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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring analysis of impact on health care costs from reducing
1.3 air pollution.

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

1.5 Section 1. **IMPACT ON HEALTH CARE COSTS FROM AIR POLLUTION**
1.6 **REDUCTIONS; ANALYSIS.**

1.7 (a) The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, in consultation with the Department of
1.8 Health, the Department of Transportation, and the Metropolitan Council, shall analyze
1.9 the incremental health care costs attributable to air pollution in Minnesota, which are
1.10 estimated at \$30,000,000,000 per year or more in the Pollution Control Agency's 2015
1.11 Report to the Legislature: Air Quality In Minnesota, and shall present options for goals
1.12 to significantly reduce those costs, expressed in health care costs saved, and strategies
1.13 and a timetable the state could adopt to meet the goals. State goals and strategies should
1.14 extend for at least a ten-year period and should include interim goals for intervening years.
1.15 Any costs to the state of adopting the strategies must also be presented. When developing
1.16 strategies, the agency may consider those that:

1.17 (1) reduce air pollution from sources that contribute most to health care costs,
1.18 including emissions from on-road and off-road vehicles;

1.19 (2) reduce emissions of individual air pollutants that contribute most to health care
1.20 costs; and

1.21 (3) reduce air pollution in specific geographic areas where exposure is very high, if
1.22 doing so helps achieve reductions more quickly or at a lower cost.

2.1 (b) Results of the analysis must be submitted by February 1, 2016, to the chairs and
2.2 ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with
2.3 primary jurisdiction over environment and health.

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