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H. F. No. 480

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- 02/02/2023 The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance
- 02/09/2023 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy
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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to local government; appropriating money to the Minnesota Council on

1.3 Disability to provide outreach, training, assistance, and auditing related to local

1.4 government website accessibility; requiring a report.

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

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON DISABILITY.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. (a) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$250,000 in fiscal

1.8 year 2025 are appropriated from the general fund to the Minnesota Council on Disability

1.9 to select, appoint, and compensate employees to perform the following tasks:

1.10 (1) in consultation with the League of Minnesota Cities and the Association of Minnesota

1.11 Counties, provide a statewide training module for cities and counties on how to conform

1.12 local government websites to accessibility standards;

1.13 (2) provide outreach, training, and technical assistance for local government officials

1.14 and staff on website accessibility; and

1.15 (3) track and compile information about the outcomes of the activities described in

1.16 clauses (1) and (2) and the costs of implementation for cities and counties to make website

1.17 accessibility improvements.

1.18 (b) The training module described under paragraph (a), clause (1), must be developed

1.19 and made available to counties and cities on or before July 1, 2024.

1.20 (c) This appropriation is onetime. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and

1.21 after is \$0.

- 2.1 Subd. 2. Report to the legislature. On or before January 15, 2025, and annually on
2.2 January 15 thereafter, the Minnesota Council on Disability shall submit a report to the chair
2.3 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state
2.4 government finance and local government specifying the number of cities and counties that
2.5 received training or technical assistance on website accessibility, the outcomes of website
2.6 accessibility training and outreach, the costs incurred by cities and counties to make website
2.7 accessibility improvements, and any other information that the council deems relevant.
- 2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.