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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1683

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying Blufflands Trail system; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 85.015, subdivision 7.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 85.015, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 7. **Blufflands Trail system, Fillmore, Olmsted, Winona, and Houston**  
1.7 **Counties.** (a) The Root River Trail shall originate at Chatfield in Fillmore County, and  
1.8 thence extend easterly in the Root River Valley to the intersection of the river with  
1.9 Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 26 in Houston County, and extend to the Mississippi River.

1.10 (b) Additional trails may be established that extend the Blufflands Trail system to  
1.11 include La Crescent, Hokah, Caledonia, and Spring Grove in Houston County; Preston,  
1.12 Harmony, Fountain, Wykoff, Spring Valley, Mabel, Prosper, Canton, and Ostrander and  
1.13 connections to the Iowa border in Fillmore County; Rochester, Dover, Eyota, Stewartville,  
1.14 Byron, and Chester Woods County Park in Olmsted County; and Winona, Minnesota  
1.15 City, Rollingstone, Altura, Lewiston, Utica, St. Charles, and Elba in Winona County. In  
1.16 addition to the criteria in section 86A.05, subdivision 4, these trails must utilize abandoned  
1.17 railroad rights-of-way where possible.

1.18 (c) The trails shall be developed primarily for nonmotorized riding and hiking.