

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to natural resources; establishing a grant program for solar energy
1.3 projects at regional parks; appropriating money for solar energy projects in
1.4 metropolitan parks and state parks and recreation areas; amending Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2008, section 85.019, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.019, is amended by adding a
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 4d. **Solar energy.** The commissioner shall administer a program to provide
1.10 grants to units of government to acquire and install solar energy equipment in regional
1.11 parks throughout the state. The commissioner shall give priority to projects that:

1.12 (1) would be part of an educational program, such as programs on solar energy,
1.13 energy conservation, or climate change or that are part of a K-12 regular academic
1.14 curriculum;

1.15 (2) would be visible to park visitors and that demonstrate the use of solar energy;

1.16 (3) would provide onsite information explaining the installation, its benefits, and
1.17 the benefits of renewable energy;

1.18 (4) would reduce the use of energy from fossil fuels;

1.19 (5) incorporate designs that reflect the aesthetics of the installation site;

1.20 (6) could be connected to the electric power grid; or

1.21 (7) would provide electricity back to the electric power grid.

1.22 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; REGIONAL PARKS.**

2.1 (a) \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2010 is appropriated from the parks and trails fund to
2.2 the commissioner of natural resources for grants for solar energy projects in metropolitan
2.3 regional parks under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivision 4d.

2.4 (b) A recipient of a grant funded by an appropriation under this section must display
2.5 a sign that identifies the project as a project funded with money from the clean water,
2.6 land, and legacy amendment to the Minnesota Constitution adopted by the voters on
2.7 November 4, 2008.

2.8 **Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION; STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS.**

2.9 (a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2010 is appropriated from the parks and trails fund to
2.10 the commissioner of natural resources to design and install sustainable energy features,
2.11 including the use of photovoltaic solar power, at a new campground in Split Rock
2.12 Lighthouse State Park.

2.13 (b) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2010 is appropriated from the parks and trails fund to
2.14 the commissioner of natural resources to install photovoltaic solar power to power a new
2.15 sanitation building and campsites in St. Croix State Park.

2.16 (c) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2010 is appropriated from the parks and trails fund to the
2.17 commissioner of natural resources to install photovoltaic solar power to power sanitation
2.18 buildings and campsites at the Pine Ridge Campground in Itasca State Park.

2.19 (d) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2010 is appropriated from the parks and trails fund to
2.20 the commissioner of natural resources for installation of solar power equipment for
2.21 educational demonstration projects and to offset the use of electricity for electric baseboard
2.22 heating of camper cabins at Jay Cooke, Bear Head Lake, Afton, Sibley, Lake Carlos,
2.23 Glacial Lakes, Maplewood, William O'Brien, Wild River, and Lac Qui Parle State Parks.

2.24 (e) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2010 is appropriated from the parks and trails fund to the
2.25 commissioner of natural resources to install photovoltaic solar power at the Iron Range
2.26 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area in Gilbert.

2.27 (f) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2010 is appropriated from the parks and trails fund to the
2.28 commissioner of natural resources to install photovoltaic solar power to power a sanitation
2.29 building and lighting at the Silver Bay Marina.

2.30 (g) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2010 is appropriated from the parks and trails fund to
2.31 the commissioner of natural resources to install photovoltaic solar power to power the
2.32 rest area and visitor center at Grand Portage State Park.

2.33 (h) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2010 is appropriated from the parks and trails fund to the
2.34 commissioner of natural resources to install photovoltaic solar power to power sanitation
2.35 buildings and campsites at the Lake Shetek State Park.

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3.1 (i) The commissioner of natural resources must display a sign that identifies each
3.2 project funded under this section as a project funded with money from the clean water,
3.3 land, and legacy amendment to the Minnesota Constitution adopted by the voters on
3.4 November 4, 2008.