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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 natural resources; appropriating money for ecological services for
1.3 native habitats.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.6 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated
1.7 from the heritage enhancement fund to the commissioner of natural resources for collecting
1.8 and delivering ecological information on Minnesota's native habitats and associated
1.9 species to state agencies, individual citizens, and local units of government and to assist
1.10 with local community and state efforts to manage and restore native habitats. The money
1.11 is appropriated in each year as follows: (1) \$500,000 to develop ecological expertise on
1.12 Minnesota's native habitats and associated species; and (2) \$1,500,000 to manage and
1.13 restore native habitats through private stewardship efforts and on state natural areas.