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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **700**

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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 report to set goals for carbon sequestration
1.3 in public and private forests.

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

1.5 Section 1. **CARBON SEQUESTRATION IN FORESTS OF THE STATE; GOALS.**

1.6 The commissioner of natural resources must establish goals for increasing carbon
1.7 sequestration in public and private forests in the state. To achieve the goals, the commissioner
1.8 must identify sustainable forestry practices that increase the ability of forests to sequester
1.9 atmospheric carbon while enhancing other ecosystem services, such as improved soil and
1.10 water quality. By January 15, 2022, the commissioner must submit a report with the goals
1.11 and recommended forestry practices to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
1.12 legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over natural resources policy.