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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **353**

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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; requiring a report about the state's peatlands;
- 1.3 appropriating money.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **PEATLAND REPORT; APPROPRIATION.**
- 1.6 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
- 1.7 of natural resources to prepare a report, in cooperation with the Board of Water and Soil
- 1.8 Resources, that:
- 1.9 (1) assesses the current state of Minnesota's peatlands;
- 1.10 (2) identifies current threats and efforts to protect and restore the state's peatlands;
- 1.11 (3) assesses the level of peat mining in the state;
- 1.12 (4) provides an estimate of the carbon storage provided by the state's peatlands; and
- 1.13 (5) includes recommendations for steps the state could take to further protect and restore
- 1.14 peatlands.
- 1.15 (b) The report must be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
- 1.16 house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the
- 1.17 environment and natural resources by January 15, 2022.