

**Property Tax  
Legislative Commission on  
Metropolitan Government**

April 20, 2001

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Separate Official Fiscal Note Requested		<b>X</b>
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>		
DOR Administrative Costs/Savings		<b>X</b>

Department of Revenue

Analysis of H.F. 981 (McElroy) / S.F. 1219 (Dave Johnson), **1<sup>st</sup> Engrossment of House Bill**

	<b>Revenue Gain or (Loss)</b>			
	<b><u>F.Y. 2002</u></b>	<b><u>F.Y. 2003</u></b>	<b><u>F.Y. 2004</u></b>	<b><u>F.Y. 2005</u></b>
		(000's)		
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Effective August 1, 2001.

**EXPLANATION OF THE BILL**

**Current Law:** Minnesota Statutes chapter 473 establishes the Metropolitan Council and makes provisions for metropolitan government. No legislative commission currently oversees the Metropolitan Council's budgets and programs.

**Proposed Law:** The proposal creates a legislative commission on metropolitan government to oversee the Metropolitan Council's operating and capital budgets, work program, and capital improvement program. Membership shall consist of seven senators and seven state representatives from the metropolitan area, and the term of membership shall be two years. The chair of the commission shall serve a two-year term and alternate between the house and the senate. Members are not compensated, except for reasonable expenses, and legislative staff shall provide administrative and research assistance. The commission shall review and make recommendations on the Metropolitan Council's: tax rates and levies; requests for increased debt; overall work and role; proposed budgets and programs; and the implementation of the budgets and programs. The commission shall also monitor appointments to the Metropolitan Council. The Metropolitan Council must submit specified information to the commission.

**REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL**

- The imposition of greater review of the Metropolitan Council will have an unknown impact on its activities, and will have no direct impact on state funds.

**Number of Taxpayers Affected:** Taxpayers in the metropolitan area could be affected by the proposal.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/OPERATIONAL IMPACT**

There will be no significant administrative or operational costs or savings to DOR in administration of this bill.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue  
Tax Research Division  
<http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/polic.html#analyses>

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