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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; requiring a report on trunk highway project cultural
1.3 resources expenditures; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. REPORT; CULTURAL RESOURCES EXPENDITURES.

1.6 (a) For purposes of this section:

1.7 (1) "cultural resources expenditure" means an expenditure resulting from a specific
1.8 project for trunk highway construction or reconstruction that is related to historic
1.9 preservation, archaeological resources, or other cultural resources; and

1.10 (2) "reporting period" means fiscal years 2020 to 2027.

1.11 (b) By January 31, 2026, the commissioner of transportation must submit a report on
1.12 cultural resources expenditures to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
1.13 committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. At a minimum, the
1.14 report must include:

1.15 (1) an overview of cultural resources expenditures;

1.16 (2) the total cultural resources expenditure amount or estimate for each fiscal year in
1.17 the reporting period;

1.18 (3) a comparison of total budgeted versus actual cultural resources expenditures for each
1.19 closed fiscal year in the reporting period; and

2.1 (4) total cultural resources expenditures in each major highway project, as specified in
2.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 174.56, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), having an applicable
2.3 expenditure, with:

2.4 (i) a summary description of the costs involved; and

2.5 (ii) a breakout by type of resource, including historic properties, archeological resources,
2.6 burial grounds, and human remains.

2.7 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; CULTURAL RESOURCES EXPENDITURES REPORT.**

2.8 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the trunk highway fund to the commissioner
2.9 of transportation for the cultural resources expenditures report under section 1. This is a
2.10 onetime appropriation.