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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to the Minnesota River Valley; establishing a study group to promote  
1.3 the historic, scenic, and natural features of the Minnesota River Valley area;  
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 138.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[138.98] MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY STUDY GROUP.**

1.7 The Minnesota Historical Society in cooperation with Explore Minnesota Tourism  
1.8 shall establish and coordinate a Minnesota River Valley study group. The Minnesota River  
1.9 Valley study group shall be comprised of representatives of the Minnesota Valley Scenic  
1.10 Byway Alliance, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation,  
1.11 the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, the Region 8 and Region 9 Regional Development  
1.12 Commissions, the Minnesota Historical Society, Explore Minnesota Tourism, and other  
1.13 interested parties. The study group must develop a plan for coordinated activities among  
1.14 organizations represented on the study group to enhance and promote historic sites, and  
1.15 historic, scenic, and natural features of the Minnesota River Valley area. Study topics shall  
1.16 include, but are not limited to, historic sites related to the Dakota Conflict of 1862 and  
1.17 the state and local preparations for the sesquicentennial of this event. The Minnesota  
1.18 Historical Society and Explore Minnesota Tourism shall report on the findings and  
1.19 recommendations of the Minnesota River Valley study group to the standing committees  
1.20 of the house of representatives and senate with jurisdiction over historic sites and  
1.21 tourism by March 1, 2008. The Minnesota River Valley study group shall serve without  
1.22 compensation.