of recurring appointment time blocks for commercial driver’s license road tests. Makes a technical change.
R105	2	42 <i>See Art. 3</i>	3	53	Technical difference  <i>Staff rec.: House language</i>	<b>Offenses.</b> Makes a technical change, to identify statutory cross-references related to driver’s license revocations.

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R106	—	—	3	56-57	SENATE only	<b>Reintegration driver’s license expiration extension.</b> Extends the validity period for a reintegration driver’s license from 15 to 24 months. Provides a 90-day extension period for when a reintegration driver’s license is considered expired. Section 56 is effective the day following final enactment and applies to licenses issued on or after that date. Section 57 is effective the day following final enactment and applies to already-issued reintegration driver’s licenses.
R107	—	—	3	60	SENATE only	<b>Ignition interlock rulemaking authorized.</b> Revises direction to the commissioner of public safety to adopt rules relating to performance standards and certification processes and program guidelines of the ignition interlock device program.
R107	—	—	3	61	SENATE only	<b>Flexible driver’s education methods authorized.</b> Authorizes a student to receive a combination of online, teleconference, and in-person classroom instruction if (1) the instruction is from a single licensed driver’s education provider, (2) the curriculum is identical across instructional settings, and (3) the provider of driver’s education is authorized to provide at least two methods of classroom instruction under the Department rules. Effective August 1, 2025.
R107	2	43	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Emissions reduction goals; financial assistance.</b> Authorizes MnDOT to provide grants as provided in law related to environmental and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.
R107	—	—	3	62	SENATE only	<b>Outcome analysis of state highway investment plan modifications.</b> Requires, upon subsequent revisions to the 20-year state highway investment plan, an analysis of all trunk highway projects included in the plan and provides a variety of planning, timeline, and justification rationales.
R108	2	44	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Trunk highway performance, resiliency, and sustainability.</b> Eliminates a standalone report on MnDOT performance (which is substantially reproduced in reporting requirements being centralized elsewhere).

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R109	2	45	3	63	Policy and technical difference	<b>Asset sustainability ratio targets.</b> Directs MnDOT to meet specified asset sustainability ratio targets for pavement and provide reporting on the results. HOUSE: commences for FY 2027 SENATE: commences for FY 2030
R109	2	46	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Transportation project activity portal.</b> Directs MnDOT to create a map-based portal for trunk highway projects and project analysis activity, including to set portal design requirements and identify required project information. Requires a fiscal dashboard. Directs implementation by January 1, 2028.
R112	2	47	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Consolidated local transportation financials report.</b> Directs MnDOT to submit an annual report that combines and summarizes reporting from Twin Cities metropolitan area counties and associated regional railroad authorities. Specifies required financial details. Requires withholding county state-aid in some circumstances.
R114	2	48	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Exceptions.</b> Amends expiration requirements for MnDOT reports, including to prevent a consolidated local transportation financial report from expiring.
R114	2	49	3	64	Policy difference	<b>Resilient pavement program.</b> Establishes a resilient pavement program that provides supplemental funding to allow an existing trunk highway project to be revised with a longer pavement design life.
R116	2	50	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Program administration.</b> Removes a requirement of annual funding solicitations by MnDOT under the active transportation program.
R116	2	51	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Metropolitan counties; financial information.</b> Directs Twin Cities metropolitan area counties to submit specified financial information to MnDOT as part of a consolidated financial report being established.

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R117	2	52	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Report on trunk highway performance, expenditures, and efficiencies.</b> Modifies a legislative report on trunk highways and MnDOT efficiencies, including to eliminate project-specific reporting (which is substantially replaced by the project activity portal being established elsewhere) and require reporting on performance measures (which is substantially reproduced from another report being eliminated). Makes technical changes.
R119	2	53	3	66	Policy difference	<b>Passenger rail account; transfers; appropriation.</b> Delays the commencement of annual transfers from the General Fund to the passenger rail account, to begin in CY 2029 instead of CY 2027. HOUSE: delays reporting to CY 2029
R120	—	—	3	67-69	SENATE only	<b>Multidisciplinary project development; complete streets plan and implementation modification.</b> Requires a revision to certain MnDOT street planning policies and implementation to incorporate project development requirements being set (see sections 14 and 67). Sections 68-69 are effective March 1, 2027.
R121	2	54-56	3	70-72	Policy difference	<b>Electric-assisted bicycle rebate.</b> Revises eligibility, amount, and allocation process for the electric-assisted bicycle rebate, including to reduce the maximum amount to \$750, lower the adjusted gross income cap, and shift to a lottery basis. HOUSE: requires prior year MN tax filing SENATE: requires two prior years MN tax filings; limits eligibility to persons with a disability
R124	—	—	3	73	SENATE only	<b>Deposit of revenues; sale and purchase of motor vehicle repair and replacement parts.</b> Temporarily modifies the statutory allocation of revenue from the state general sales tax attributed to auto parts sales in FYs 2028 and 2029.
R127	2	57	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Uses reporting.</b> Revises legislative reporting requirements from Twin Cities metropolitan area counties on use of county transportation sales and use tax funds.

