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

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; renaming the Northshore Trail; placing the
1.3 Boundary Trail under the Arrowhead Regional Trail System; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.015, subdivisions 13, 14.

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

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

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

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

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

1.21 (4) The Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Trail shall originate in Duluth in St. Louis
1.22 County and extend southerly to St. Croix State Forest in Pine County.

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

2.1 (c) In addition to the authority granted in subdivision 1, lands and interests in lands
2.2 for the Arrowhead Region trails may be acquired by eminent domain. Before acquiring
2.3 any land or interest in land by eminent domain the commissioner of administration shall
2.4 obtain the approval of the governor. The governor shall consult with the Legislative
2.5 Advisory Commission before granting approval. Recommendations of the Legislative
2.6 Advisory Commission shall be advisory only. Failure or refusal of the commission to
2.7 make a recommendation shall be deemed a negative recommendation.

2.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.015, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

2.9 Subd. 14. **Willard Munger Trail System, Chisago, Ramsey, Pine, St. Louis,**
2.10 **Carlton, and Washington Counties.** (a) The trail shall consist of six segments. One
2.11 segment shall be known as the Gateway Trail and shall originate at the State Capitol
2.12 and extend northerly and northeasterly to William O'Brien State Park, thence northerly
2.13 to Taylors Falls in Chisago County. ~~One segment shall be known as the Boundary Trail~~
2.14 ~~and shall originate in Chisago County and extend into Duluth in St. Louis County.~~ One
2.15 segment shall be known as the Browns Creek Trail and shall originate at Duluth Junction
2.16 and extend into Stillwater in Washington County. One segment shall be known as the
2.17 Munger Trail and shall originate at Hinckley in Pine County and extend through Moose
2.18 Lake in Carlton County to Duluth in St. Louis County. One segment shall be known
2.19 as the Alex Laveau Trail and shall originate in Carlton County at Carlton and extend
2.20 through Wrenshall to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border. One segment shall be established
2.21 that extends the trail to include the cities of Proctor, Duluth, and Hermantown in St.
2.22 Louis County.

2.23 (b) The Gateway and Browns Creek Trails shall be developed primarily for hiking
2.24 and nonmotorized riding and the remaining trails shall be developed primarily for riding
2.25 and hiking.

2.26 (c) In addition to the authority granted in subdivision 1, lands and interests in lands
2.27 for the Gateway and Browns Creek Trails may be acquired by eminent domain.

2.28 Sec. 3. **SIGNS.**

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