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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; requiring a review and assessment concerning the
1.3 Department of Transportation.

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

1.5 Section 1. TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW AND
1.6 ASSESSMENT.

1.7 (a) Using existing resources, the commissioner of transportation must review and assess
1.8 the department's organizational structure. The objective of the review and assessment is to
1.9 enhance the Department of Transportation's organizational effectiveness, encourage prudent
1.10 allocation of resources, and deliver the greatest value to Minnesota.

1.11 (b) The commissioner shall arrange for the review and assessment to be completed by
1.12 the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota and an independent
1.13 auditor. The commissioner must identify the independent auditor for review and comment
1.14 by the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction
1.15 over transportation policy and finance.

1.16 (c) At a minimum, the review and assessment must:

1.17 (1) evaluate the relationship of each district, division, office, and section of the department
1.18 to the state's transportation goals under Minnesota Statutes, section 174.01, the department's
1.19 mission under Minnesota Statutes, section 174.02, the duties of the commissioner under
1.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 174.03, and the annual performance targets under Minnesota
1.21 Statutes, section 174.03;

2.1 (2) analyze the budget assigned to each district, division, office, and section of the
2.2 department;

2.3 (3) identify the ratio of employees to supervisors in each district, division, office, and
2.4 section of the department;

2.5 (4) recommend the appropriate ratio of employees to supervisors for the variety of
2.6 activities performed by the department;

2.7 (5) recommend the appropriate increase in department operations resulting from increases
2.8 in capital investments;

2.9 (6) recommend the appropriate fiscal responsibility assigned to construction inspectors
2.10 and engineers;

2.11 (7) recommend the appropriate, fiscally constrained size of the trunk highway system;

2.12 (8) recommend how to achieve the appropriate, fiscally constrained size of the trunk
2.13 highway system; and

2.14 (9) identify best practices, including comparisons with other state departments of
2.15 transportation.

2.16 (d) A preliminary report on the review and assessment must be submitted to the chairs
2.17 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over
2.18 transportation policy and finance by December 15, 2017. The final report must be submitted
2.19 by February 1, 2018.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.