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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 2427

03/02/2023 Authored by Klevorn and Hortman The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; requiring the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning
1.3 Board to update the Capitol Mall Design Framework; specifying certain elements
1.4 that must be included in the updated framework; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. CAPITOL CAMPUS DESIGN FRAMEWORK; APPROPRIATIONS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Design framework updates; appropriation. (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal
1.8 year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the Capitol Area Architectural and
1.9 Planning Board to update the Capitol Mall Design Framework and for initial implementation
1.10 of the framework. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until December 31, 2024.

1.11 The updated design framework must include:

1.12 (1) plans to integrate green space campus-wide, including but not limited to the addition
1.13 of green space on the following sites at the approximate sizes indicated:

1.14 (i) the southwest corner of Rice Street and University Avenue, with a minimum size of
1.15 20,700 square feet;

1.16 (ii) the northeast corner of Rice Street and University Avenue, with a minimum size of
1.17 32,000 square feet; and

1.18 (iii) the north side of the State Capitol building adjacent to University Avenue;

1.19 (2) plans for visual markers and welcome information for the Capitol campus at one or
1.20 more corners of Rice Street and University Avenue, anchoring a pathway to the State Capitol
1.21 building and Capitol Mall that features interpretive markers honoring the importance and

2.1 stature of the Capitol campus as both a historic site and as a modern, active public gathering
2.2 space for all Minnesotans; and

2.3 (3) plans to plant trees throughout the Capitol campus, prioritizing the creation of a
2.4 mature tree canopy to provide an area of shade for users of the Capitol Mall between or
2.5 adjacent to the State Capitol building and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

2.6 (b) The board must contract with one or more professional design consultants with
2.7 expertise on horticulture, landscape architecture, civic space design, infrastructure assessment,
2.8 and operations and maintenance planning to develop the framework updates. The board
2.9 must additionally consult with the commissioners of administration and public safety and
2.10 the senate majority leader and the speaker of the house or their designees before any proposed
2.11 framework update is approved. The board must approve the updated design framework no
2.12 later than December 31, 2023.

2.13 Subd. 2. **Design framework implementation; appropriation.** \$5,000,000 in fiscal year
2.14 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of administration to
2.15 implement the updated design framework, prioritizing the framework plans identified in
2.16 subdivision 1, clauses (1) to (3). This is a onetime appropriation and is available until
2.17 December 31, 2024.

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.