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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1909

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy
03/13/2023 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to the Metropolitan Council; modifying requirements of a study on
1.3 post-COVID pandemic public transportation; amending Laws 2021, First Special
1.4 Session chapter 5, article 4, section 143.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 143, is amended
1.7 to read:

1.8 Sec. 143. STUDY ON POST-COVID PANDEMIC PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

1.9 (a) ~~From funds specified under Minnesota Statutes, section 161.53, paragraph (b), the~~
1.10 ~~commissioner of transportation~~ Using existing resources, the Metropolitan Council must
1.11 arrange and pay for a study by the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of
1.12 Minnesota that examines public transportation after the COVID-19 pandemic is substantially
1.13 curtailed in the United States. At a minimum, the study must:

1.14 (1) focus primarily on transit service for commuters in the metropolitan area, as defined
1.15 in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2;

1.16 (2) specifically review Northstar Commuter Rail and commuter-oriented transit service
1.17 by the Metropolitan Council and by the suburban transit providers; and

1.18 (3) provide analysis and projections on anticipated changes in:

1.19 (i) ridership;

1.20 (ii) demand for different modes and forms of active and public transportation;

1.21 (iii) transit service levels and features;

2.1 (iv) revenue and expenditures; and

2.2 (v) long-term impacts.

2.3 (b) By ~~February~~ October 1, 2023 2024, the ~~commissioner~~ chair of the Metropolitan
2.4 Council must provide a copy of the study to the members of the legislative committees with
2.5 jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
2.7 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
2.8 Scott, and Washington.