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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; renaming the Northshore Trail; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.015, subdivision 13.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.015, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 13. **Arrowhead Region Trails, in Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Koochiching and**  
1.7 **Itasca Counties.** (a)(1) The Taconite Trail shall originate at Ely in St. Louis County and  
1.8 extend southwesterly to Tower in St. Louis County, thence westerly to McCarthy Beach  
1.9 State Park in St. Louis County, thence southwesterly to Grand Rapids in Itasca County  
1.10 and there terminate;

1.11 (2) The ~~Northshore~~ C.J. Ramstad Memorial Trail shall originate in Duluth in  
1.12 St. Louis County and extend northeasterly to Two Harbors in Lake County, thence  
1.13 northeasterly to Grand Marais in Cook County, thence northeasterly to the international  
1.14 boundary in the vicinity of the north shore of Lake Superior, and there terminate;

1.15 (3) The Grand Marais to International Falls Trail shall originate in Grand Marais  
1.16 in Cook County and extend northwesterly, outside of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area,  
1.17 to Ely in St. Louis County, thence southwesterly along the route of the Taconite Trail to  
1.18 Tower in St. Louis County, thence northwesterly through the Pelican Lake area in St.  
1.19 Louis County to International Falls in Koochiching County, and there terminate.

1.20 (b) The trails shall be developed primarily for riding and hiking.

1.21 (c) In addition to the authority granted in subdivision 1, lands and interests in lands  
1.22 for the Arrowhead Region trails may be acquired by eminent domain. Before acquiring  
1.23 any land or interest in land by eminent domain the commissioner of administration shall  
1.24 obtain the approval of the governor. The governor shall consult with the Legislative

2.1 Advisory Commission before granting approval. Recommendations of the Legislative  
2.2 Advisory Commission shall be advisory only. Failure or refusal of the commission to  
2.3 make a recommendation shall be deemed a negative recommendation.

2.4 Sec. 2. **SIGNS.**

2.5 The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt a suitable marking design to  
2.6 mark the C.J. Ramstad Memorial Trail and shall erect the appropriate signs after the  
2.7 commissioner has been assured of the availability of funds from nonstate sources sufficient  
2.8 to pay all costs related to designing, erecting, and maintaining the signs.