Overview

The three parts of this bonding request are all related to a planned direct reduction iron steel mill project in Itasca county. The bill provides funding for infrastructure such as highways and rails; for improvements to the natural gas pipeline in the area to make it sufficient to serve the planned facility; and for wastewater treatment facilities and freshwater wells. The funds are directed to the Itasca County Railway Authority for the portions related to both rails and natural gas pipeline, to Itasca county for the highway improvements, and to the city of Nashwauk for the water projects. All appropriations are from the bond proceeds fund.

1  **Appropriation; Itasca County Railroad Authority.** Appropriates $24,000,000 for a grant to the Itasca County Railway Authority for capital improvements for railroad access and natural gas right-of-way and pipeline.

2  **Appropriation; County of Itasca.** Appropriates $16,000,000 for a grant to Itasca county for public highway improvements.

3  **Appropriation; City of Nashwauk.** Appropriates $4,000,000 to the city of Nashwauk for freshwater wells and wastewater treatment facilities.

4  **Bond sale.** Authorizes bond sale to provide money for sections 1 through 3.

5  **Effective date.** Sections 1 through 4 are effective the day following final enactment.