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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 16C.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[16C.053] ACCOMMODATION FOR HARD-OF-HEARING IN**
 1.7 **STATE-FUNDED CAPITAL PROJECTS.**

1.8 **Subdivision 1. Accommodation for hard-of-hearing in state-funded capital**
 1.9 **projects. No commissioner or agency head may approve a contract for, or grant state**
 1.10 **funds for, a capital improvement project to construct or renovate a building unless:**

1.11 **(1) the project includes equipping public gathering space in the building with**
 1.12 **audio-induction loops to provide an electromagnetic signal for hearing aids and cochlear**
 1.13 **implants; and**

1.14 **(2) public gathering spaces in the building meet the American National Standards**
 1.15 **Institute Acoustical Performance Criteria, Design Requirements and Guidelines for**
 1.16 **Schools on maximum background noise level and reverberation times.**

1.17 **Subd. 2. Exception. A commissioner or agency head may approve a contract for, or**
 1.18 **grant state funds for, a capital improvement project to construct or renovate a building**
 1.19 **that does not meet the requirement of subdivision 1, clause (2), when the commissioner**
 1.20 **or agency head determines that it is not feasible, is in conflict with other requirements in**
 1.21 **law, or is in conflict with other project requirements. The commissioner will consult with**
 1.22 **the Commission of Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans before making**
 1.23 **the determination.**

2.1 Subd. 3. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "public gathering space" means a
2.2 space that is constructed or renovated as part of the project and that accommodates and is
2.3 intended to be used for gatherings of 15 or more people.