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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 capital improvements; requiring the commissioner of natural resources
1.3 to provide recommendations on the development of a nonmetro regional parks
1.4 and trails system; appropriating money for acquisition and betterment of
1.5 nonmetro regional parks; authorizing the issuance of state general obligation
1.6 bonds.

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

1.8 Section 1. **REGIONAL PARK AND TRAILS PLANS.**

1.9 By January 15, 2009, the commissioner of natural resources shall provide
1.10 recommendations to the legislature on the development of a system for creating regional
1.11 park and trail plans for areas located outside the seven-county metropolitan area as defined
1.12 in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, similar to the central Minnesota
1.13 regional parks and trails plan under Minnesota Statutes, sections 85.50 to 85.52, and the
1.14 system for funding metropolitan area regional parks under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.15 473.351. The purpose of the system is to prioritize the needs of regional parks and trails.
1.16 The recommendations shall include: the definitions for the regional areas included in the
1.17 system; the process for plan development, adoption, and amendments across local units of
1.18 government; and any legislative changes needed to implement the new system.

1.19 Sec. 2. **NONMETRO PARKS BONDING FUNDS.**

1.20 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds
1.21 fund to the commissioner of natural resources for acquisition and betterment of regional
1.22 parks located outside the seven-county metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
1.23 section 473.121, subdivision 2, and that are located in areas:

1.24 (1) underserved by a state park;

- 2.1 (2) regionally significant; and
2.2 (3) determined to be a regional priority.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated by this act from the bond
2.4 proceeds fund, the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an
2.5 amount up to \$10,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by
2.6 Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution,
2.7 article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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