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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring a local economic impact statement for
1.3 lands withdrawn from timber harvesting; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 89.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[89.0311] LANDS WITHDRAWN FROM TIMBER HARVESTING;**
1.7 **LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT.**

1.8 Before forest lands under the authority of the commissioner are withdrawn from
1.9 timber harvesting, the commissioner must prepare a report on the economic impact from
1.10 prohibiting timber harvest on withdrawn lands. The economic analysis must state whether
1.11 the timber harvest prohibition will affect the local economy and describe the businesses
1.12 affected and the projected impact the withdrawal will have on those businesses. The
1.13 economic analysis must include a financial analysis on the impact of the timber harvest
1.14 prohibition on state and local funds. To assist the commissioner, the commissioner of
1.15 employment and economic development must develop a template for measuring local
1.16 economic effects and make it available to the commissioner. The report must be submitted
1.17 to the governor, the legislature, and the commissioner of employment and economic
1.18 development.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
1.20 and applies to lands withdrawn from timber harvesting after that date.