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Introduction and first reading
 Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; making various policy changes, including to Indian

1.3 employment preferences, highway turnbacks, escort vehicles, and trunk highway

1.4 debt service forecasts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 161.115,

1.5 subdivision 27; 169.812, subdivision 2; 296A.083, subdivision 2; Laws 2012,

1.6 chapter 287, article 3, section 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

1.7 Statutes, chapter 161.

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

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 161.115, subdivision 27, is amended to read:

1.10 Subd. 27. **Route No. 96.** Beginning at a point on Route No. ~~95~~ 244 as herein established

1.11 at or near ~~Stillwater~~ Dellwood City, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on

1.12 Route No. ~~63~~ 1 at or near ~~New Brighton~~ White Bear Lake.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the commissioner of

1.14 transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the commissioner and the governing

1.15 body of Washington County to transfer jurisdiction of Legislative Route No. 96 and after

1.16 the commissioner sends notice to the revisor of statutes electronically or in writing that the

1.17 conditions required to transfer the route have been satisfied.

1.18 Sec. 2. **[161.369] INDIAN EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE.**

1.19 As authorized by United States Code, title 23, section 104, paragraph (d), the

1.20 commissioner may implement an Indian employment preference for members of federally

1.21 recognized tribes on projects carried out under United States Code, title 23, on or near an

1.22 Indian reservation. For purposes of this section, a project is near an Indian reservation if

1.23 the project is within the distance a person seeking employment could reasonably be expected

2.1 to commute to and from each workday. The commissioner, in consultation with federally
 2.2 recognized Minnesota tribes, may determine when a project is near an Indian reservation.

2.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.812, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 2. **Escort vehicles required; width.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and
 2.5 (e), no escort vehicle is required if the width of an overdimensional load is 15 feet or less
 2.6 as measured at the bottom of the load or is 16 feet or less as measured at the top of the load.

2.7 (b) Only one rear escort vehicle is required on a multilane divided roadway if the width
 2.8 of an overdimensional load is more than 15 feet as measured at the bottom of the load or is
 2.9 more than 16 feet as measured at the top of the load.

2.10 (c) Only one lead escort vehicle and one rear escort vehicle is required on any undivided
 2.11 roadway if the width of an overdimensional load is more than 15 feet as measured at the
 2.12 bottom of the load or is more than 16 feet as measured at the top of the load.

2.13 (d) ~~Only~~ One lead escort vehicle, one rear escort vehicle, and one lead licensed peace
 2.14 officer is required when any part of an overdimensional load or a vehicle transporting an
 2.15 overdimensional load extends beyond the left of the centerline on an undivided roadway.

2.16 (e) The commissioner may require additional escorts when deemed necessary to protect
 2.17 public safety or to ensure against undue damage to the road foundations, surfaces, or
 2.18 structures. The commissioner must specify in the permit (1) the number of additional escorts
 2.19 required; and (2) whether the operators of the escort vehicles must be licensed peace officers
 2.20 or may be escort drivers, as defined in subdivision 1.

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

2.22 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 296A.083, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.23 Subd. 2. **Debt service forecast.** ~~On June 30, 2008, and each March 1 thereafter~~ April 1
 2.24 each year, the commissioner of management and budget shall report to the commissioner
 2.25 of revenue on trunk highway debt service. The report must include the annual amount of
 2.26 revenue from the surcharge previously deposited in the trunk highway fund, and a forecast
 2.27 of the total and annual amounts necessary to pay the remaining debt service.

2.28 Sec. 5. Laws 2012, chapter 287, article 3, section 4, the effective date, is amended to read:

2.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment ~~and~~
 2.30 ~~expires one year following the acceptance of ten construction manager/general contractor~~
 2.31 ~~contracts.~~

3.1 **Sec. 6. LEGISLATIVE ROUTE NO. 263 REMOVED.**

3.2 (a) Minnesota Statutes, section 161.115, subdivision 194, is repealed effective the day
3.3 after the commissioner of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the
3.4 commissioner and the governing body of Martin County to transfer jurisdiction of Legislative
3.5 Route No. 263 and notifies the revisor of statutes under paragraph (b).

3.6 (b) The revisor of statutes shall delete the route identified in paragraph (a) from Minnesota
3.7 Statutes when the commissioner of transportation sends notice to the revisor electronically
3.8 or in writing that the conditions required to transfer the route have been satisfied.

3.9 **Sec. 7. LEGISLATIVE ROUTE NO. 267 REMOVED.**

3.10 (a) Minnesota Statutes, section 161.115, subdivision 198, is repealed effective the day
3.11 after the commissioner of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the
3.12 commissioner and the governing body of Murray County to transfer jurisdiction of Legislative
3.13 Route No. 267 and notifies the revisor of statutes under paragraph (b).

3.14 (b) The revisor of statutes shall delete the route identified in paragraph (a) from Minnesota
3.15 Statutes when the commissioner of transportation sends notice to the revisor electronically
3.16 or in writing that the conditions required to transfer the route have been satisfied.