

Subject Metropolitan Council administrative streamlining bill

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Overview

This bill amends many sections of the Minnesota Statutes with programs or procedures involving the Metropolitan Council.

All sections are effective the day following final enactment, and many also apply in the metropolitan area.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Program review.</p> <p>Removes review by the Metropolitan Council or a regional development commission of a city housing program funded with revenue bonds.</p>
2	<p>Policy plan, general requirements.</p> <p>Removes a reference to the metropolitan long-range policy plan for solid waste management adopted in 2011 from the statute requiring the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to revise such a plan every six years. Grammatical changes are made throughout.</p>
3	<p>Council review; independent commission, board, agency.</p> <p>Makes technical changes to Minn. Stat. § 473.165, reorganizing the section into subdivisions and making grammatical changes.</p>
4	<p>Decennial review.</p> <p>Changes the review and assessment of the Metropolitan Council's rules relating to matters of metropolitan significance from a biennial to a decennial review, occurring the year ending in the numeral "5." Removes a legislative reporting requirement.</p>
5	<p>Reports.</p> <p>Removes an explanation of a policy plan and other comprehensive plan adopted for the metropolitan area and the review comments of the affected metropolitan agency from a legislative reporting requirement for the Metropolitan Council. Adds</p>

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	additional information to be reported relating to proposed matters of metropolitan significance submitted to the Metropolitan Council. Technical formatting changes made throughout.
6	Livable communities criteria and guidelines. Provides the date of April 1 for a legislative report by the Metropolitan Council to the legislature on the metropolitan livable communities fund. Clarifies the information to be provided. Formatting changes are made throughout the section, including reorganizing the section into subdivisions.
7	Metropolitan livable communities fund. Amends Minn. Stat. § 473.251, which establishes the metropolitan livable communities fund and creates four accounts in the fund, to include similar requirements to certain language in the local housing incentives account statute, which are repealed in section 16.
8	Distribution of funds. Removes a matching funds requirement from language describing distributions from the local housing incentives account. Adds Tribal governments and Tribal development entities as eligible development authorities for purposes of the program. Technical formatting and grammatical changes are made throughout.
9	Later election to participate. Technical changes to clarify municipal participation in the metropolitan livable communities program. Technical formatting changes are also made.
10	Allocation formula. Changes a submission date for implementing agencies that receive metropolitan area regional parks funding. Clarifies that the expenditures submitted should be from the most recent annual audited financial statement.
11	Capital projects; review. Makes technical changes to Minn. Stat. § 473.621, subd. 6, which specifies the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport capital projects that must be submitted by the Metropolitan Airports Commission to the Metropolitan Council for review.
12	Legislative findings and purpose. Makes a grammatical change to the legislative purpose statement for the Metropolitan Land Planning Act.

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13	Contents. Makes technical grammatical and modernization changes to the comprehensive plan contents provision in Minn. Stat. § 473.859.
14	Decennial review. Makes technical grammatical and modernization changes to the decennial review process provision in Minn. Stat. § 473.864.
15	Expiration by authority. Amends the procedures for an authority to initiate expiration of metropolitan agricultural preserves.
16	Repealer. Repeals the participation, housing goals, and legislative reporting requirement provision of the local housing incentives account statute. Also repeals a provision of the comprehensive plan content statute that limited application of certain land use plan information.



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