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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; providing for a study of long-range transportation
1.3 solutions.

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

1.5 Section 1. **STUDY OF TRANSPORTATION LONG-RANGE SOLUTIONS.**

1.6 (a) The commissioner of transportation shall conduct a study to evaluate the
1.7 current and long-range needs of the state's transportation system, and investigate possible
1.8 strategies to meet these needs.

1.9 (b) The study must include, but is not limited to:

1.10 (1) evaluation of the current needs of the state's highway systems and bridges;

1.11 (2) analysis and quantification of the needs for the next 20 years of the state's
1.12 highway systems and bridges;

1.13 (3) comparison of estimates of revenues raised by current transportation funding
1.14 sources, with long-term needs of the state's transportation system;

1.15 (4) identification of options for maintenance and improvement of the state's
transportation system with specific reference to factors such as changes in vehicle fuel
economy, availability of alternative modes of transportation, and the nation's attempts to
decrease dependence on foreign oil;

1.19 (5) analysis of alternative pricing options utilized in other states, and their potential
1.20 for use, public acceptance, alleviation of congestion, and revenue generation in this
1.21 state; and

1.22 (6) identification of options for road pricing or other alternative financing
1.23 mechanisms, and estimates of implementation costs, user costs, and revenue.

- 2.1 (c) The commissioner shall report the results of the study to the legislature no later
- 2.2 than January 15, 2008.