

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to transportation; defining operating costs for purposes of the state share
- 1.3 of light rail operating costs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 473.3994,
- 1.4 subdivision 9.

1.5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 473.3994, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

- 1.7 Subd. 9. **Light rail transit operating costs.** (a) Before submitting an application for
- 1.8 federal assistance for light rail transit facilities in the metropolitan area, the Metropolitan
- 1.9 Council must prepare an estimate of the amount of operating subsidy which will be required
- 1.10 to operate light rail transit in the corridor to which the federal assistance would be applied.
- 1.11 The estimate must indicate the amount of operating subsidy estimated to be required in each
- 1.12 of the first ten years of operation of the light rail transit facility. If the commissioner of
- 1.13 transportation is the responsible authority, the commissioner must provide information
- 1.14 requested by the council that is necessary to make the estimate.
- 1.15 (b) The council must review and evaluate the estimate developed under paragraph (a)
- 1.16 with regard to the effect of operating the light rail transit facility on the currently available
- 1.17 mechanisms for financing transit in the metropolitan area.
- 1.18 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, operating costs consist of the costs associated with
- 1.19 light rail system daily operations and the maintenance costs associated with keeping light
- 1.20 rail services and facilities operating. Operating costs do not include costs incurred to enhance
- 1.21 or expand the existing system, construct new buildings or facilities, purchase new vehicles,
- 1.22 or make technology improvements.