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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1822

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; prohibiting use of public funds for certain aesthetic  
1.3 enhancements in road projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section  
1.4 160.13.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 160.13, is amended to read:

1.7 **160.13 LIGHTING AND MARKING HIGHWAYS.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. General authority. Road authorities may light or mark highways  
1.9 and appurtenances thereon and may install other safety devices as they deem necessary in  
1.10 the interests of safety and convenient public travel.

1.11 Subd. 2. Prohibition on aesthetic enhancements. (a) No road authority, including  
1.12 a statutory or home rule charter city with respect to city streets, may use public funds for  
1.13 any aesthetic enhancements that increase the cost of a project on a highway or bridge.

1.14 (b) For purposes of this subdivision:

1.15 (1) "aesthetic enhancements" includes monuments, markers, memorials, sculptures,  
1.16 statues, decorative fixtures, alternative materials, specialty signage, and other treatments  
1.17 designed to impact the perceived beauty or visual appeal of the infrastructure; and

1.18 (2) "public funds" includes but is not limited to funding from federal, state, and  
1.19 local sources.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment,  
1.21 and applies to any project for which a contract has not been entered into or let for bidding  
1.22 on or after that date.