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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; creating Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force;
1.3 providing appointments; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TASK FORCE.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Creation; membership. (a) The Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force
1.7 consists of 22 members appointed as follows:

1.8 (1) the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate committees with jurisdiction
1.9 over environment and natural resources policy and finance;

1.10 (2) the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives committees
1.11 or divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources policy and finance;

1.12 (3) the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate committees with jurisdiction
1.13 over agriculture policy and finance;

1.14 (4) the chair and ranking minority member of the house of representatives division with
1.15 jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance and two additional members of that division,
1.16 one appointed by the chair and one appointed by the ranking minority member;

1.17 (5) a representative from the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of
1.18 Agriculture, and the Board of Animal Health; and

1.19 (6) a representative from the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association, Minnesota Deer
1.20 Farmers Association, and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association.

2.1 (b) The appointing authorities must make their respective appointments no later than
2.2 July 15, 2019.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Chair; meetings.** (a) The chair of the task force alternates each meeting between
2.4 the chair of the senate Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee and the chair
2.5 of the house of representatives Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee. The
2.6 senate chair must chair the first meeting, which must be no later than August 15, 2019.

2.7 (b) The task force meets upon the call of the chair.

2.8 Subd. 3. **Administrative support.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must
2.9 provide administrative support and meeting space for the task force.

2.10 Subd. 4. **Duties.** The task force must study and provide recommendations on:

2.11 (1) whether and how recommendations included in the legislative auditor's Board of
2.12 Animal Health's Oversight of Deer and Elk Farms report should be implemented;

2.13 (2) methods to improve the coordination and effectiveness of the chronic wasting disease
2.14 prevention and response activities of government agencies and other stakeholders; and

2.15 (3) whether it is possible to develop a method for detecting the presence of the disease
2.16 in living cervids and what resources would be required to do so.

2.17 Subd. 5. **Report.** No later than January 15, 2020, the task force must submit a report to
2.18 the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees or divisions with jurisdiction
2.19 over environment and natural resources finance containing the findings and recommendations
2.20 of the task force.

2.21 Subd. 6. **Expiration.** The task force expires 45 days after the report is delivered to the
2.22 legislature or June 30, 2020, whichever is earlier.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.