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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill amends the required funding sources for light rail transit to include a portion from county regional railroad authorities, reducing the state share. It also permits regional railroad authorities to expend funds on commuter rail operating and maintenance.

#### Section

- 1**      **Operating and maintenance costs.** Authorizes regional railroad authorities to pay operating and maintenance costs of commuter rail projects, and makes conforming and technical changes (see section 2).
- 2**      **Operating costs.** Amends the allocation of operating and maintenance costs for light rail transit, so that:
  - ▶ 25% comes from state sources (such as general fund appropriations and MVST revenue), which is decreased from 50%;
  - ▶ 25% is required from regional railroad authorities; and
  - ▶ 50% must come from other sources.
- 3**      **Effective date.** Makes the changes effective for light rail transit spending on or after January 1, 2017.