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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to Iron Range Resources; defining the Giants Ridge Recreation Area;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 298.22, subdivision 7.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 298.22, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 7. **Project area development authority.** (a) In addition to the other powers
1.7 granted in this section and other law and notwithstanding any limitations contained in
1.8 subdivision 5, the commissioner, for purposes of fostering economic development and
1.9 tourism within the Giants Ridge Recreation Area or the Ironworld Discovery Center area,
1.10 may spend any money made available to the agency under section 298.28 or otherwise
1.11 provided by law to acquire real or personal property or interests therein by gift, purchase,
1.12 or lease and may convey by lease, sale, or other means of conveyance or commitment any
1.13 or all property interests owned or administered by the commissioner within such areas.

1.14 (b) In furtherance of development of the Giants Ridge Recreation Area or the
1.15 Ironworld Discovery Center area, the commissioner may establish and participate in
1.16 charitable foundations and nonprofit corporations, including a corporation within the
1.17 meaning of section 317A.011, subdivision 6.

1.18 (c) The term "Giants Ridge Recreation Area" refers to an economic development
1.19 project area established by the commissioner in furtherance of the powers delegated in this
1.20 section within St. Louis County in the ~~western~~ following portions of the town of White and
1.21 ~~in the eastern portion of the westerly, adjacent, unorganized township;~~ the city of Biwabik:

1.22 (1) Township 59 North, Range 15 West, Sections 7, 8, 17-20, and 29-32;

1.23 (2) Township 59 North, Range 16 West, Sections 6, 13, 24, 25, and 36;

1.24 (3) Township 58 North, Range 16 West, Section 1; and

2.1 (4) Township 58 North, Range 15 West, Sections 5 and 6.

2.2 (d) The term "Ironworld Discovery Center area" refers to an economic development
2.3 and tourism promotion project area established by the commissioner in furtherance
2.4 of the powers delegated in this section within St. Louis County in the south portion of
2.5 the town of Balkan.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.