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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 environment finance; requiring long-range land management
1.3 budgeting of the Department of Natural Resources.

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

1.5 Section 1. **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LONG-RANGE**
1.6 **BUDGET ANALYSIS.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the commissioner
1.8 of management and budget, shall estimate the total amount of funding available from all
1.9 sources for each of the following land management categories: wildlife management
1.10 areas; state forests; scientific and natural areas; aquatic management areas; public water
1.11 access sites; and prairie bank easements. The commissioner of natural resources shall
1.12 prepare a ten-year budget analysis of the department's ongoing land management needs,
1.13 including restoration of each parcel needing restoration. The analysis shall include:

1.14 (1) an analysis of the needs of wildlife management areas, including identification of
1.15 internal systemwide guidelines on the proper frequency for activities such as controlled
1.16 burns, tree and woody biomass removal, and brushland management;

1.17 (2) an analysis of state forests needs, including identification of internal systemwide
1.18 guidelines on the proper frequency for forest management activities;

1.19 (3) an analysis of scientific and natural areas needs, including identification of
1.20 internal systemwide guidelines on the proper frequency for management activities;

1.21 (4) an analysis of aquatic management areas needs, including identification of
1.22 internal systemwide guidelines on the proper frequency for management activities; and

2.1 (5) an analysis of the needs of the state's public water access sites, including
2.2 identification of internal systemwide guidelines on the proper frequency for management
2.3 activities.

2.4 (b) The commissioner shall compare the estimate of the total amount of funding
2.5 available to the department's ongoing management needs to determine:

2.6 (1) the amount necessary to manage, restore, and maintain existing wildlife
2.7 management areas, state forests, scientific and natural areas, aquatic management areas,
2.8 public water access sites, and prairie bank easements; and

2.9 (2) the amount necessary to expand upon each of the existing wildlife management
2.10 areas, state forests, scientific and natural areas, aquatic management areas, public
2.11 water access sites, and prairie bank easement programs, including the feasibility of the
2.12 department's existing long-range plans, if applicable, for each program.

2.13 (c) The commissioner of natural resources shall submit the analysis to the chairs of
2.14 the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over environment and
2.15 natural resources finance and cultural and outdoor resources finance by October 15, 2010.

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