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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing a grant program for skate parks throughout
1.3 the state; authorizing the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission to build skate
1.4 parks; appropriating money; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds;
1.5 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 240A.

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

1.7 Section 1. [240A.20] PROMOTING CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF
1.8 PUBLIC SKATE PARKS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "skate" means wheeled,
1.10 nonmotorized recreation, including skateboarding, roller blading, and roller skating, and
1.11 not including cycling or biking.

1.12 Subd. 2. Promotion of public skate parks. The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission
1.13 shall:

1.14 (1) develop new statewide public skate parks; and

1.15 (2) provide matching grants to local units of government for public skate parks based
1.16 on the criteria in this section.

1.17 Subd. 3. Criteria for grants to local units of government for public skate parks. (a)
1.18 The commission shall administer a site selection process for the skate parks. The commission
1.19 shall invite proposals from cities or counties or consortia of cities. A proposal for a skate
1.20 park must include matching contributions including in-kind contributions of land, access
1.21 roadways and access roadway improvements, and necessary utility services, landscaping,
1.22 and parking.

2.1 (b) The location for all proposed facilities must be in areas of maximum demonstrated  
2.2 interest and must maximize accessibility to an arterial highway, transit, or pedestrian or  
2.3 bike path.

2.4 (c) To the extent possible, all proposed facilities must be dispersed equitably, must be  
2.5 located to maximize potential for full utilization, must accommodate noncompetitive family  
2.6 and community skating for all ages, and must encourage use of skate parks by a diverse  
2.7 population.

2.8 (d) The commission will give priority to proposals that come from more than one local  
2.9 government unit.

2.10 (e) The commission may also use the money to upgrade, rehabilitate, or renovate current  
2.11 facilities.

2.12 (f) To the extent possible, 50 percent of all grants must be awarded to communities in  
2.13 greater Minnesota.

2.14 (g) A grant for a new facility may not exceed \$250,000 unless the grantee demonstrates  
2.15 that the facility will have a regional or statewide draw.

2.16 (h) Grant money may be used to upgrade existing facilities to comply with the bleacher  
2.17 safety requirements of section 326B.112.

2.18 Subd. 4. **Technical assistance.** To the extent possible, the commission shall provide  
2.19 technical assistance on skate park planning, design, and operation to communities.

2.20 Subd. 5. **Agreements with local governments and cooperative purchasing**  
2.21 **agreements.** (a) The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission may enter into agreements  
2.22 with local units of government and provide financial assistance in the form of grants for the  
2.23 construction of skate parks that, in the determination of the commission, conform to its  
2.24 criteria.

2.25 (b) The commission may enter into cooperative purchasing agreements under section  
2.26 471.59 with local governments to purchase skate park equipment and services through state  
2.27 contracts. The cooperative skate park equipment purchasing revolving fund is a separate  
2.28 account in the state treasury. The commission may charge a fee to cover the commission's  
2.29 administrative expenses to government units that have joint or cooperative purchasing  
2.30 agreements with the state under section 471.59. The fees collected must be deposited in the  
2.31 revolving fund established by this subdivision. Money in the fund is appropriated to the  
2.32 commission to administer the programs and services covered by this subdivision.

3.1 Subd. 6. **General obligation special tax bonds for skate parks.** State general obligation  
3.2 bonds issued to finance the construction of the skate parks provided for in this section may  
3.3 be general obligation special tax bonds under section 16A.661 and debt service on the bonds  
3.4 may be paid from sports and health club sales tax revenue as provided in section 16A.661,  
3.5 subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

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

3.7 **Sec. 2. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION.**

3.8 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the Minnesota  
3.9 Amateur Sports Commission to contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to establish  
3.10 criteria to evaluate skate park proposals for receiving grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.11 section 240A.20; to provide technical advice to local units of government or the Minnesota  
3.12 Amateur Sports Commission about the development, design, construction, and maintenance  
3.13 of a skate park; and for grants to local units of government to promote the use of skate parks  
3.14 by a diverse population.

3.15 **Sec. 3. BOND PROCEEDS APPROPRIATION.**

3.16 (a) \$2,500,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the Minnesota Amateur  
3.17 Sports Commission for up to ten grants of up to \$250,000 each, under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.18 section 240A.20, subdivision 2, clause (2).

3.19 (b) \$3,750,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the Minnesota Amateur  
3.20 Sports Commission for up to five grants of up to \$750,000 each, under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.21 section 240A.20, subdivision 2, clause (2), for skate parks with regional impact.

3.22 (c) \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the Minnesota Amateur  
3.23 Sports Commission for a grant under Minnesota Statutes, section 240A.20, subdivision 2,  
3.24 clause (1), for a skate park that has a statewide draw.

3.25 **Sec. 4. BOND SALE.**

3.26 To provide the money appropriated in this act from the bond proceeds fund, the  
3.27 commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount  
3.28 up to \$8,250,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota  
3.29 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,  
3.30 sections 4 to 7.

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