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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 204

01/12/2017 Authored by Runbeck, Hertaus, Drazkowski and Petersburg The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Regional Governance Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to highways; requiring a highway construction costs study and report;
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION COSTS STUDY; APPROPRIATION.

1.6 (a) \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2018 from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of transportation for a study on highway construction costs. The commissioner shall enter
1.8 into an agreement to conduct the study with an organization or entity having relevant
1.9 expertise.

1.10 (b) At a minimum, the study must include:

1.11 (1) an overview of highway construction cost issues;

1.12 (2) comparison of costs in Minnesota relative to other states and regions;

1.13 (3) identification of factors specific to Minnesota, if any, that contribute to cost
1.14 differences;

1.15 (4) evaluation of the methodology used for highway construction cost calculation and
1.16 indexing in Minnesota, including review of associated best practices; and

1.17 (5) specific recommendations for road authorities and legislative changes to reduce
1.18 highway construction costs.

1.19 (c) By February 15, 2018, the commissioner shall submit a report on the study to the
1.20 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
1.21 transportation policy and finance.