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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 235

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; providing Indian employment preference for members
1.3 of federally recognized Tribes on projects near Indian reservations; proposing
1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 161.

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

1.6 Section 1. [161.369] INDIAN EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE.

1.7 As authorized by United States Code, title 23, section 104, paragraph (d), the
1.8 commissioner may implement an Indian employment preference for members of federally
1.9 recognized Tribes on projects carried out under United States Code, title 23, on or near an
1.10 Indian reservation. For purposes of this section, a project is near an Indian reservation if
1.11 the project is within the distance a person seeking employment could reasonably be expected
1.12 to commute to and from each workday. The commissioner, in consultation with federally
1.13 recognized Minnesota Tribes, may determine when a project is near an Indian reservation.