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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment

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.