

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

BILL NO. 36-0263

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

March 13, 2026

An act providing for a feasibility study regarding the viability of establishing a Virgin Islands Passenger Rail System

PROPOSED BY: Senator Hubert L. Frederick

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds it necessary to improve public transportation and reduce congestion;

WHEREAS, a passenger rail system spanning St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John may promote economic development; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study is required to determine viability of construction and operation; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. (a) The Virgin Islands Department of Public Works shall conduct a feasibility study on the viability of establishing a Virgin Islands Passenger Rail System.

(b) The feasibility study shall evaluate construction, financing, and operation, including costs, ridership, environmental impacts, funding mechanisms, and phased construction.

(c) The study must be completed by December 1, 2026, and the findings must be submitted to the Legislature and Governor not later than 30 days after the study has been completed.

SECTION 2. The sum of \$350,000 is appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund, in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, to Virgin Islands Department of Public Works to carry out the feasibility study authorized in this act.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill provides for a feasibility study to determine the viability of establishing a Virgin Islands Passenger Rail System. The study must be completed by December 1, 2026 and provided to the Legislature and Governor 30 days after completion.

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