

State of Minnesota

## NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. **204**

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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.