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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3624

02/13/2024 Authored by Hansen, R., 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; prohibiting planting corn on certain state lands;
1.3 authorizing the use of prior appropriations; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84.

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

1.6 Section 1. 84.9736] CORN PLANTING ON STATE LANDS.

1.7 A person may not plant corn for commercial purposes on state land administered by the
1.8 commissioner of natural resources.

1.9 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2026.

1.10 Sec. 2. CORN PLOT TRANSITION.

1.11 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9736, a person may plant corn under
1.12 an agreement with the commissioner of natural resources entered into before January 1,
1.13 2025. Beginning January 1, 2025, the commissioner of natural resources may not enter into
1.14 agreements allowing the commercial production of corn on lands administered by the
1.15 commissioner.

1.16 (b) The commissioner must transition all existing corn plots to native vegetation.

1.17 Sec. 3. AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS.

1.18 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the commissioner of natural resources
1.19 may use money statutorily appropriated to the commissioner for other purposes as necessary
1.20 to convert corn plots to native vegetation as required in this act.