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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill mandates certain electric vehicle purchasing by government entities starting in 2012.

Section

- 1** **Electric vehicle purchases.** Establishes electric vehicle (EV) purchasing requirements for state agencies and political subdivisions, including counties, cities, and towns. Requires that:
 - 25 percent of passenger vehicle purchases made on or after July 1, 2012, must be electric vehicles; and
 - purchased electric vehicles that are pickup trucks must be made in Minnesota.Establishes exceptions to the new purchasing requirements if an EV is not available at a similar price, or if the vehicle is incapable of performing the tasks for which it is being purchased.
- 2** **Authority for purchases and contracts.** Makes conforming changes, to clarify that the new EV purchasing provision applies to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.
- 3** **Electric vehicle.** Defines an electric vehicle as a motor vehicle with an electric motor and that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards.
- 4** **Motor vehicle purchasing.** Makes conforming changes, to modify the uniform municipal contracting law.