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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. **3251**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division  
03/02/2020 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register  
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; authorizing employment preference for certain  
1.3 transportation projects; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 161.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[161.369] INDIAN EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE.**

1.7 As authorized by United States Code, title 23, section 140(d), the commissioner of  
1.8 transportation may implement an Indian employment preference for members of federally  
1.9 recognized tribes on projects carried out under United States Code, title 23, on or near an  
1.10 Indian reservation. For purposes of this section, a project is near an Indian reservation if  
1.11 the project is within the distance a person seeking employment could reasonably be expected  
1.12 to commute to and from each work day. The commissioner, in consultation with federally  
1.13 recognized Minnesota tribes, may determine when a project is near an Indian reservation.