



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# House Concurrent Resolution 6008

Introduced by: **Representative Goodwin**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the effort to bring Amtrak passenger rail**  
2 **service to the state.**

3 WHEREAS, Amtrak's national network forms the foundation of passenger rail service in  
4 the United States, connecting congested urban areas and bringing economically viable  
5 transportation options to rural areas and small towns; and

6 WHEREAS, South Dakota is the only state in the contiguous United States to have never  
7 had Amtrak passenger rail service in the five-decade history of Amtrak; and

8 WHEREAS, a route on Amtrak's proposed network of preferred routes would connect  
9 Denver and Minneapolis-St. Paul by means of a route that would pass through Rapid City,  
10 Pierre, and Sioux Falls; and

11 WHEREAS, the economic benefits to the northern Great Plains could be comparable to the  
12 building of the Missouri River dams and the Interstate highway system; and

13 WHEREAS, American Indian tribes, tourists, and business travelers would be among those  
14 who would benefit from this added transportation option; and

15 WHEREAS, passenger rail is forty-seven percent more energy-efficient than travel by car,  
16 and thirty-three percent more energy-efficient than domestic air travel, according to the U.S.  
17 Department of Energy;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the One  
19 Hundredth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the  
20 South Dakota Legislature respectfully requests the full support of the South Dakota  
21 congressional delegation, in cooperation with the Trump administration, to work for an Amtrak  
22 route between Denver and Minneapolis-St. Paul by way of Rapid City, Pierre, and Sioux Falls.