

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 5 - 1 - 0
Yeas: Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Starr, Beyer
Nays: Girod
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Richard Berger, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 5/16, 5/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires notice be given to the Department of Transportation when any real property is for sale near railways.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Concern over bureaucratic delays in property sales
- Importance of rail infrastructure to economic development
- State investment in rail infrastructure
- Burden on smaller communities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2370 A requires that any political subdivision, when selling or exchanging real property to an individual, corporation or governmental organization within 100 feet of a railroad right-of-way, or 500 feet of a railroad crossing, must provide notice to the Department of Transportation. Notification must be given at least 30 days prior to the listing or placing real property for sale. Private rail holders may receive notice, but do not receive priority in purchasing over the general public. The measure provides the Department with rulemaking authority to implement the act.