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04/04/2014	7393	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation and Public Safety

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A bill for an act

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relating to transportation; prohibiting activities in connection with Southwest

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light rail transit.

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

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Section 1. **PROHIBITION CONCERNING SOUTHWEST LIGHT RAIL**

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TRANSIT ACTIVITY.

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No state executive agency; local or regional unit of government, including the

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Metropolitan Council; regional rail authority; or the Counties Transit Improvement Board

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shall take any action or spend any money for the Southwest light rail transit (green line

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extension) project. Prohibited actions related to any phase of the project include, but are

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not limited to: (1) applying for or accepting funds from any source, including the federal

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government; (2) issuing revenue bonds or other debt obligations; (3) engaging professional

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or technical services; (4) advertising bids or awarding contracts; (5) acquiring interests in

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real property; (6) engaging in project development or alignment selection; (7) initiating

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the municipal consent process; (8) planning station placement and design; (9) developing

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management plans; (10) conducting environmental studies; and (11) engaging in public

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outreach. A government entity that is liable, as of the effective date of this section, for the

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payment of money for a project-related activity must, before payment, submit a statement

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to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions

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with jurisdiction over transportation policy and budget. The statement must explain the

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proposed payment, identify the claimant, state the date the claim arose, and describe the

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purpose for which the liability was incurred.

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