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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 the Northshore  
1.3 Express Inter-City Passenger Rail; authorizing the sale and issuance of state  
1.4 bonds.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$1,950,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of  
1.8 transportation for a grant to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority  
1.9 to acquire land, to conduct design, engineering, and environmental studies and to construct  
1.10 or reconstruct rail lines, railway stations, and other railroad appurtenances necessary to  
1.11 facilitate the return of passenger rail service within Duluth and the Duluth/Minneapolis  
1.12 rail corridor.

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 \$1,950,000 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.