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**Fiscal Note**

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**HF2986 - 0 - Rail Safety Inspection Program Established**

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
<b>Local Fiscal Impact</b>		
		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

<b>State Cost (Savings)</b>	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

<b>Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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## State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

\*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2 Dollars in Thousands	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>					
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>					
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-

## Bill Description

House File 2986/SF3154 requires MnDOT to standardize its process to receive and investigate complaints of noncompliance of state rail safety provisions in M.S. chapters 218 and 219. This is added as an amendment to the rail inspection program requirements at M.S chapter 219.015. It requires the inspection program to supply state inspectors with proper measurement tools. The standardized process must require notification to the respective rail carrier of any substantiated reports on noncompliance, or of an investigation of a reported noncompliant statutory or regulatory condition on the carrier's property. The standardized process may provide the reporting party or designated safety representative with the investigative conclusions.

## Assumptions

MnDOT has a standardized process in place for these types of complaints. Ongoing improvement efforts to streamline this process for both informal and formal complaints are underway. No additional staff time will be required.

MnDOT provides its inspectors with the proper measurement tools and reviews them on an ongoing basis.

Note: This fiscal note is revised. Upon further review, MnDOT believes it can respond to the bill's requirements within existing additional efforts to improve its processes.

## Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

None

## Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

None

## Local Fiscal Impact

None

## References/Sources

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