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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; maintaining airline operations at Minneapolis-St. Paul
1.3 International Airport; enforcing certain contractual obligations and rights.

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

1.5 Section 1. **PRESERVATION OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Statement of purpose.** The legislature finds that the provisions in
1.7 this bill are essential to meet the transportation needs of the residents of this state and to
1.8 further the statutory goals of providing a balanced transportation system and providing an
1.9 air transportation system sufficient to encourage economic growth of this state.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Contract enforcement.** If, through merger or otherwise, an airline or its
1.11 successor serving the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport fails to adhere to all
1.12 covenants regarding the maintenance of its hub, headquarters, and required employment
1.13 levels in the state of Minnesota, the Metropolitan Airports Commission shall use all
1.14 available means to enforce the covenants and, if necessary, require repayment of all
1.15 outstanding bond obligations and surrender of previously granted rent reductions pursuant
1.16 to the terms of the covenants. The Metropolitan Airports Commission shall not enter into
1.17 any agreement to modify, amend, or eliminate the covenants referenced in this section
1.18 without the agreement first being approved by law.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.