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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill changes the name of the Greater Minnesota Redevelopment Account to the Minnesota Development Account, and makes grants from the account available within the seven-county metropolitan area. The bill also provides bond fund appropriations to the account.

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- 1 **Account designations amended.** Changes name of greater Minnesota redevelopment accounts to Minnesota development accounts.
- 2 **Definition amended.** Amends the definition of a development authority to eliminate the requirement that such an entity be located outside the seven-county metropolitan area. (A development authority is an entity entitled to apply for grants from the redevelopment accounts)
- 3 **Defined term modified.** Changes a defined term from "redevelopment" to "development." The definition remains the same.
- 4 **Reference eliminated.** Eliminates reference to greater Minnesota in list of criteria for use of redevelopment accounts.
- 5 **Conforming changes.** Makes conforming changes to account names and eliminates reference to greater Minnesota.
- 6 **Priority for TIF districts eliminated.** Eliminates priority for proposals contributing tax increment financing towards a project.
- 7 **Conforming changes.**
- 8 **Conforming changes.**

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10 **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$10 million for the Minnesota development account and requires that the money be divided equally between redevelopment and new development. Appropriates \$15 million to the development account for eligible projects in the biotechnology and health science zone.

11 **Bond sale.** Authorizes the sale of state bonds to provide the money appropriated in section 10.

12 **Effective date.** Effective the day following final enactment.