

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETIETH SESSION**

S.F. No. 601

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Local Government

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to the Metropolitan Council; removing prohibition on considering
1.3 reasonableness of metropolitan system plan; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016,
1.4 section 473.857, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 473.857, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Within 60 days; report.** A hearing shall be conducted within 60 days after the
1.8 request, provided that the advisory committee or the administrative law judge shall
1.9 consolidate hearings on related requests. The 60-day period within which the hearing shall
1.10 be conducted may be extended or suspended by mutual agreement of the council and the
1.11 local governmental unit. The hearing shall not consider the need for ~~or reasonableness of~~
1.12 the metropolitan system plans or parts thereof. The hearing shall afford all interested persons
1.13 an opportunity to testify and present evidence. The advisory committee or administrative
1.14 law judge may employ the appropriate technical and professional services of the office of
1.15 dispute resolution for the purpose of evaluating disputes of fact. The proceedings shall not
1.16 be deemed a contested case. Within 30 days after the hearing, the advisory committee or
1.17 the administrative law judge shall report to the council respecting the proposed amendments
1.18 to the system statements. The report shall contain findings of fact, conclusions, and
1.19 recommendations and shall apportion the costs of the proceedings among the parties.