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## Bill Summary

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Directs the Metropolitan Council to spend 10 percent of Metro Mobility expenditures in FY 2005 on a program to allow certified Metro Mobility users to use taxis as an alternative to Metro Mobility vehicles. Requires the program to make payments to taxi providers to compensate them for reduced fares charged to certified riders. Limits the subsidy to 75 percent of the fare that exceeds the taxi provider's regular minimum fare.

Allows the council to contract with taxi providers or city licensing authorities to provide the service.

Requires the council to report to legislative transportation committees by February 1, 2005, on the program.