

Subject Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure

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Overview

This bill draft establishes a Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure (or “council,” as used in this summary). It is effective July 1, 2024.

Article 1: Implementation

This article provides authority, direction, and funding to implement the Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure being created in the bill draft.

Section Description – Article 1: Implementation

- 1 **Implementation activities.**
Provides for implementation of the council.
 - Subd. 1. Definition.** Defines “council” for the section, to be the Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure.
 - Subd. 2. Council implementation.** Sets a timeline for appointments to the council and hiring an executive director. Directs the council to perform community engagement.
 - Subd. 3. Implementation support.** Directs Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) to support initial establishment of the council.
 - Subd. 4. Other reorganization.** Authorizes the Department of Administration to perform executive branch personnel and structure reorganization involving the council, without a one-year delay before the authority normally applies.
- 2 **Appropriation; Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure implementation.**
Appropriates an amount to be determined from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to MMB for implementation costs of the council, as a onetime appropriation.

Section Description – Article 1: Implementation

- 3 **Appropriation; Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure.**
Appropriates an amount to be determined from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 to the council for implementation costs, as a onetime appropriation. Makes the money available through fiscal year 2027.

Article 2: Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure

This article establishes the Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure (in a new chapter of state statutes, chapter 16F), including to specify membership, powers, and duties.

Section Description – Article 2: Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure

- 1 **[Adds § 16F.02] Definitions.**
Defines terms for the chapter.
- 2 **[Adds § 16F.05] Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure.**
Establishes the Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure.
- Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose.** Creates the council and specifies its general purpose.
- Subd. 2. Voting membership.** Identifies the 13 legislative and executive appointing entities to form the voting members of the council.
- Subd. 3. Nonvoting membership.** Identifies members who form the nonvoting members of the council (primarily from executive branch departments).
- Subd. 4. Voting members; qualifications.** Identifies qualifications and representation requirements for a person to be appointed as a voting member of the council. Prevents a current legislator from being appointed.
- Subd. 5. Voting members; recommendations for appointment.** Directs the appointing authorities to consider appointment recommendations from interested stakeholders, including from a specified list of entities.
- Subd. 6. Nonvoting members; delegation.** Sets requirements on delegation by a nonvoting member to serve on the council, including to specify a list of positions that the person must hold in order to qualify.
- Subd. 7. Officers.** Provides for election of council officers.

Section Description – Article 2: Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure

Subd. 8. Council actions. Establishes that a quorum requires a majority of council members. Clarifies that council meetings can use remote interactive technology.

Subd. 9. Compensation; terms; removal; vacancies. Makes the council subject to the general requirements in state statutes governing state councils, boards, agencies, and the like, including on the appointments process, compensation of council members, terms of membership, procedures for removal, and vacancies.

Subd. 10. Open Meeting Law. Clarifies that the council is subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

Subd. 11. Data practices. Clarifies that the council is subject to the Minnesota Data Practices Act.

3 [Adds § 16F.10] Responsibilities and duties.

Sets out direction for activities of the council.

Subd. 1. General responsibilities. Specifies areas of general responsibility for the council. Establishes that no transfer of personnel or executive functions to the council are required.

Subd. 2. Duties. Specifies duties for the council, which include identifying objectives and strategies for infrastructure and developing advisory recommendations.

Subd. 3. Asset managers program. Directs the council to develop a recommended plan for a statewide asset managers program on best practices, training, coordination, and collaboration.

Subd. 4. Report. Requires a legislative report by December 15 annually on council activities.

4 [Adds § 16F.15] Powers.

Establishes the general scope of powers of the council, including to enter into contracts for services and support.

5 [Adds § 16F.20] Personnel.

Provides for council staffing.

Subd. 1. Executive director. Directs the council to hire an executive director as the council's administrative officer. Sets general qualification requirements.

Subd. 2. Staffing. Provides authority and requirements for any other staff.



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