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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 243

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for an opportunity center;
1.3 authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.5 Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

1.6 The legislature finds and declares that the goal of housing stability for all Minnesotans
1.7 is consistent with the state's responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its
1.8 citizens. Homelessness is the most serious form of housing instability. The legislature finds
1.9 and declares that a unique opportunity exists to build upon its past investments and to
1.10 advance proven and innovative strategies to prevent and end homelessness for thousands
1.11 of Minnesotans by funding the construction of an opportunity center as part of a broad and
1.12 comprehensive public-private partnership.

1.13 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; OPPORTUNITY CENTER.

1.14 \$12,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of human
1.15 services for a grant to the city of St. Paul to predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip
1.16 an opportunity center to serve as an integrated one-stop delivery system connecting persons
1.17 at risk of becoming homeless and persons working to move up and out of homelessness to
1.18 services that improve their health, income, housing stability, or well-being. This appropriation
1.19 may be used to acquire property for these purposes. This appropriation is not available until
1.20 the commissioner of management and budget has determined that at least an equal amount
1.21 has been committed to the project from nonstate sources.

2.1       Sec. 3. **BOND SALE.**

2.2             To provide the money appropriated in section 2 from the bond proceeds fund, the  
2.3 commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount  
2.4 up to \$12,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota  
2.5 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,  
2.6 sections 4 to 7.

2.7       Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.8             Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.