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S.F. No. 1298 – Various MnDOT Policy & Technical Changes

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S.F. 1298 is a Department of Transportation agency bill and makes several policy and technical changes.

Section 1. Route No. 96. The description of legislative route number 96 is amended to reflect a portion of the road being turned back to Washington County.

Section 2. Indian Employment Preference. The commissioner of transportation may implement an Indian employment preference for members of federally recognized tribes for projects carried out on or near an Indian reservation.

Section 3. Escort vehicles required; width. A vehicle transporting an overdimensional load that extends beyond the left of the centerline on an undivided highway must have one lead escort vehicle, one rear escort vehicle, and one lead licensed peace officer. Current law only requires the lead licensed peace officer. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Section 4. Debt service forecast. This section changes the date the commissioner of management and budget must report to the commissioner of revenue on trunk highway debt service from March 1 to April 1.

Section 5. Effective date. This section amends the effective date of a 2012 session law. The 2012 session law allowed the commissioner of transportation to use the construction manager/general contractor contracting method for ten projects. This section strikes the cap on the number of projects so that the commissioner can use this method for an unlimited number of projects.

Section 6. Legislative Route No. 263 removed. This section describes a turnback of trunk highway 263 to Martin County. The statutory description of the route is repealed upon completion of the turnback agreement.

Section 7. Legislative Route No. 267 removed. This section describes a turnback of trunk highway 267 to Murray County. The statutory description of the route is repealed upon completion of the turnback agreement.