

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 1747 as follows:

1.2 Page 2, after line 31, insert:

1.3 "**Sec. 2. REPORT ON IMPACT OF SAC ON SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.**

1.4 The Metropolitan Council shall report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
 1.5 over the council, and as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195, by January 15, 2018,  
 1.6 on the impact of the council's sewer availability charges (SAC) on the ability of a variety  
 1.7 of small businesses in various locations in the metropolitan area to develop or expand. The  
 1.8 council shall consult with the commissioner of employment and economic development in  
 1.9 developing the study, determining what data available to the commissioner would be useful,  
 1.10 and how to collect any other data necessary or useful to the analysis. At a minimum, the  
 1.11 council must solicit from cities, business associations, and individual businesses data that  
 1.12 shows what percentage of initial costs a small business incurs is due to SAC imposed by  
 1.13 the council. "Initial costs" includes those costs incurred, whether paid or not, during the one  
 1.14 to two year period before opening. The report must also include how many businesses asked  
 1.15 for reduced SAC or deferment of payments and at what point in the process of developing  
 1.16 or expanding the business, how many received reductions, and in what amounts. The report  
 1.17 must identify specific changes to SAC that will reduce the burden on small businesses and  
 1.18 encourage their development and expansion, and how each option will affect other rate  
 1.19 payers. The report may include specific case studies of small business experience with SAC.  
 1.20 "Small business" is as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 645.445.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
 1.22 applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and  
 1.23 Washington."

1.24 Amend the title accordingly