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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; prohibiting use of dedicated funds for arts or cultural
1.3 strategies in transportation projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section
1.4 161.045, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 161.045, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Limitations on spending.** (a) A commissioner must not pay for any of the
1.8 following with funds from the highway user tax distribution fund or the trunk highway fund:

1.9 (1) Bureau of Criminal Apprehension laboratory;

1.10 (2) Explore Minnesota Tourism kiosks;

1.11 (3) Minnesota Safety Council;

1.12 (4) driver education programs;

1.13 (5) Office of Emergency Medical Services;

1.14 (6) Mississippi River Parkway Commission;

1.15 (7) payments to the Department of Information Technology Services in excess of actual
1.16 costs incurred for trunk highway purposes;

1.17 (8) personnel costs incurred on behalf of the governor's office;

1.18 (9) the Office of Aeronautics within the Department of Transportation;

1.19 (10) the Office of Transit and Active Transportation within the Department of
1.20 Transportation;

- 2.1 (11) the Office of Passenger Rail;
- 2.2 (12) purchase and maintenance of soft body armor under section 299A.38;
- 2.3 (13) tourist information centers;
- 2.4 (14) parades, events, or sponsorships of events;
- 2.5 (15) the installation, construction, expansion, or maintenance of public electric vehicle
- 2.6 infrastructure;
- 2.7 (16) the statewide notification center for excavation services pursuant to chapter 216D;
- 2.8 ~~and~~
- 2.9 (17) manufacturing license plates; and
- 2.10 (18) arts or cultural strategies in transportation project planning, design, or construction.
- 2.11 (b) The prohibition in paragraph (a) includes all expenses for the named entity or program,
- 2.12 including but not limited to payroll, purchased services, supplies, repairs, and equipment.
- 2.13 This prohibition on spending applies to any successor entities or programs that are
- 2.14 substantially similar to the entity or program named in this subdivision.