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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3643**

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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  
03/18/2026 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy  
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- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to natural resources; establishing working group for Melissa and Mark
- 1.3 Hortman Memorial State Park; requiring report; appropriating money.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **MELISSA AND MARK HORTMAN MEMORIAL STATE PARK**
- 1.6 **WORKING GROUP.**
- 1.7 Subdivision 1. Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park Working Group. (a)
- 1.8 The Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park Working Group consists of the
- 1.9 following members:
- 1.10 (1) the governor or the governor's designee;
- 1.11 (2) the commissioner of administration or the commissioner's designee;
- 1.12 (3) the commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner's designee;
- 1.13 (4) the chair of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board or the chair's designee;
- 1.14 (5) a member representing the Minnesota Historical Society;
- 1.15 (6) the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate committees with primary
- 1.16 jurisdiction over the Department of Administration and Department of Natural Resources
- 1.17 or their designees;
- 1.18 (7) the co-chairs of the house of representatives committees with primary jurisdiction
- 1.19 over the Department of Administration and Department of Natural Resources or their
- 1.20 designees; and
- 1.21 (8) the mayor of the city of Saint Paul or the mayor's designee.

2.1 (b) Appointing authorities must submit their appointments to the executive director of  
2.2 the Legislative Coordinating Commission no later than July 15, 2026.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Recommendations.** The working group must make recommendations for the  
2.4 creation of the Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park, including:

2.5 (1) identifying the roles and responsibilities of the commissioners of administration and  
2.6 natural resources, the Minnesota Historical Society, and the Capitol Area Architectural and  
2.7 Planning Board related to the administration of the park, including assigning the roles and  
2.8 responsibilities for providing educational programming, interpretive services, planning  
2.9 processes for physical changes, and public engagement activities within the park; and

2.10 (2) funding recommendations for establishing and maintaining the park and related  
2.11 programming.

2.12 Subd. 3. **Chair.** The working group must elect a chair at its first meeting from among  
2.13 its legislative members.

2.14 Subd. 4. **Administrative support; meetings.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating  
2.15 Commission must provide administrative support and convene the first meeting by August  
2.16 15, 2026.

2.17 (b) The working group must meet at regular intervals as often as necessary to develop  
2.18 the recommendations under subdivision 2.

2.19 Subd. 5. **Report.** By February 1, 2027, the working group must submit a written report  
2.20 containing its recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house  
2.21 of representatives and senate committees with primary jurisdiction over the Department of  
2.22 Administration and the Department of Natural Resources. The working group expires March  
2.23 15, 2027, or upon submission of the report required by this subdivision, whichever occurs  
2.24 later.

2.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.26 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.27 \$86,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative  
2.28 Coordinating Commission for the administrative costs of the Melissa and Mark Hortman  
2.29 Memorial State Park Working Group. This is a onetime appropriation.