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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1853

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to electric vehicles; requiring installation of electric vehicle charging
1.3 stations in state parks; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; INSTALLATIONS IN
1.6 STATE AND REGIONAL PARKS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.8 the meanings given.

1.9 (b) "DC Fast charger" means electric vehicle charging station equipment that transfers
1.10 direct current electricity directly to an electric vehicle's battery.

1.11 (c) "Electric vehicle" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.011,
1.12 subdivision 26a.

1.13 (d) "Electric vehicle charging station" means infrastructure that connects an electric
1.14 vehicle to a Level 2 or DC Fast charger to recharge the electric vehicle's batteries.

1.15 (e) "Level 2 charger" means electric vehicle charging station equipment that transfers
1.16 240-volt alternating current electricity to a device in an electric vehicle that converts
1.17 alternating current to direct current to recharge an electric vehicle battery.

1.18 Subd. 2. Program. The commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the
1.19 commissioners of the Pollution Control Agency and commerce, must develop and fund the
1.20 installation of a network of electric vehicle charging stations in Minnesota state parks located
1.21 within the retail electric service area of a public utility subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
1.22 116C.779, subdivision 1. The commissioners must issue a request for proposals to entities

2.1 that have experience installing, owning, operating, and maintaining electric vehicle charging
2.2 stations. The request for proposal must establish technical specifications that electric vehicle
2.3 charging stations are required to meet and must request responders to address:

2.4 (1) the optimal number and location of charging stations installed in a given state park;

2.5 (2) alternative arrangements that may be made to allocate responsibility for electric
2.6 vehicle charging station (i) ownership, operation, and maintenance, and (ii) billing
2.7 procedures; and

2.8 (3) any other issues deemed relevant by the commissioners.

2.9 Subd. 3. **Deployment; regional parks.** The commissioner of natural resources may
2.10 allocate a portion of the appropriation under this act to install electric vehicle charging
2.11 stations in regional parks located within the retail electric service area of a public utility
2.12 that is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1.

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

2.14 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.15 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j),
2.16 \$4,100,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the renewable development account
2.17 established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the commissioner of
2.18 natural resources to install electric vehicle charging stations in state and regional parks, as
2.19 described in section 1.

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