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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; managing school trust land; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.3 2006, sections 84.027, by adding a subdivision; 127A.30.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.027, is amended by adding a
1.6 subdivision to read:

1.7 Subd. 18. Permanent school fund land management. As part of the duties of
1.8 managing the state's permanent school fund land according to section 127A.31, the
1.9 commissioner shall work with:

1.10 (1) other local, state, and federal agencies with expertise or interests in economic
1.11 development, agriculture, renewable energy, and tourism; and

1.12 (2) the School Trust Land Citizen Oversight Committee under section 127A.30,
1.13 subdivision 2.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 127A.30, is amended to read:

1.15 **127A.30 PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

1.16 Subdivision 1. Establishment. A state Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee
1.17 is established to advise the Department of Natural Resources on the management of
1.18 permanent school fund land, which is held in trust for the school districts of the state.
1.19 The advisory committee must consist of the following persons or their designees: the
1.20 chairs of the education committees of the legislature, the chairs of the senate Committee
1.21 on Finance and house Committee on Ways and Means, the commissioner of education,
1.22 one superintendent from a nonmetropolitan district, and one superintendent from a

2.1 metropolitan area district. The school district superintendents shall be appointed by the
2.2 commissioner of education.

2.3 The advisory committee shall review the policies of the Department of Natural
2.4 Resources and current statutes on management of school trust fund lands at least
2.5 semiannually and shall recommend necessary changes in statutes, policy, and
2.6 implementation in order to ensure provident utilization of the permanent school fund lands.

2.7 Subd. 2. School Trust Land Citizen Oversight Committee. The Permanent School
2.8 Fund Advisory Committee shall appoint a committee of at least nine members to propose
2.9 changes in policies, activities, and revenue enhancements; and make recommendations
2.10 to the legislature and the commissioner of natural resources for improvements in the
2.11 management of school trust land. The appointees shall have a background that includes,
2.12 but is not limited to, forestry, minerals and mining, tourism and recreation, real estate
2.13 development, renewable energy, agriculture, land conservation, and public education.
2.14 The commissioner shall designate at least one meeting time for the committee per year.
2.15 The committee shall submit and annually review a long-term plan for the management
2.16 of school trust land to secure long-term economic return for the permanent school fund
2.17 consistent with sections 92.121 and 127A.31.