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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1451

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy

03/14/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; bridges; providing for disposition of remnant steel of
1.3 I-35W bridge; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

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

1.5 Section 1. [3.7396] DISPOSITION OF REMNANT STEEL OF I-35W BRIDGE.

1.6 (a) After completion of the special claims process under section 3.7393 and all
1.7 litigation relating to the I-35W bridge collapse, and notwithstanding any provisions in
1.8 sections 16C.03, 16C.23, and 161.41, the commissioner of transportation is authorized to
1.9 declare as surplus all structural steel and any other materials salvaged from the I-35W
1.10 bridge collapse. The commissioner is authorized to distribute, free of charge, pieces of
1.11 remnant steel from the bridge to the following persons or institutions in order of priority:

- 1.12 (1) the Minnesota Historical Society;
- 1.13 (2) survivors as defined in section 3.7392, subdivision 8;
- 1.14 (3) federal and state agencies with responsibilities for transportation safety;
- 1.15 (4) institutions of higher education in the field of engineering; and
- 1.16 (5) at the commissioner's discretion, other persons or institutions directly impacted
1.17 by the bridge collapse.

1.18 (b) The commissioner shall determine the size of the pieces of remnant steel to be
1.19 distributed under this section. The commissioner shall complete the process of distributing
1.20 pieces of remnant steel within a period of ... months from the effective date of this section.
1.21 After that time, the commissioner shall dispose of the remaining steel as surplus property
1.22 to be melted down and recycled, and the proceeds from such disposal shall be deposited
1.23 in the general fund.

- 2.1 (c) The state shall have no liability associated with the condition of the pieces of
- 2.2 remnant steel, including but not limited to the presence of lead-based paint on the steel.

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