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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2523

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; requiring a waiver request concerning the federal
1.3 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program.

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

1.5 Section 1. **WAIVER; DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM.**

1.6 (a) By October 1, 2016, the commissioner of transportation must submit to the
1.7 United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, a request
1.8 under Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 26.15, for a waiver from the
1.9 requirements of the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program. The waiver
1.10 request must seek establishment of separate participation goals for disadvantaged
1.11 business enterprises at least 51 percent owned by the following socially and economically
1.12 disadvantaged individuals: (1) women; and (2) all other individuals meeting the definition.

1.13 (b) For purposes of this section, "socially and economically disadvantaged
1.14 individual" has the meaning given in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 26.5.

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.