

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. **2745**

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to human services; establishing Capitol complex sighted assistance pilot

1.3 project; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **CAPITOL COMPLEX SIGHTED ASSISTANCE PILOT PROJECT.**

1.6 (a) The Council on Disability, in consultation with the Department of Administration,

1.7 Facilities Management Division, must develop a pilot project to provide virtual remote

1.8 sighted assistance accommodations to increase access to the Capitol for people who are

1.9 blind, have low vision, or have any other disability that may require sighted assistance. The

1.10 pilot project must develop promotional materials and monitor usage of the sighted assistance

1.11 accommodations and analyze user data including participant satisfaction evaluations. Money

1.12 may be used for purchasing technology including smart phones, administration costs,

1.13 promotional materials, or other expenses the Council on Disability deems necessary to

1.14 provide virtual remote sighted assistance.

1.15 (b) The Department of Administration, Facilities Management Division is responsible

1.16 for procuring and maintaining any technology purchased for the pilot project.

1.17 (c) By October 1, 2020, the Council on Disability, in consultation with the Department

1.18 of Administration, Facilities Management Division, must provide a report to the legislative

1.19 committees with jurisdiction over disability services and government operations on the

1.20 following: (1) a general overview of the pilot project; (2) the number of participants; (3)

1.21 participants' experience with the pilot project; and (4) any other information the Council on

1.22 Disability deems necessary.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2 (a) \$25,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the Council on
2.3 Disability for purposes of section 1. This appropriation does not cancel but is available until
2.4 June 30, 2021.

2.5 (b) \$5,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department
2.6 of Administration for purposes of section 1. This appropriation does not cancel but is
2.7 available until June 30, 2021.