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L.D. 860

Date: 3/7/24

(Filing No. S-565)

MINORITY
TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 357, L.D. 860, "An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to Apply for Federal Funding for the Purpose of Identifying the Rail Corridor Connecting Portland and Bangor as an Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Application for federal funding. Resolved: That the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority shall apply for funding through the federal corridor identification and development program, established in 49 United States Code, Section 25101(a) and administered by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, for the purpose of identifying the rail corridor that connects Portland with Lewiston, Auburn, Waterville and Bangor as an intercity passenger rail corridor. The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority shall apply for funding during the next available application window following the effective date of this resolve.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for consulting costs to facilitate the grant application.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$20,000
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$20,000

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, with a resolve. The amendment directs the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to apply for funding through the federal corridor identification and development program for the purpose of identifying the rail corridor that connects Portland with Lewiston, Auburn, Waterville and Bangor as an intercity passenger rail corridor. The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority must apply for this funding during the next available application window following the effective date of the resolve.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 860

LR 645(02)

An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"(S-565)
 Committee: Transportation
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time Highway Fund allocation to the Department of Transportation of \$20,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for consulting costs to facilitate the grant application. Any additional costs to the Department of Transportation related to staff time to complete the application are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.