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This bill directs the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the Department of Employment and Economic Development to conduct a study of economic development through freight rail, and requires study findings to be incorporated into MnDOT's Minnesota Comprehensive Statewide Freight and Passenger Rail Plan.

Following an interim progress report, a final legislative report on the study is due by September 1, 2013. MnDOT is authorized to expend funds for the study and report from the Minnesota Rail Service Improvement (MRSI) program.