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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1855

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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 study on the proposed Paul Bunyan  
1.3 Expressway; appropriating money.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **PAUL BUNYAN EXPRESSWAY STUDY; APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 (a) The commissioner of transportation shall study and report to the legislature on  
1.7 the feasibility of expanding marked Trunk Highway 371 to a four-lane highway from the  
1.8 city of Jenkins to the city of Cass Lake. At a minimum, the study must:

1.9 (1) identify and disclose obstacles to the roadway expansion;

1.10 (2) suggest potential routes through each impacted community, including  
1.11 consideration of intersections with other roadways;

1.12 (3) identify potential impacts on storm sewers, water and sewer lines, utility lines,  
1.13 traffic signals, existing or potential bikeways and recreational trails, driver and pedestrian  
1.14 safety, and traffic patterns; and

1.15 (4) provide an estimated project cost, based on the scope of the project and the  
1.16 Department of Transportation's design and construction standards.

1.17 (b) The commissioner shall submit the report under paragraph (a) to the chairs and  
1.18 ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
1.19 over transportation finance and policy no later than December 15, 2015.

1.20 (c) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the trunk highway fund to the  
1.21 commissioner of transportation to perform the study under this section.

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