

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

**S.F. No. 535**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Capital Investment

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Minnesota Valley  
1.3 Regional Rail Authority.

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

1.5 Section 1. MINNESOTA VALLEY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY.

1.6 (a) \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
1.7 commissioner of transportation for a grant to the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority  
1.8 to rehabilitate a portion of the railroad track between Winthrop and Hanley Falls. The grant  
1.9 under this paragraph may also be used for any required environmental documentation and  
1.10 remediation, predesign, design, and rehabilitation or replacement of bridges with new bridges  
1.11 or culverts between Winthrop and Hanley Falls. A portion of the grant under this paragraph  
1.12 may also be used as matching funds to meet federal grant requirements. A grant under this  
1.13 paragraph is in addition to any grant, loan, or loan guarantee for this project made by the  
1.14 commissioner under Minnesota Statutes, sections 222.46 to 222.62.

1.15 (b) This appropriation is in addition to the appropriations under Laws 2006, chapter 258,  
1.16 section 16, subdivision 6; Laws 2008, chapter 179, section 16, subdivision 5, as amended  
1.17 by Laws 2014, chapter 294, article 2, section 10, and Laws 2015, First Special Session  
1.18 chapter 5, article 3, section 7; Laws 2009, chapter 93, article 1, section 11, subdivision 4,  
1.19 as amended by Laws 2014, chapter 294, article 2, section 11, and Laws 2015, First Special  
1.20 Session chapter 5, article 3, section 8; Laws 2010, chapter 189, section 15, subdivision 5,  
1.21 as amended by Laws 2014, chapter 294, article 2, section 12, and Laws 2015, First Special  
1.22 Session chapter 5, article 3, section 9; Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 5, article

2.1 1, section 10, subdivision 4; Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 8, article 1, section  
2.2 15, subdivision 7; and Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 1, section 16, subdivision 4.

2.3 (c) This appropriation is onetime and is available until the project is completed or  
2.4 abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.

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