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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 capital improvements; authorizing the sale and issuance of state
1.3 bonds; appropriating money to replace and rehabilitate local bridges.

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

1.5 Section 1. **LOCAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION;**
1.6 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds
1.8 account in the state transportation fund to the commissioner of transportation to match
1.9 federal money and to replace or rehabilitate local deficient bridges under Minnesota
1.10 Statutes, section 174.50.

1.11 Political subdivisions may use grants made under this subdivision to construct
1.12 or reconstruct bridges, including:

1.13 (1) matching federal-aid grants to construct or reconstruct key bridges;

1.14 (2) paying the costs of preliminary engineering and environmental studies authorized
1.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 6a;

1.16 (3) paying the costs to abandon an existing bridge that is deficient and in need of
1.17 replacement, but where no replacement will be made; and

1.18 (4) paying the costs to construct a road or street to facilitate the abandonment of
1.19 an existing bridge determined by the commissioner to be deficient, if the commissioner
1.20 determines that construction of the road or street is more economical than replacement of
1.21 the existing bridge.

1.22 Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the
1.23 bond proceeds account in the state transportation fund, the commissioner of finance shall

2.1 sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to \$20,000,000 in the manner, upon
2.2 the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to
2.3 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7. The proceeds of
2.4 the bonds, except accrued interest and any premium received on the sale of the bonds,
2.5 must be credited to a bond proceeds account in the state transportation fund.

2.6 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.7 This act is effective the day following final enactment.