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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 2776

03/09/2023 Authored by Hudella, Fogelman, Murphy and Wiens The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

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.