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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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; establishing fee to cover costs of notifying landowners

1.3 of negotiated mineral lease applications for minerals other than iron ore;

1.4 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 93.25, by adding

1.5 a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 93.25, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 2a. **Assessment.** The commissioner may assess an applicant for a negotiated lease

1.10 under this section for the reasonable costs of identifying owners of land near the area subject

1.11 to the proposed lease and providing notice of that application to the owners. The applicant

1.12 must pay the assessed cost to the commissioner within 30 days of receiving the

1.13 commissioner's invoice. Money received by the commissioner under this subdivision must

1.14 be credited to the special revenue fund and is appropriated to the commissioner to cover

1.15 the costs incurred.