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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 353

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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 a report about the state's peatlands;
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. PEATLAND REPORT; APPROPRIATION.

1.6 (a) \$...... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of natural resources to prepare a report, in cooperation with the Board of Water and Soil
1.8 Resources, that:

- 1.9 (1) assesses the current state of Minnesota's peatlands;
1.10 (2) identifies current threats and efforts to protect and restore the state's peatlands;
1.11 (3) assesses the level of peat mining in the state;
1.12 (4) provides an estimate of the carbon storage provided by the state's peatlands; and
1.13 (5) includes recommendations for steps the state could take to further protect and restore
1.14 peatlands.

1.15 (b) The report must be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
1.16 house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the
1.17 environment and natural resources by January 15, 2022.