



- Subject Minnesota rail service improvement program
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## Summary

This bill authorizes \$20,000,000 in general obligation bonds and appropriates the proceeds to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the Minnesota rail service improvement (MRSI) program.

**Background.** Subject to available funding, the MRSI program provides grants and loans for freight rail purposes, including capital improvement and rail line rehabilitation. In administering the program, MnDOT uses a solicitation and project evaluation process to award grants. Grants must be for improvements that support economic development. Minn. Stat. § 222.50, subd. 6. Eligible recipients include railroads and local units of government.

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