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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for Northstar commuter rail;  
1.3 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. **NORTHSTAR COMMUTER RAIL.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. General fund appropriation. \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the general  
1.7 fund in fiscal year 2021 to the commissioner of transportation for public outreach,  
1.8 negotiations with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, identifying equipment needs, and  
1.9 ridership and revenue studies to extend the Northstar commuter rail between Big Lake and  
1.10 St. Cloud.

1.11 Subd. 2. Bond appropriation. \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund  
1.12 to the commissioner of transportation for preliminary engineering and environmental work  
1.13 to extend the Northstar commuter rail between Big Lake and St. Cloud.

1.14 Subd. 3. Bond sale. To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond  
1.15 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of  
1.16 the state in an amount up to \$3,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect  
1.17 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota  
1.18 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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