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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; establishing construction impact grant program;  
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 161.

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

1.6 Section 1. [161.087] CONSTRUCTION IMPACT GRANT PROGRAM.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
1.8 the meanings given to them:

1.9 (a) "Road construction project" means construction, reconstruction, or maintenance  
1.10 of a highway, town road, or municipal state-aid street.

1.11 (b) "Owner" means a property owner or business owner leasing a property.

1.12 Subd. 2. Program scope. The commissioner shall develop and implement a  
1.13 construction impact grant program to provide grants as specified in this section. Eligible  
1.14 recipients of a grant are owners, or owners on behalf of employees, for whom the  
1.15 commissioner finds there is a reasonable expectation of adverse health effects due to a  
1.16 road construction project. Grant funds may be used only for installation, construction,  
1.17 maintenance, or repair projects on a building that directly address or mitigate adverse  
1.18 health effects due to a road construction project.

1.19 Subd. 3. Grant rules. The commissioner shall adopt rules governing the program,  
1.20 including procedures for application for grants, conditions for their administration,  
1.21 and criteria for priority, consistent with the requirements of this section. Criteria for  
1.22 determining priorities and amounts of grants must be based on consideration of:

1.23 (1) effectiveness of the project in addressing or mitigating adverse health effects;

1.24 (2) number of persons affected by the project;

2.1 (3) cost of the project relative to its benefit; and

2.2 (4) availability of other financing.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

2.4 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.5 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of transportation

2.6 for the construction impact grant program under section 1. The appropriation may be used

2.7 for grants and for adopting rules.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.