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

- 1.1A bill for an act
- 1.2relating to transportation; prohibiting expenditures for the Northern Lights Express
- 1.3passenger rail project.
- 1.4BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5Section 1. **NORTHERN LIGHTS EXPRESS PASSENGER RAIL; PROHIBITION.**
- 1.6Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "Northern Lights Express project"
- 1.7means the proposed high-speed passenger rail project between the cities of Minneapolis
- 1.8and Duluth.
- 1.9Subd. 2. **Commissioner of transportation.** The commissioner of transportation must
- 1.10not expend any money for studying, planning, preliminary engineering, final design, or
- 1.11construction for the Northern Lights Express project. This prohibition includes grants to
- 1.12other entities and the expenditure of federal money for this purpose.
- 1.13Subd. 3. **Metropolitan Council.** The Metropolitan Council must not expend any money
- 1.14for studying, planning, preliminary engineering, final design, or construction for the Northern
- 1.15Lights Express project. This prohibition includes grants to other entities and the expenditure
- 1.16of federal money for this purpose.
- 1.17**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.