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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring an all-terrain wheelchair outdoor recreation  
1.3 plan; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. ALL-TERRAIN WHEELCHAIR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN;  
1.6 APPROPRIATION.

1.7 \$...... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
1.8 natural resources to develop a plan, in consultation with interested parties, to provide  
1.9 opportunities for persons with disabilities to access and use all-terrain wheelchairs within  
1.10 the state's outdoor recreation system. The plan must:

1.11 (1) identify potential partners to facilitate wheelchair and trailer rentals;

1.12 (2) include a draft proposal for submission to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on  
1.13 Minnesota Resources for funding for wheelchairs, trailers, and other necessary costs;

1.14 (3) include draft legislation for any changes necessary to state law to allow the use of  
1.15 the wheelchairs in the state's outdoor recreation system, excluding scientific and natural  
1.16 areas, without a special permit or additional approval from the commissioner; and

1.17 (4) be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of  
1.18 representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment  
1.19 and natural resources by January 15, 2022.