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H. F. No. **2720**

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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 environment; prioritizing bus upgrades to areas with poor air quality;  
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116.

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

1.5 Section 1. [116.063] PRIORITIZATION OF AIR QUALITY INVESTMENTS;  
1.6 BUSES.

1.7 (a) The Metropolitan Council must deploy buses with the lowest air emissions in areas  
1.8 with poor air quality.

1.9 (b) For the purposes of this section, "poor air quality" means:

1.10 (1) ambient air levels of total suspended particulates, particulate matter less than ten  
1.11 microns wide (PM-10), particulate matter less than 2.5 microns wide (PM-2.5), sulfur  
1.12 dioxide, or nitrogen dioxide, as revealed by air monitoring data, that approach or exceed  
1.13 state or federal air quality standards or chronic health inhalation risk benchmarks; or

1.14 (2) levels of asthma among children that significantly exceed the statewide average.

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