

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 2758

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; prohibiting expenditures for the Northern Lights Express
1.3 passenger rail project.

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

1.5 Section 1. **NORTHERN LIGHTS EXPRESS PASSENGER RAIL; PROHIBITION.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "Northern Lights Express project"
1.7 means the proposed high-speed passenger rail project between the cities of Minneapolis
1.8 and Duluth.

1.9 Subd. 2. **Commissioner of transportation.** The commissioner of transportation must
1.10 not expend any money for studying, planning, preliminary engineering, final design, or
1.11 construction for the Northern Lights Express project. This prohibition includes grants to
1.12 other entities and the expenditure of federal money for this purpose.

1.13 Subd. 3. **Metropolitan Council.** The Metropolitan Council must not expend any money
1.14 for studying, planning, preliminary engineering, final design, or construction for the Northern
1.15 Lights Express project. This prohibition includes grants to other entities and the expenditure
1.16 of federal money for this purpose.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.