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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a feasibility study regarding a certain
2 passenger rail service, and making appropriations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FEASIBILITY STUDY. The
2 department of transportation shall study the feasibility of
3 a passenger rail service operating between Dubuque, Iowa,
4 and Black Hawk county, Iowa, as an extension of the future
5 passenger rail service between Dubuque, Iowa, and Chicago,
6 Illinois. The department of transportation shall study
7 the passenger rail service's costs, ridership projections,
8 and funding options. The department of transportation
9 shall prepare and submit a report, including findings and
10 recommendations, to the general assembly by January 1, 2021.

11 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the
12 general fund of the state to the department of transportation
13 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30,
14 2021, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
15 to be used for the purposes designated:

16 For a study and report regarding the feasibility of a
17 passenger rail service operating between Dubuque, Iowa, and
18 Black Hawk county, Iowa:

19 \$ 50,000

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill directs the department of transportation (DOT) to
24 conduct a study relating to the feasibility of a passenger rail
25 service operating between Dubuque, Iowa, and Black Hawk county,
26 Iowa, including the potential costs, riders, and funding
27 options. The DOT shall submit its findings and recommendations
28 in a report to the general assembly by January 1, 2021. The
29 bill appropriates \$50,000 from the general fund to the DOT to
30 conduct the study and issue its report.