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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3501**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; making distributions quarterly from the minerals
1.3 management account; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 93.2236.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 93.2236, is amended to read:

1.6 **93.2236 MINERALS MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.**

1.7 (a) The minerals management account is created as an account in the natural
1.8 resources fund. Interest earned on money in the account accrues to the account. Money in
1.9 the account may be spent or distributed only as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c).

1.10 (b) If the balance in the minerals management account exceeds \$3,000,000 on March
1.11 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31, the amount exceeding \$3,000,000 must
1.12 be distributed to the permanent school fund, the permanent university fund, and taxing
1.13 districts as provided in section 93.22, subdivision 1, paragraph (c). The amount distributed
1.14 to each fund must be in the same proportion as the total mineral lease revenue received
1.15 in the previous biennium from school trust lands, university lands, and lands held by the
1.16 state in trust for taxing districts.

1.17 (c) Subject to appropriation by the legislature, money in the minerals management
1.18 account may be spent by the commissioner of natural resources for mineral resource
1.19 management and projects to enhance future mineral income and promote new mineral
1.20 resource opportunities.