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SENATE FILE 454
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 40)

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Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 94 Nays 0
Approved April 29, 1991

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act authorizing the state department of transportation to
- 2 contract for a light rail study.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

SENATE FILE 454

S-3167

- 1 Amend Senate File 454 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 15, by inserting after the word
- 3 "from" the following: "adequate".
- 4 2. Page 1, line 16, by inserting after the word
- 5 "sector." the following: "The department is
- 6 authorized to accept and use any available federal or
- 7 private funds for conducting the study."
- 8 3. Page 1, by striking lines 17 and 18, and
- 9 inserting the following: "of findings and
- 10 recommendations to the general assembly."

By JEAN LLOYD-JONES

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ADOPTED (p. 827)

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1 Section 1. INTENT. It is the intent of the general
2 assembly to increase energy conservation and efficiency, to
3 reduce air pollution, and to provide efficient and convenient
4 transportation to metropolitan airport facilities through use
5 of a light rail system within the state.

3/16 16 Sec. 2. LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM. The state department of
7 transportation shall contract with a private consultant to
8 study the feasibility of operating a light rail system within
9 the state. The routes studied shall include a route from West
10 Des Moines through metropolitan Des Moines, a route from the
11 Des Moines airport through Ankeny to Ames, and a route from
12 Iowa City through North Liberty to Cedar Rapids. The
13 department shall only contract for the light rail system
14 feasibility study authorized by this section if the study is
15 financed from funds made available by the federal government
16 or the private sector. The department shall submit a report
17 of the consultant's findings and recommendations to the
18 general assembly by January 15, 1992.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill requires the state department of transportation
21 to contract for a study to determine the feasibility of
22 establishing a light rail system with routes from the Des
23 Moines airport through Ankeny to Ames, from Iowa City through
24 North Liberty to Cedar Rapids, and from West Des Moines to Des
25 Moines. The study can only be contracted for if it is
26 financed from federal or private sector funds. The findings
27 and recommendations must be submitted to the general assembly
28 by January 15, 1992.

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**SENATE FILE 454
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for Senate File 454 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 454 requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a light rail transit system with routes from Des Moines to Ames, from West Des Moines to Des Moines, and from Iowa City to Cedar Rapids. This study can only be contracted if it is financed from federal or private sector funds.

Assumptions

The study would focus on the following issues:

1. Market demand estimation and development of a data base for demand forecasts and engineering analysis.
2. Technological evaluation to determine train speeds, station stopping patterns, train frequencies, and fare levels.
3. Cost analysis for estimating operating, maintenance and capital costs associated with the proposal.
4. An evaluation of financial and economic benefits of light rail transit in the proposed corridors.

Fiscal Effect

The study will cost an estimated \$200,000.

(Source: Department of Transportation, and TMS/Benesch and Company)

(LSB 1417sv, DLR)

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BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

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JOE J. WELSH
President of the Senate

ROBERT C. ARNOULD
Speaker of the House

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 454, Seventy-fourth General Assembly.

JOHN F. DWYER
Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 29, 1991

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor