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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; creating a citizens advisory group for the Cuyuna  
1.3 Country State Recreation Area; modifying state park permit exemptions;  
1.4 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.054, by  
1.5 adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.6 chapter 85.

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

1.8 Section 1. **[85.0146] CUYUNA COUNTRY STATE RECREATION AREA;**  
1.9 **CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

1.10 Subdivision 1. **Advisory council created.** The Cuyuna Country State Recreation  
1.11 Area Citizens Advisory Council is established. Membership on the advisory council  
1.12 shall include:

1.13 (1) a representative of the Cuyuna Range Mineland Recreation Area Joint Powers  
1.14 Board;

1.15 (2) a representative of the Croft Mine Historical Park Joint Powers Board;

1.16 (3) a designee of the Cuyuna Range Mineland Reclamation Committee who has  
1.17 worked as a miner in the local area;

1.18 (4) a representative of the Crow Wing County Board;

1.19 (5) an elected state official;

1.20 (6) a representative of the Grand Rapids regional office of the Department of Natural  
1.21 Resources;

1.22 (7) a designee of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board;

1.23 (8) a designee of the local business community selected by the area chambers of  
1.24 commerce;

2.1 (9) a designee of the local environmental community selected by the Cuyuna  
 2.2 Country Conservation Club;

2.3 (10) a designee of a local education organization selected by the Crosby-Ironton  
 2.4 School Board;

2.5 (11) a designee of one of the recreation area user groups selected by the Cuyuna  
 2.6 Range Chamber of Commerce; and

2.7 (12) a member of the Cuyuna Country Heritage Preservation Society.

2.8 Subd. 2. **Administration.** (a) The advisory council must meet at least four times  
 2.9 annually. The council shall elect a chair and meetings shall be at the call of the chair.

2.10 (b) Members of the advisory council shall serve as volunteers for two-year terms  
 2.11 with the ability to be reappointed. Members shall accept no per diem.

2.12 (c) The state recreation area manager must attend the council meetings and advise  
 2.13 the council of major decision issues in management of the recreation area.

2.14 (d) Before a major decision is implemented in the Cuyuna Country State Recreation  
 2.15 Area, the area manager must consult with the council and take into consideration any  
 2.16 council comments or advice that may impact the major decision.

2.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.054, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 2.18 to read:

2.19 Subd. 13. **Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area.** A state park permit is not  
 2.20 required and a fee may not be charged for motor vehicle entry or parking at Croft Mine  
 2.21 Historical Park and Portsmouth Mine Lake Overlook in Cuyuna Country State Recreation  
 2.22 Area, except for overnight camping.

2.23 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.24 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 2.25 for necessary improvements at the Portsmouth Mine Lake Overlook in the Cuyuna  
 2.26 Country State Recreation Area, including:

2.27 (1) an educational kiosk commemorating the 1957 launch of the "Man High II"  
 2.28 space capsule;

2.29 (2) landscaping of the overlook for better aesthetics; and

2.30 (3) improved State Highway 6 signage identifying the overlook and the Croft Mine  
 2.31 Historical Park.