

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 409 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 4, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 174.634, is amended to read:

1.4 **174.634 PASSENGER RAIL; FUNDING.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. General. (a) The commissioner may apply for funding from federal,  
1.6 state, regional, local, and private sources to carry out the commissioner's duties in section  
1.7 174.632.

1.8 (b) Section 174.88, subdivision 2, does not apply to the commissioner's performance of  
1.9 duties and exercise of powers under sections 174.632 to 174.636.

1.10 Subd. 2. Passenger rail account; transfers; appropriation. (a) A passenger rail account  
1.11 is established in the special revenue fund. The account consists of funds as provided in this  
1.12 subdivision and any other money donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise provided to  
1.13 the account.

1.14 (b) By July 15 annually, the commissioner of revenue must transfer an amount from the  
1.15 general fund to the passenger rail account that equals 50 percent of the portion of the state  
1.16 general tax under section 275.025 levied on railroad operating property, as defined under  
1.17 section 273.13, subdivision 24, in the prior calendar year.

1.18 (c) Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of transportation  
1.19 for the net operating and capital maintenance costs of intercity passenger rail, after accounting  
1.20 for operating revenue, federal funds, and other sources.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2027."

1.22 Page 1, line 5, after "EXPRESS" insert "INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL"

1.23 Page 1, line 6, delete "\$99,000,000" and insert "(a) \$194,300,000"

2.1 Page 1, line 9, after the comma insert "equipment and rolling stock,"

2.2 Page 1, line 10, after the period, insert "Of this appropriation, the amount necessary is  
2.3 for: (1) Coon Rapids station improvements to establish a joint station that provides for  
2.4 Amtrak train service on the Empire Builder line between Chicago and Seattle; and (2)  
2.5 acquisition of equipment and rolling stock for purposes of participation in the midwest fleet  
2.6 pool, to provide for service on Northern Lights Express and second daily Amtrak train  
2.7 service between Minneapolis and St. Paul and Chicago."

2.8 Page 1, line 11, delete everything after "until" and insert "June 30, 2028."

2.9 Page 1, after line 11, insert:

2.10 "(b) \$488,000 in each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025 is appropriated from the general  
2.11 fund to the commissioner of transportation for intercity passenger rail project management,  
2.12 grant administration, and related operations. \$488,000 annually is added to the base for this  
2.13 activity."

2.14 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.15 Amend the title accordingly