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R128	2	58	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Grant contracts and programs; administrative costs.</b> Authorizes the Department of Public Safety to retain specified percentages of appropriations made for grants, to cover administrative costs.
R129	—	—	3	74-75	SENATE only	<b>Railroad and pipeline safety account; assessments.</b> Amends the statutory assessment upon both railroad companies and pipeline companies and reallocates the appropriation from the assessment for certain activities related to railroad discharge preparedness and the grade crossing safety account.
R130, R133	2	59, 64	3	76, 81-82	Technical difference <i>Staff rec.: House language</i>	<b>Coordinated unmanned aircraft events.</b> Provides for fleet registration of unmanned aircraft systems used in coordinated flight as part of a one-day event.
R130	2	60-63	3	77-80	Effective date difference	<b>Electronic attestation; aircraft registration.</b> Allows electronic attestation in registration of some types of aircraft. Makes technical changes. HOUSE: effective August 1, 2025 SENATE: effective July 1, 2025
R133	2	65	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Financial information.</b> Directs regional railroad authorities associated with Twin Cities metropolitan area counties to submit financial information to MnDOT for a consolidated financial report being established elsewhere in this article.
R134, R136	—	—	3	83, 86-87	SENATE only	<b>Metropolitan Council; direct contracting preferences authorized.</b> Expands the application of small business programs currently applicable to state agencies to the Metropolitan Council and authorizes the direct negotiation of certain types of contracts.
R134, R138, R141	—	—	3	84-85, 88, 90	SENATE only	<b>Metropolitan Council; transportation financial reporting.</b> Modifies a variety of required transportation reporting requirements for the Metropolitan Council. Consolidates reporting requirements relating to replacement service providers, Metro Transit cleanliness standards, and transportation program forecast reporting.



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R139	2	67-69	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Met Council bonding.</b> Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to issue bonds or other obligations for some regional transit capital expenditures, with repayment of General Fund costs.
R140	2	70	2	89	Technical difference	<b>Transit service for certified disabled riders.</b> Establishes free regular route transit service in the Twin Cities metropolitan area for certified special transportation service (e.g., Metro Mobility) riders.
R142	2	71	3	91	Policy difference	<b>Use of funds; Metropolitan Council; loan authorized.</b> Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to loan up to \$250 million from the council’s portion of regional sales tax revenue, for a project that coordinates highway construction with one major transitway project.  HOUSE: identifies additional uses; effective the day after enactment  SENATE: requires zero-interest loan
R142	2	72	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Use of funds; metropolitan counties.</b> Eliminates a legislative report from Twin Cities metropolitan area counties on use of regional transportation sales tax fund (which is being replaced by consolidated financial reporting requirements elsewhere in this article).
R143	2	73	3	92	Same	<b>Traffic safety violations disposition analysis.</b> Extends the due date for a final report on an analysis of the disposition of various types of traffic citations, to be January 15, 2026, instead of July 1, 2025. Effective the day after enactment.
R143	—	—	3	93-94	SENATE only	<b>Motorcycle operation rules; delayed effective date until July 1, 2026.</b> Modifies the 2024 legislative authorization for lane filtering and lane splitting by repealing the authorization to lane split on a motorcycle and limits the road types of which a person may lane filter on a motorcycle. A person may only lane filter—moving forward to the front of traffic—when traffic is stationary and is the motorcycle is travelling no greater than 25 miles per hour. The effective date of the 2024 legislation is delayed a year from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2026.

