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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

- 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 must study and report to the legislature on the
- 1.7 feasibility of expanding marked Trunk Highway 371 to a four-lane highway from the city
- 1.8 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 consideration
- 1.11 of intersections with other roadways;
- 1.12 (3) identify potential impacts on storm sewers, water and sewer lines, utility lines, traffic
- 1.13 signals, existing or potential bikeways and recreational trails, driver and pedestrian safety,
- 1.14 and traffic patterns; and
- 1.15 (4) provide an estimated project cost, based on the scope of the project and the Department
- 1.16 of Transportation's design and construction standards.
- 1.17 (b) The commissioner must submit the report under paragraph (a) to the chairs and
- 1.18 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation
- 1.19 finance and policy no later than December 15, 2017.
- 1.20 (c) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the trunk highway fund to the
- 1.21 commissioner of transportation to perform the study under this section.

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