

**HF1306 - 0 - Administrative Citations for Transit Fare Evasion**

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 Agency: **Metropolitan Council**

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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**State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details**

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\*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

<b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

**Bill Description**

Section 1 Technical correction. This section of the bill would update the formatting in Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.855, subdivision 1.

Section 2 Technical correction. This section of the bill would update Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.855, subdivision 7 to change the word “provider” to “representative” since “provider” is used in error.

Section 3 This section adds a new subdivision 8 to Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.855 that would provide the Metropolitan Council permissive authority to build a program that allows the Metropolitan Council to issue an administrative citation to a person who commits a violation under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1).

**Assumptions**

This bill would provide the Metropolitan Council with permissive authority to develop an administrative citation program for fare evasion, but the bill does not require the Metropolitan Council to do so. For this reason, this policy change in this bill in itself does not carry a cost.

If provided this authority and as funding is available, the Metropolitan Council intends to exercise this authority in the coming months with one-time funding. This would include hiring new staff that are not sworn police officers to inspect fares and issue administrative citations.

Currently, Metro Transit estimates it would need to hire 24 FTEs in FY 22 to inspect fares at a 5 percent inspection rate. In addition, the Metropolitan Council would also hire new staff to manage the program and would need to purchase additional fare inspection equipment.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

NA

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

Program costs are expected to increase over time as Metro Transit opens additional proof of payment transit lines and as Metro Transit builds up to a 10% fare inspection target across all proof of payment lines.

**Local Fiscal Impact**

NA for HF1306 as introduced

**References/Sources**

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