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R145	—	—	3	96	SENATE only	<b>Autonomous mower research.</b> Requires the commissioner of transportation to study autonomous mower technology for potential deployment on property owned by MnDOT. Directs the purchase of autonomous mower technology from a Minnesota company. Legislative report is due February 15, 2027.
R147	—	—	3	97	SENATE only	<b>Department of Transportation cost participation policy.</b> Directs the commissioner of transportation to adopt a revised cost participation policy between the department and local units of government. The revised policy is due March 1, 2026, with an initial legislative report due February 1, 2026.
R147	—	—	3	98	SENATE only	<b>Changeable message signs during hazardous or inclement weather requirement.</b> Directs the display of a traffic safety message on certain roadside electronic signs to remind motorists to turn on their headlights during periods of inclement weather.
R148	—	—	3	99	SENATE only	<b>Policy advisory committee modifications.</b> Requires the adoption of bylaws and procedures to govern the approval and operation of the three currently organized policy advisory committees for specified MnDOT projects. Establishes robust public participation and community engagement processes.
R151	—	—	3	100	SENATE only	<b>Minnesota Senate Majority Leader Kari Dziedzic Memorial Bridge.</b> Directs the city of Minneapolis to designate the 10th Avenue Bridge over the Mississippi River as the “Minnesota Senate Majority Leader Kari Dziedzic Memorial Bridge” by October 1, 2025.
R151	—	—	3	101	SENATE only	<b>Report; electric-assisted rebate bicycle program.</b> Requires a report from the Department of Revenue on the operation of the electric-assisted bicycle rebate program, its technical challenges, and the commissioner’s anticipated plan for instituting a lottery for allocating the remaining rebate certificate. Report is due December 31, 2026.

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R152	2	74	3	102	Same	<b>Rulemaking; loss of voluntary control provisions modification.</b> Directs the Department of Public Safety to revise administrative rules that govern physician’s statements on a driver’s ability to safely operate a vehicle following an episode of loss of consciousness or voluntary control, to terminate mandated physician’s statements in some situations. Effective the day after enactment.
R153	2	75	3	95	Same	<b>Additional full-service provider in Circle Pines.</b> Directs the Department of Public Safety to appoint the existing deputy registrar and driver’s license agent as a full-service office in the city of Circle Pines.
R153	2	76	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Bus rapid transit alternate mode analysis.</b> Directs the Metropolitan Council to conduct an analysis of alternate transit options in the corridor of the Blue Line light rail transit extension project. Specifies analysis contents. Requires a legislative report by January 15, 2026. Effective the day after enactment.
R154	2	77	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>High-subsidy transit service analysis.</b> Directs the Metropolitan Council to conduct an analysis of high-subsidy routes in the regular route transit system. Specifies analysis contents. Requires submission of the analysis to the legislature by March 1, 2026. Effective the day after enactment.
R154	2	78	—	—	HOUSE only	<b>Metro Mobility forecasting analysis.</b> Directs MnDOT to arrange for an analysis of Metropolitan Council forecasting practices for Metro Mobility costs and service. Specifies analysis details. Requires submission of the analysis to the legislature by February 1, 2026. Effective the day after enactment.
R155	—	—	3	103	SENATE only	<b>Studies; transportation network companies; riders with disabilities.</b> Requires the commissioner of transportation to conduct a study on improving access on transportation network company (“TNC”) vehicles for those with mobility challenges. The first study must analyze a state-assessed surcharge on TNC rides to fund grants for the purchase of wheelchair accessible vehicles by TNC drivers or taxicab companies. The second study must assess the viability of a state-created TNC application for riders with disabilities or who require the use of wheelchair accessible vehicles.
R159	—	—	3	104	SENATE only	<b>Revisor’s Instruction.</b> Directs the alphabetization of Chapter 169 definitions.

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R159	—	—	3	105	SENATE only	<p><b>Repealer.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Paragraph (a)</b> repeals a reporting requirement for replacement service providers as part of the reporting reorganization (see Senate section 85).</li> <li>▪ <b>Paragraph (b)</b> repeals the DVS Oversight Committee.</li> <li>▪ <b>Paragraph (c)</b> repeals a variety of state-aid design and engineering standards and rules governing variance advisory committees.</li> </ul>

**HOUSE Art. 3: Conforming Changes / SENATE Art. 3: Transportation Finance Policy**

R160	3	1-5 <i>See Art. 2, § 42</i>	3	42, 54-55, 58-59  <i>See Art. 3, § 53</i>	Same	Makes technical changes, to conform state statutes to modifications being made elsewhere that revise a numbered list related to driver’s license revocations.
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**Notes**

<sup>[1]</sup> Revisor Page is the starting page number in the side-by-side document.

<sup>[2]</sup> Section number is repeated in the summary.