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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. **2804**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing Lake Mille Lacs - 1837 Ceded Territory
1.3 Advisory Task Force; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. LAKE MILLE LACS - 1837 CEDED TERRITORY ADVISORY TASK
1.6 FORCE.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Task force established. The Lake Mille Lacs - 1837 Ceded Territory
1.8 Advisory Task Force is established to review issues related to the commissioner of natural
1.9 resources' comanagement of Lake Mille Lacs - 1837 Ceded Territory, including the impact
1.10 of the comanagement structure on the local economy.

1.11 Subd. 2. Membership. (a) The task force consists of 12 voting members, appointed as
1.12 follows:

1.13 (1) six members must be appointed by the speaker of the house, after consultation with
1.14 the house minority leader; and

1.15 (2) six members must be appointed by the senate majority leader, after consultation with
1.16 the senate minority leader.

1.17 (b) Members of the house of representatives, senate, county boards, and city councils
1.18 whose districts include comanaged lands serve as ex officio members of the advisory task
1.19 force. The speaker of the house and the senate majority leader, acting jointly, may appoint
1.20 additional interested stakeholders to serve as ex officio members at their discretion.

1.21 (c) Appointments to the task force must be made no later than July 1, 2018. In making
1.22 appointments, the speaker of the house and senate majority leader must include

2.1 representatives of small businesses in Aitkin, Mille Lacs, and Crow Wing Counties affected
2.2 by the comanagement structure, including resort owners, guides, and other industry-related
2.3 interests. The speaker of the house must designate one appointee to serve as chair of the
2.4 task force. Members of the task force may be compensated as provided by Minnesota
2.5 Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

2.6 Subd. 3. **Meeting locations; open meeting law applies.** The chair of the task force must
2.7 convene the first meeting no later than August 15, 2018. Meetings must be held at local
2.8 government centers or other convenient locations that are available without a fee or charge
2.9 in Aitkin, Mille Lacs, and Crow Wing Counties. The task force is subject to the Minnesota
2.10 Open Meeting Law under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D. All meetings must be audio or
2.11 video recorded.

2.12 Subd. 4. **Staff.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide staff assistance
2.13 to support the task force's work.

2.14 Subd. 5. **Report required.** No later than January 31, 2019, the task force must submit
2.15 a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
2.16 jurisdiction over environment and natural resources policy. The report must describe the
2.17 task force's work, including any recommendations or findings related to the structure of
2.18 comanagement by the commissioner of natural resources.

2.19 Subd. 6. **Expiration.** The task force expires when it submits the report required by
2.20 subdivision 5.

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