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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1493

02/21/2019 Authored by Hausman, Olson, Schultz and Huot The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for development of passenger
1.3 rail infrastructure; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.5 Section 1. PASSENGER RAIL.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Appropriations. (a) \$15,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds
1.7 fund to the commissioner of transportation for intercity passenger rail implementation on
1.8 phase I corridors identified in the 2015 update to the state rail plan under Minnesota Statutes,
1.9 section 174.03, subdivision 1b. This appropriation is available for development of rail
1.10 investment performance measures, project cost estimating, feasibility studies, alternatives
1.11 analysis, program delivery, and capital projects, including but not limited to: design;
1.12 preliminary and final engineering; environmental analysis and mitigation; acquisition of
1.13 land and right-of-way; and construction. Projects include the Northern Lights Express service
1.14 between Minneapolis and St. Paul and Duluth, a second daily Amtrak train between
1.15 Minneapolis and St. Paul and Chicago, Twin Cities to Milwaukee high-speed passenger
1.16 rail service, and extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail service to St. Cloud.

1.17 (b) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.18 of transportation for a feasibility study and alternatives analysis of the corridor from the
1.19 Twin Cities metropolitan area to Northfield and Albert Lea.

1.20 (c) Money appropriated in this subdivision is available until the project is completed or
1.21 abandoned subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond
2.2 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
2.3 the state in an amount up to \$15,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
2.4 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
2.5 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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