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Bill Summary

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This bill:

- directs MnDOT to assess Class I railroads at up to \$32.5 million annually;
- allocates the assessment amount proportionally among the railroads based on route miles operated in the state; and
- creates a statutory appropriation of the assessment revenue to MnDOT (from a rail grade crossing safety improvement account also created in the bill) for development and construction of highway-rail grade crossing improvements on rail corridors where crude oil and other hazardous materials are transported.

This provision is similar to a proposal in the Governor's proposed transportation budget (H.F. 847).