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Introduction and first reading
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to the Metropolitan Council; requiring a climate action plan as a part of
1.3 comprehensive plan content; requiring a land use study and report to the legislature
1.4 by the council; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section
1.5 473.859, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.859, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 3a. Climate action plan. A climate action plan shall describe how the land use
1.10 plan under subdivision 2 and the public facilities plan under subdivision 3 meet carbon
1.11 reduction goals that may be established by the council in the comprehensive development
1.12 guide for the metropolitan area. The climate action plan must include the following
1.13 information:

1.14 (1) quantitative data for vehicle miles traveled, commute modal share, and transit viability
1.15 anticipated under the transportation plan under subdivision 3, clause (1), and how such data
1.16 affect carbon reduction goals;

1.17 (2) the percentage of energy generated within the jurisdiction of the local governmental
1.18 unit;

1.19 (3) the percentage of buildings within the jurisdiction of the local governmental unit
1.20 that have eliminated carbon dioxide emissions;

1.21 (4) the percentage of dedicated farmland, open space, and parkland within the jurisdiction
1.22 of the local governmental unit and policies that preserve such land;

2.1 (5) plans for monitoring and measuring the information in clauses (1) to (4); and

2.2 (6) any other carbon reduction activities undertaken by the local governmental unit.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** (a) This section is effective July 1, 2025, and
2.4 applies to comprehensive plans submitted to the Metropolitan Council after that date as part
2.5 of the decennial review under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.864, subdivision 2.

2.6 (b) This section applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
2.7 Scott, and Washington.

2.8 Sec. 2. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL; LAND USE STUDY.**

2.9 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The definitions provided in Minnesota Statutes, section
2.10 473.121, apply to this section.

2.11 Subd. 2. **Metropolitan land use study.** The Metropolitan Council must conduct and
2.12 complete a metropolitan land use and transportation policy study on or before June 30,
2.13 2024, that analyzes the degree to which current land use and transportation policies in the
2.14 metropolitan area support or hinder state and local governmental unit transportation,
2.15 environmental, and equity goals. The study must be used to inform the 2050 comprehensive
2.16 development guide for the metropolitan area.

2.17 Subd. 3. **Study contents.** The study under this section must include:

2.18 (1) a comparison of current land use policies in the metropolitan area with alternative
2.19 growth development scenarios, including efficient land use and compact growth;

2.20 (2) a determination of the costs to local and regional metropolitan area government
2.21 services to implement efficient land use policies, including the costs to construct and maintain
2.22 transportation and water infrastructure and emergency services;

2.23 (3) an assessment of transportation and related infrastructure necessary to facilitate
2.24 efficient land use policies including but not limited to estimations of road lane miles, utility
2.25 miles, and land acreage necessary to facilitate such policies;

2.26 (4) an analysis of sewer access and water access charges and policies;

2.27 (5) the estimated impact implementation of efficient land use policies would have on
2.28 vehicle miles traveled, transit viability, and commute modal share in the metropolitan area;
2.29 and

2.30 (6) any other data or analyses the Metropolitan Council deems relevant.

3.1 Subd. 4. **Report.** The Metropolitan Council must submit a copy of the study under this
3.2 section to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
3.3 jurisdiction over local government and transportation policy and finance by February 1,
3.4 2025.

3.5 Subd. 5. **Appropriation.** \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general
3.6 fund to the Metropolitan Council to conduct the study under this section. This is a onetime
3.7 appropriation.

3.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.