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H. F. No. **1068**

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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 report on trunk highway fund expenditures;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 174.56; repealing Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2010, section 161.08, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 174.56, is amended to read:

1.7 **174.56 REPORT ON EXPENDITURES FROM TRUNK HIGHWAY FUND**  
1.8 **AND MAJOR HIGHWAY PROJECTS.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Report required.** The commissioner of transportation shall submit a  
1.10 report on January 15, 2009, and on January 15 of each year thereafter, on the status of  
1.11 major highway projects completed during the previous two years or under construction  
1.12 or planned during the year of the report and for the ensuing 15 years. For purposes  
1.13 of this section, a "major highway project" is a highway project that has a total cost for  
1.14 all segments that the commissioner estimates at the time of the report to be at least  
1.15 (1) ~~\$25,000,000~~ \$15,000,000 in the metropolitan highway construction district, or (2)  
1.16 ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$5,000,000 in any nonmetropolitan highway construction district.

1.17 The commissioner shall also report the total expenditures from the trunk highway  
1.18 fund during the previous fiscal year, for each Department of Transportation district, in  
1.19 the following categories: road construction; planning; design and engineering; labor;  
1.20 compliance with environmental regulations; administration; acquisition of right-of-way,  
1.21 including costs for attorney fees and other compensation for property owners; litigation  
1.22 costs, including payment of claims, settlements, and judgments; maintenance; and road  
1.23 operations.

1.24 Subd. 2. **Report contents.** For each major highway project the report must include:

2.1 (1) a description of the project sufficient to specify its scope and location;  
 2.2 (2) a history of the project, including, but not limited to, previous official actions  
 2.3 by the department or the appropriate area transportation partnership, or both, the date on  
 2.4 which the project was first included in the state transportation improvement plan, the cost  
 2.5 of the project at that time, the planning estimate for the project, the engineer's estimate, the  
 2.6 award price and the final cost as of six months after substantial completion including any  
 2.7 supplemental agreements and cost overruns or cost savings, the dates of environmental  
 2.8 approval, the dates of municipal approval, the date of final geometric layout, and the date  
 2.9 of establishment of any construction limits;

2.10 (3) the project's priority listing or rank within its construction district, if any, as  
 2.11 well as the reasons for that listing or rank, the criteria used in prioritization or rank, any  
 2.12 changes in that prioritization or rank since the project was first included in a department  
 2.13 work plan, and the reasons for those changes; ~~and~~

2.14 (4) past and potential future reasons for delay in letting or completing the project;  
 2.15 details of all changes in project cost and the impact of changes in the project cost on the  
 2.16 programming of other projects as a result of project delay as well as the impact of changes  
 2.17 in project price on the overall program;

2.18 (5) two representative trunk highway construction projects, one each from the  
 2.19 department's metropolitan district and from greater Minnesota, and for each project report  
 2.20 the cost of environmental mitigation and compliance; and

2.21 (6) the annual budget for products and services for each Department of  
 2.22 Transportation district with comparison to actual spending for the previous fiscal year.

2.23 Subd. 3. **Department resources.** The commissioner shall prepare and submit the  
 2.24 report with existing department staff and resources.

2.25 Sec. 2. **2012 REPORT.**

2.26 For the 2012 report required under Minnesota Statutes, section 174.56, the  
 2.27 commissioner shall include the results of an independent evaluation of the management  
 2.28 systems currently used by the Department of Transportation, including pavement  
 2.29 management systems, bridge management systems, and the program and project  
 2.30 management system and the extent to which the management of data in these systems  
 2.31 is consistent with existing policies and the need for statewide, reliable, and verifiable  
 2.32 information.

2.33 Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

2.34 Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 161.08, subdivision 2, is repealed.

APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 11-2259

**161.08 RECORDS AND REPORTS.**

Subd. 2. **Biennial report on expenditures.** No later than October 15 of each odd-numbered year, the commissioner shall report to the legislature the total expenditures from the trunk highway fund during the previous biennium in each of the following categories: road construction; planning; professional and technical contracts; design and engineering; labor; compliance with environmental requirements; acquisition of right-of-way; litigation costs, including payment of claims, settlements, and judgments; maintenance; and road operations. As part of each report the commissioner shall select two representative trunk highway construction projects, one each from the department's metropolitan district and from greater Minnesota, and for each project report the cost of environmental mitigation and compliance.