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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to electric buses; requiring the purchase of electric buses by the  
1.3 Metropolitan Council; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL; ELECTRIC BUS PURCHASES.**

1.6 After the effective date of this act and until the appropriation made in section 2 is  
1.7 exhausted, any bus purchased by the Metropolitan Council must operate solely on electricity  
1.8 provided by rechargeable on-board batteries. The appropriation in section 2 must be used  
1.9 to pay the incremental cost of buses that operate solely on electricity provided by rechargeable  
1.10 on-board batteries over diesel-operated buses that are otherwise comparable in size, features,  
1.11 and performance.

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

1.13 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.14 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j),  
1.15 \$4,100,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the renewable development account  
1.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the Metropolitan Council to  
1.17 defray the cost of purchasing electric buses, as described in section 1. Any funds remaining  
1.18 from this appropriation that are insufficient to fully fund the incremental cost of purchasing  
1.19 an electric bus rather than a diesel-operated bus cancel back to the renewable development  
1.20 account.

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