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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing the emergency infrastructure repair and
1.3 replacement account for loans and grants to local governments for infrastructure
1.4 damaged in disasters; requiring a report; transferring money; appropriating money;
1.5 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12B.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. 12B.48] EMERGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR AND
1.8 REPLACEMENT.

1.9 (a) An emergency infrastructure repair and replacement account is created in the special
1.10 revenue fund in the state treasury. Money in the account is appropriated to the director to
1.11 provide loans and grants up to \$20,000,000 to local governments for repair or reconstruction
1.12 of critical infrastructure affected by a disaster. The director must develop criteria and
1.13 guidelines for awarding the loans or grants and must prioritize awarding money for
1.14 infrastructure projects that will improve public safety or provide necessary access to other
1.15 areas affected by the disaster.

1.16 (b) Notwithstanding section 12A.16, subdivision 1a, the application and claims procedures
1.17 in sections 12B.40 and 12B.45, or any other law to the contrary, within 14 days of a local
1.18 government's request for a loan or grant under this subdivision, the director, or the director's
1.19 representative, must conduct a site inspection to verify the severity of the damage and, in
1.20 consultation with the commissioner of transportation, award the loan or grant.

1.21 (c) After receiving the loan or grant, the local government must comply with the
1.22 application, claims, and audit procedures required by this chapter. Within 180 days of

2.1 completion of the infrastructure project, the local government must repay its share of eligible
2.2 costs as required under section 12B.35 to the account.

2.3 (d) By January 15 of each year, the commissioner of management and budget must
2.4 submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives
2.5 Ways and Means Committee and the senate Finance Committee detailing the emergency
2.6 infrastructure appropriations and expenditures under this subdivision during the previous
2.7 calendar year.

2.8 (e) The emergency infrastructure repair and replacement account shall maintain a
2.9 minimum balance of \$100,000,000. The amount required to maintain the minimum balance
2.10 is transferred annually from the budget reserve account under section 16A.152, subdivision
2.11 1a.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.13 Sec. 2. **EMERGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT**
2.14 **ACCOUNT; TRANSFER.**

2.15 \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is transferred from the budget reserve account under
2.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.152, subdivision 1a, to the emergency infrastructure repair
2.17 and replacement account under Minnesota Statutes, section 12B.48. This is a onetime
2.18 transfer.

2.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.