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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; modifying reporting requirements to improve  
1.3 efficiency; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.03; 89.36, subdivision  
1.4 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.03, is amended to read:

1.7 **84.03 ADDITIONAL DUTIES AND POWERS.**

1.8 (a) So far as practicable the commissioner shall collect and arrange statistics and other  
1.9 information in reference to the lands and general and special resources of the state.

1.10 (b) The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to take such measures as  
1.11 the commissioner may deem advisable to advertise, both within and without the state, sales  
1.12 of all state lands, and to secure, compile, and issue such valuable statistics of the resources  
1.13 of the state.

1.14 (c) The commissioner may adopt and promulgate reasonable rules, not inconsistent with  
1.15 law, governing the use and enjoyment of state land reserved from sale, state parks, state  
1.16 water-access sites, state trails, state monuments, state scientific and natural areas, state  
1.17 wilderness areas, and recreational areas owned by other state, local and federal agencies  
1.18 and operated under agreement by the Department of Natural Resources, which shall have  
1.19 the force and effect of law. A reasonable fee may be fixed, charged, and collected by the  
1.20 commissioner for the privilege of the use of any or all of the foregoing privileges and  
1.21 facilities.

2.1 (d) The commissioner, must maintain a publicly available inventory of  
 2.2 department-administered lands that is updated on or before November 15 of January 15  
 2.3 ~~each even-numbered year, shall report to the legislature the commissioner's acts and doings,~~  
 2.4 ~~with recommendation for the improvement or conservation of state parks, state water access~~  
 2.5 ~~sites, state trails, and state monuments, state scientific and natural areas, state forests, state~~  
 2.6 ~~wildlife management areas, public hunting grounds, public shooting grounds, food and~~  
 2.7 ~~cover planting areas, wildlife lands, recreational or public hunting areas, state wild and~~  
 2.8 ~~scenic rivers, state wilderness areas, and all other recreational lands under the jurisdiction~~  
 2.9 ~~of the Department of Natural Resources, and for desirable accessions thereto, such report~~  
 2.10 ~~to include.~~ The inventory must include:

2.11 (1) ~~an inventory of the tracts and parcels of land, and rights, interests, and easements~~  
 2.12 ~~therein, held in fee title by the state or withdrawn from sale for any of these purposes, with~~  
 2.13 ~~the value thereof;~~ and

2.14 (2) a list of the name, location, and size, and description of each state trail, state park,  
 2.15 state recreation area, state forest, state scientific and natural area, state wildlife management  
 2.16 area, state aquatic management area, and state water-access site, and state wild, scenic, or  
 2.17 ~~recreational river designated by the commissioner, and each public hunting grounds, public~~  
 2.18 ~~shooting grounds, food and cover planting area, wildlife lands, and recreational or public~~  
 2.19 ~~hunting area acquired by the commissioner since the last report. The commissioner shall~~  
 2.20 ~~maintain a long range plan governing the use of the public domain under the commissioner's~~  
 2.21 ~~jurisdiction~~ that was acquired or conveyed out of department ownership during the previous  
 2.22 biennium.

2.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 89.36, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.24 Subd. 4. **Annual report.** (a) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must submit ~~an annual~~ a biennial  
 2.25 report to the legislature relating to the production of planting stock at state nurseries. The  
 2.26 report must include the following:

2.27 (1) sales figures;

2.28 (2) income figures; and

2.29 (3) expenses for operations and administration.

2.30 (b) Copies of the report must be filed with the Legislative Reference Library and made  
 2.31 available to the public.

2.32 (c) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must also provide any additional information requested by  
 2.33 the legislature relating to the production of planting stock at state nurseries.