

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1416, the second engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 35, after line 23, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 56. Laws 2012, chapter 287, article 3, section 44, is amended to read:

1.4 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 174.03, is amended by adding a
1.5 subdivision to read:

1.6 Subd. 1d. **Freight rail economic development study.** (a) The commissioner of
1.7 transportation, in cooperation with the commissioner of the Department of Employment
1.8 and Economic Development, shall conduct a freight rail economic development study.
1.9 The study will assess the economic impact of freight railroads in the state and identify
1.10 opportunities to expand business development and enhance economic competitiveness
1.11 through improved utilization of freight rail options. Findings from the study shall be
1.12 incorporated as an amendment to the statewide freight and passenger rail plan.

1.13 (b) The commissioner of transportation shall provide an interim progress report on
1.14 the study by January 15, 2013, and a final report on ~~September 1~~ November 15, 2013, to
1.15 the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
1.16 over transportation policy and finance and over employment and economic development.
1.17 The reports shall include any recommended legislative initiatives.

1.18 (c) The commissioner of transportation may expend up to \$216,000 in fiscal year
1.19 2013 under section 222.50, subdivision 7, to pay the costs of this study and report."

1.20 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

1.21 Amend the title accordingly