



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1297

Introduced by: **Representative Roby**

1 **An Act to provide for the study of statewide transit needs and the economic impacts**  
2 **of public transit, and to make an appropriation therefor.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** There is appropriated \$125,000 from the general fund, to the Department of  
5 Transportation, to provide for a study of statewide transit needs and the economic impacts of  
6 public transit. The study must examine whether public transit contributes to workforce  
7 availability, and whether public transit affects medicaid spending, institutional placement, and  
8 healthcare utilization.

9 The Department of Transportation must present its findings and any recommendations in a  
10 report to the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council on or before November 30,  
11 2026.

12 **Section 2.** The secretary of the Department of Transportation shall approve vouchers and  
13 the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized in this Act.

14 **Section 3.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall  
15 revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

16 **Section 4.** This Act is effective beginning June 30, 2026.