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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1476

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; authorizing a rail transitway feasibility study.

1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. RAIL TRANSITWAY FEASIBILITY STUDY.

1.5 (a) One or more counties or regional railroad authorities may perform a feasibility study
1.6 for a rail transitway in a corridor from St. Louis Park to Savage.

1.7 (b) A feasibility study performed under this section must:

1.8 (1) be performed in a manner that meets state and federal requirements for light rail
1.9 transit and commuter rail project development, including providing for subsequent selection
1.10 of a locally preferred alternative;

1.11 (2) limit the evaluation of trains to types that:

1.12 (i) are diesel multiple unit trains, including diesel-electric multiple unit trains; and

1.13 (ii) can operate on track and infrastructure for the Southwest light rail transit line; and

1.14 (3) evaluate the impacts and costs to include each of the following in a transitway project:

1.15 (i) quiet zones under Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 222, at all at-grade
1.16 highway-rail crossings;

1.17 (ii) positive train control system, as defined in United States Code, title 49, section
1.18 20157(i); and

1.19 (iii) continuous safety fencing throughout the corridor.

- 2.1 (c) This section applies notwithstanding any provision of Laws 2002, chapter 393, section
- 2.2 85.
- 2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.