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**S.F. No. 2359**

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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 an appropriation for U.S. Highway 53 in  
1.3 Virginia for utilities relocation; amending Laws 2014, chapter 294, article 1, section  
1.4 21, subdivision 23, as amended.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2014, chapter 294, article 1, section 21, subdivision 23, as amended by  
1.7 Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 5, article 3, section 23, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 23. **Virginia - Highway 53 Utilities**  
1.9 **Relocation** 19,500,000

1.10 (a) \$500,000 of this appropriation is for a grant  
1.11 to the city of Virginia Public Utilities  
1.12 Commission to acquire land, predesign,  
1.13 design, construct, furnish, and equip an  
1.14 electrical substation along or within six miles  
1.15 of the relocated U.S. Highway 53 in Virginia  
1.16 as part of relocating the electrical utilities. This  
1.17 appropriation fully funds the project described  
1.18 in this paragraph and meets the requirements  
1.19 in Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.502, that  
1.20 the project be fully funded. This appropriation  
1.21 does not require a nonstate match.

1.22 (b) \$19,000,000 of this appropriation is for:

2.1 (1) a grant to the city of Virginia Public Utilities Commission to acquire land, predesign,  
2.2 design, construct, furnish, and equip relocated water, electrical, and gas utilities along or  
2.3 within six miles of the relocated U.S. Highway 53 in Virginia, Eveleth, Gilbert, and Fayal  
2.4 Township;

2.5 (2) a grant to the city of Virginia to acquire land, predesign, construct, furnish, and equip  
2.6 relocated storm water and sanitary sewer along or within six miles of the relocated U.S.  
2.7 Highway 53 in Virginia, Eveleth, Gilbert, and Fayal Township; ~~and~~

2.8 (3) a grant to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority to acquire  
2.9 land, predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip trails to handle bicycles, pedestrians,  
2.10 snowmobiles, and ATVs along or within six miles of the relocated U.S. Highway 53 in  
2.11 Virginia, Eveleth, Gilbert, and Fayal Township. This appropriation does not require a  
2.12 nonstate match; and

2.13 (4) any amount of this appropriation that is  
2.14 unspent after substantial completion of the  
2.15 work described in clauses (1), (2), and (3),  
2.16 may be used for a grant to the St. Louis Lake  
2.17 Counties Regional Railroad for construction  
2.18 of a segment of the Mesabi Trail extending  
2.19 from the eastern end of the Mesabi Trail in  
2.20 Biwabik at the intersection of marked Trunk  
2.21 Highway 135 and St. Louis County Road 20  
2.22 to the intersection of County Road 20 and First  
2.23 Street South in the city of McKinley.

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