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### Overview

This bill defines "plug-in hybrid electric vehicle," identifies standards it must meet, requires that the Department of Administration make purchases of such vehicles once conditions are met, and appropriates \$100,000 for retrofit of two flexible fuel vehicles.

#### Section

- 1**     **Definition.** Defines a "plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" as a vehicle with both an internal combustion engine and a rechargeable electric motor. It must meet federal safety standards and be able to travel at least 20 miles powered largely by electricity.
- 2**     **Notice of state procurement policy in bid documents.** Requires that the Department of Administration include, in its solicitation for vehicle purchases, a statement regarding the state's intent to purchase plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. The statement includes language that once the price is no more than 10 percent above comparable gasoline powered vehicles, and the vehicles are commercially available, the state intends to purchase plug-in hybrid electric vehicles as practical for at least the next five years.
- 3**     **Appropriation; plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.** Appropriates \$100,000 in fiscal year 2007 to Minnesota State University - Mankato for retrofit of two flexible fuel vehicles to also operate as plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.