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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2596**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; appropriating money for a passenger rail demonstration
1.3 project and a Northstar commuter rail extension feasibility study.

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

1.5 Section 1. **PASSENGER RAIL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT; APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of transportation to conduct up to a six-month demonstration project that provides rail
1.8 service between the cities of Minneapolis and St. Cloud.

1.9 Sec. 2. **NORTHSTAR RAIL EXTENSION FEASIBILITY STUDY;**
1.10 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.11 \$850,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.12 of transportation to study the feasibility of extending Northstar commuter rail between the
1.13 cities of St. Cloud and Big Lake.