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S.F. No. 4938 – Zero-emission transit bus transition requirement

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S.F. 4938 institutes a requirement that by January 1, 2030, any bus purchased by either the Metropolitan Council or greater Minnesota transit provider for regular route service or special transportation service is a zero-emission transit bus.

Section 1 [Bus procurement] institutes the zero-emission transit bus requirement for public transportation providers outside of the metro area. Any bus purchased after January 1, 2030, for regular route service or special transportation service must be a zero-emission transit bus.

Section 2 [Zero-emission transit buses] specifies requirements for zero-emission transit buses in the greater Minnesota transit chapter of law. Requires the commissioner to adopt a transition plan to implement an exclusively zero-emission transit bus fleet. Requires technical assistance and consultation with interested stakeholders. Establishes procurement exemptions and sets forth requirements for an entity seeking either (1) an extension of the commencement of the 2030 deadline, or (2) creating a procurement percentage or phase-in schedule. Effective the day following final enactment.

Section 3 [Bus procurement] institutes the zero-emission transit bus requirement for the Metropolitan Council. Any bus purchased after January 1, 2030, for regular route service or special transportation service must be a zero-emission transit bus.

Section 4 [Zero-emission and electric transit vehicles] amends the Metropolitan Council's zero-emission and electric transit vehicle transition plan.

Section 5 [Appropriation] appropriates an unspecified sum from the general fund to the commissioner of transportation for the zero-emission transit bus transition plan specified in section 2.

Section 6 [Revisor's instruction] is a revisor's instruction.