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**Transportation Committee**

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**SB 6326**

**Brief Description:** Defining prohibited bus conduct.

**Sponsors:** Senators Esser, McCaslin, Oke, Roach, Eide, Kline and Rasmussen.

<p><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prohibits certain conduct in regional transit authority vehicles and facilities.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/25/04

**Staff:** Jill Satran (786-7315).

**Background:**

A person is guilty of unlawful bus conduct if, while riding a municipal transit vehicle or at a municipal transit station, he or she:

- smokes (except while at a transit station);
- litters;
- plays a stereo too loud without headphones;
- spits;
- carries flammable liquid, explosive or other harmful material;
- intentionally obstructs the flow of municipal transit vehicles or passengers;
- intentionally disturbs others; or
- destroys or defaces municipal transit property.

Unlawful bus conduct is a misdemeanor, punishable by no more than 90 days in jail and/or a fine not more than \$1000. "Municipal transit station" and "municipal transit vehicles" are defined, and do not include facilities or vehicles operated by a regional transit authority.

**Summary of Bill:**

The definitions of "municipal transit station" and "municipal transit vehicle" are amended to include facilities or vehicles operated by a regional transit authority. Unlawful bus conduct offenses apply to persons in facilities or vehicles operated by regional transit authorities.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.