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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for North Shore Express
1.3 Intercity Rail Initiative; authorizing sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION FOR NORTH SHORE EXPRESS INTERCITY**
1.6 **RAIL INITIATIVE.**

1.7 \$1,700,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner
1.8 of transportation for a grant to St. Louis and Lake County Regional Rail Authority for
1.9 railroad acquisition and track restoration, environmental impact studies, advanced corridor
1.10 planning, preliminary design and preliminary engineering, station design, analysis of
1.11 railroad capacity, and easement costs for intercity and passenger rail service between the
1.12 city of Duluth and the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

1.13 Sec. 2. **BOND SALE.**

1.14 To provide the money appropriated in section 1 from the bond proceeds fund,
1.15 the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to
1.16 \$1,700,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota
1.17 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,
1.18 sections 4 to 7.

1.19 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.20 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.