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H. F. No. 698

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Funding Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; prohibiting use of money from parks and trails fund
1.3 to acquire property by eminent domain; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014,
1.4 section 85.53, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 85.53, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project or program receiving funding
1.8 from the parks and trails fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirement to
1.9 support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance. A project or program
1.10 receiving funding from the parks and trails fund must include measurable outcomes, as
1.11 defined in section 3.303, subdivision 10, and a plan for measuring and evaluating the
1.12 results. A project or program must be consistent with current science and incorporate
1.13 state-of-the-art technology, except when the project or program is a portrayal or restoration
1.14 of historical significance.

1.15 (b) Money from the parks and trails fund shall be expended to balance the benefits
1.16 across all regions and residents of the state.

1.17 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and
1.18 trails fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,
1.19 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section
1.20 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable
1.21 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative
1.22 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site required
1.23 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

2.1 (d) Grants funded by the parks and trails fund must be implemented according to
2.2 section 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process
2.3 for any regrating envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals
2.4 involving grants that will be competitively awarded.

2.5 (e) Money from the parks and trails fund may only be spent on projects located
2.6 in Minnesota.

2.7 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and
2.8 trails fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
2.9 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
2.10 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
2.11 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
2.12 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
2.13 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
2.14 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

2.15 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a
2.16 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
2.17 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law.

2.18 (h) Money appropriated from the parks and trails fund shall not be spent to acquire
2.19 property by eminent domain or to acquire property that has previously been acquired
2.20 by eminent domain.