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**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
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1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a personal rapid  
 1.3 transit safety certification and training facility; authorizing the sale and issuance  
 1.4 of state bonds.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 (a) \$..... is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the Board of Regents of  
 1.8 the University of Minnesota to design, acquire, construct, furnish, and equip a personal  
 1.9 rapid transit safety certification and training facility located in a city designated under  
 1.10 paragraph (b). The facility plans must include a guideway approximately 2,500 feet in  
 1.11 length, an off-line station, and a maintenance and control center. The facility must be  
 1.12 designed and constructed with plans that will support the development of future personal  
 1.13 rapid transit systems.

1.14 (b) Following a solicitation process, the board shall enter into an agreement to  
 1.15 implement the project under this section with a Minnesota city with power to issue  
 1.16 obligation bonds and with a minimum population of 35,000. The board may enter into  
 1.17 agreements for the design, construction, and operation of the facility subject to Minnesota  
 1.18 Statutes, section 16A.695. The purpose of this project is to: (1) confirm the safety of  
 1.19 the patented personal rapid transit technology for sustainable public transit service; (2)  
 1.20 provide an opportunity for engineers and technicians to be trained in its design and  
 1.21 operation; and (3) establish a new economically self-sustaining technology in Minnesota.

1.22 (c) The appropriation is not available until the commissioner determines that \$.....  
 1.23 has been committed to the project from nonstate sources.

2.1 (d) To the greatest extent feasible, the system must be built with components that are  
2.2 manufactured and assembled in Minnesota.

2.3 **Sec. 2. BOND SALE.**

2.4 To provide the money appropriated in this act from the bond proceeds fund, the  
2.5 commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an  
2.6 amount up to \$..... in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by  
2.7 Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution,  
2.8 article XI, sections 4 to 7.

2.9 **Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.10 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.