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H. F. No. 2493

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for an emergency shelter and
1.3 housing facility and a connection center facility to be located within the city of
1.4 St. Paul; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.6 Section 1. **FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

1.7 The legislature finds and declares that the goal of housing stability for all Minnesotans
1.8 is consistent with the state's responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of
1.9 its citizens. Homelessness is the most egregious form of housing instability. Despite
1.10 efforts to prevent and end homelessness, homelessness is at an all-time high in Minnesota.
1.11 An opportunity now exists to create a better future, a renewed commitment, and a new
1.12 approach to solving poverty and ending homelessness; recognizing the dignity of individual
1.13 citizens and enhancing the quality of life for the entire community; and consistent with the
1.14 2013 state plan to prevent and end homelessness. Therefore, the legislature finds that the
1.15 most effective means to implement this strategy is to enact the following provisions for
1.16 funding homeless prevention and solution facilities within the city of St. Paul.

1.17 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; ST. PAUL HOMELESS PREVENTION AND**
1.18 **SOLUTION FACILITIES.**

1.19 \$22,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of
1.20 human services for a grant to the city of St. Paul to design, construct, furnish, and equip:
1.21 (1) a publicly owned building or portion of a building to provide emergency shelter to be
1.22 located adjacent or proximate to a housing facility; and (2) a publicly owned building to
1.23 serve as a connection center providing services that prevent or solve homelessness, to be

2.1 located within the city of St. Paul. This appropriation includes funding to acquire property
2.2 for these purposes and does not include funding for a housing facility.

2.3 Sec. 3. **BOND SALE.**

2.4 To provide the money appropriated by section 2 from the bond proceeds fund, the
2.5 commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an
2.6 amount up to \$22,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by
2.7 Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution,
2.8 article XI, sections 4 to 7.

2.9 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.10 Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.