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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state lands; requiring sale of state land to provide funding for
1.3 transportation projects; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **SALE OF STATE LAND; LAND SALE BOARD.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. State land sales; Land Sale Board. (a) As directed by the Land
1.7 Sale Board, the commissioner of administration shall sell at least \$1,000,000,000 of
1.8 state-owned land before June 30, 2009. Land may not be sold to another state department
1.9 or agency.

1.10 (b) The governor must appoint the Land Sale Board to determine which state-owned
1.11 land must be sold to meet the requirements of this section. The board must include
1.12 representatives of hunters, farmers, and other groups potentially interested in purchase of
1.13 state land. No person who serves on the board may purchase state land offered for sale
1.14 under this section. Members of the board do not receive per diem, but must be reimbursed
1.15 for expenses as provided in the plan developed under Minnesota Statutes, section 43A.18,
1.16 subdivision 2. The commissioner of administration and heads of other state agencies that
1.17 manage state land must provide information that the board needs to make its decisions.

1.18 Subd. 2. Deposit of proceeds. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections
1.19 16B.287 and 94.16, subdivision 3, or other law to the contrary, the amount of the proceeds
1.20 from the sale of land under this section that exceeds the actual expenses of selling the land,
1.21 including expenses of the Land Sale Board, must be deposited as follows: (1) one-half
1.22 of the proceeds must be deposited in the trunk highway fund; and (2) one-half of the
1.23 proceeds must be deposited in the rural road safety account of the local road improvement
1.24 fund created in Minnesota Statutes, section 174.52. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,

2.1 sections 16B.283 and 94.11, the commissioner of finance may establish the timing of
2.2 payments for land purchased under this section.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Sale of state lands revolving loan fund.** \$..... is appropriated from
2.4 the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to the commissioner of
2.5 administration for purposes of paying the actual expenses of selling state-owned land
2.6 as required in this section. From the gross proceeds of land sales under this section,
2.7 the commissioner of administration must repay the amount of the appropriation in this
2.8 subdivision to the general fund by June 30, 2009.

2.9 Subd. 4. **Additional savings.** The commissioner of finance must determine the
2.10 amount of savings accruing to each executive branch agency from no longer having to
2.11 maintain or manage land that is sold as required by this section. The commissioner must
2.12 reduce the appropriation to each agency by the amount of these savings. The aggregate
2.13 amount of savings occurring in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, must be transferred
2.14 to the trunk highway fund. For future fiscal years, the commissioner of finance must
2.15 reduce the base budget of each agency by the amount of savings determined under this
2.16 subdivision and must increase the base budget of the trunk highway fund by the aggregate
2.17 amount of these savings.