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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to capital investment; requiring that certain equipment to accommodate
1.3 hearing-impaired people be included in a capital improvement project using state
1.4 funds; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[16B.985] ACCOMMODATION FOR HEARING IMPAIRED IN**
1.7 **STATE-FUNDED CAPITAL PROJECTS.**

1.8 The commissioner shall not approve a contract for, or grant state funds for, a capital
1.9 improvement project to construct or renovate a building unless the project includes
1.10 equipping public meeting rooms, auditoriums, arenas, or other public gathering space in
1.11 the building with audio-induction loops to provide an electromagnetic signal for hearing
1.12 aids and cochlear implants, and with radio frequency transmitters to broadcast a radio
1.13 signal to dedicated receivers to be used to assist the hearing impaired.

1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2015, and applies to
1.15 contracts entered into and grants made after that date.