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## State of Minnesota

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A bill for an act

relating to transportation; capital investment; appropriating money for Northstar

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

| 1.3<br>1.4 | Commuter Rail extension to St. Cloud; requiring a report; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds. |
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| 1.5        | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:   |
| 1.6        | Section 1. NORTHSTAR COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION.   |
| 1.7        | Subdivision 1. Appropriations; project assessment and development. (a) \$850,000                            |
| 1.8        | in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of transportation             |
| 1.9        | for assessment, analysis, and review of the project to extend Northstar Commuter Rail                       |
| 1.10       | service to the city of St. Cloud. This is a onetime appropriation.  |
| 1.11       | (b) \$ is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of                                   |
| 1.12       | transportation for predesign and design to extend Northstar Commuter Rail service to the                    |
| 1.13       | city of St. Cloud.  |
| 1.14       | (c) Any funds remaining following the uses specified in paragraph (b) are available for                     |
| 1.15       | one or more of the following: preliminary and final engineering; environmental analysis                     |
| 1.16       | and mitigation; land acquisition, including right-of-way and temporary or permanent                         |
| 1.17       | easements; and capital improvements to tracks, signals, and rail crossings.                                 |
| 1.18       | (d) Following any necessary project development, the commissioner must seek to                              |
| 1.19       | commence negotiations with BNSF Railway Company regarding Northstar Commuter Rail                           |
| 1.20       | service extension.  |
| 1.21       | Subd. 2. Legislative reports. (a) By October 1, 2020, the commissioner must submit a                        |
| 1.22       | report on the Northstar Commuter Rail extension project to the legislative committees with                  |

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| 2.1  | jurisdiction over capital investment and transportation policy and finance. At a minimum, |
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| 2.2  | the report must:  |
| 2.3  | (1) provide a status overview of the project;   |
| 2.4  | (2) identify a timeline with key remaining project development steps;                     |
| 2.5  | (3) summarize stakeholder and project partner engagement activities;                      |
| 2.6  | (4) review project finances, including cost estimates and anticipated sources and uses    |
| 2.7  | of funds; and   |
| 2.8  | (5) provide recommendations for legislative changes, if any.                              |
| 2.9  | (b) By October 1, 2021, the commissioner must submit a revised report with updates to     |
| 2.10 | the information identified in paragraph (a).  |
| 2.11 | Subd. 3. Bond sale. To provide the money appropriated in subdivision 1 from the bond      |
| 2.12 | proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of    |
| 2.13 | the state in an amount up to \$ in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect        |
| 2.14 | prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota       |

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

Section 1. 2

Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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