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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Capital Investment

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; amending a prior appropriation for regional exchange
1.3 district public infrastructure projects in Duluth; amending Laws 2019, First Special
1.4 Session chapter 6, article 10, section 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 6, article 10, section 5, is amended
1.7 to read:

1.8 **Sec. 5. 469.53 REGIONAL EXCHANGE DISTRICT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**
1.9 **PROJECTS.**

1.10 (a) The following projects shall be eligible for state appropriation support payments
1.11 upon approval by the Duluth City Council. Costs may be reimbursed for eligible projects
1.12 that begin construction prior to September 30, 2020, but in no case may the total state
1.13 payment per project exceed the amount established in this section. Eligible projects include:

1.14 (1) ~~two levels of expansion~~ replace a skywalk connected to an existing medical district
1.15 parking ramp and skywalk replacement in an amount not to exceed ~~\$13,010,000~~ \$2,100,000,
1.16 including any land acquisition;

1.17 (2) a ramp with up to 1,400 new parking stalls and a skywalk to serve medical entity
1.18 west in an amount not to exceed ~~\$36,400,000~~ \$37,900,000, including any land acquisition;

1.19 (3) extension of 6th Avenue East from 2nd Street to 1st Street in an amount not to exceed
1.20 ~~\$5,900,000~~ \$6,650,000, including any land acquisition;

1.21 (4) demolition of existing hospital structure for site reuse, to accomplish the purposes
1.22 in section 469.51, subdivision 2, in an amount not to exceed ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$11,900,000;

2.1 (5) roadway, utility, and site improvements and capacity upgrades to support medical
2.2 entity west hospital construction in an amount not to exceed ~~\$11,410,000~~ \$18,250,000;

2.3 (6) district energy connections, capacity enhancement, ~~and a pressure pump station, and~~
2.4 for district energy utility improvements outside of the district reasonably necessary and
2.5 advantageous to serve developments within the district in an amount not to exceed
2.6 \$7,000,000; and

2.7 (7) a ramp with up to 400 new parking ~~stall~~ stalls to serve medical entity east in an
2.8 amount not to exceed \$14,000,000.

2.9 (b) For any public infrastructure project that will not be let by the city for which state
2.10 support is sought, the project must proceed and comply with any state and local contracting
2.11 requirements otherwise applicable to the city had the city let the project. The city shall have
2.12 the right to inspect, upon reasonable notice, the construction contracts and related
2.13 documentation for any public infrastructure project for which state support is sought.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the governing body of the
2.15 city of Duluth and its chief clerical officer timely comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
2.16 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.