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

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from parks and trails fund for  
1.3 greater Minnesota parks and trails.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; GREATER MINNESOTA REGIONAL PARKS AND  
1.6 TRAILS COMMISSION.

1.7 (a) \$8,365,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$964,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated  
1.8 from the parks and trails fund to the commissioner of natural resources for grants for parks  
1.9 and trails of regional significance outside the seven-county metropolitan area under  
1.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph must support parks  
1.11 and trails of regional or statewide significance that meet the applicable definitions and  
1.12 criteria for regional parks and trails contained in the greater Minnesota regional parks and  
1.13 trails strategic plan adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission  
1.14 on April 22, 2015. Of these amounts:

1.15 (1) \$278,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to Cook County for a 15.5-mile connector  
1.16 trail from Britton Peak to Lutsen Mountains as part of the Cook County mountain-bike trail  
1.17 system;

1.18 (2) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional  
1.19 Railroad Authority for Mesabi Trail development, including construction of a Mesabi Trail  
1.20 segment between Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park and Eagles Nest  
1.21 Township town hall, approximately 4.5 miles in length;

2.1 (3) \$60,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to Crow Wing County for site improvements,  
2.2 including restrooms, a canoe launch and fishing platform, and a picnic shelter at Milford  
2.3 Mine Memorial Park;

2.4 (4) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to the city of Cohasset for predesign and  
2.5 design of the Tioga Recreation Area;

2.6 (5) \$1,246,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to the city of Detroit Lakes for land  
2.7 acquisition, mountain-bike trail development, and upgrades and amenities related to  
2.8 enhancing the facility at the Detroit Mountain Recreation Area;

2.9 (6) \$875,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to Douglas County for infrastructure  
2.10 development that will open many new opportunities at Lake Brophy Park;

2.11 (7) \$596,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to the city of Granite Falls for infrastructure  
2.12 and safety improvements to Memorial Park;

2.13 (8) \$661,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to the city of Moorhead for construction  
2.14 of 2.6 miles of two trail segments for the Moorhead River Corridor Trail;

2.15 (9) \$606,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to the city of Willmar for constructing a  
2.16 four-season recreational facility and an interpretive boardwalk at Robbins Island Park;

2.17 (10) \$980,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to Stearns County for constructing a  
2.18 multiuse, paved trail that will connect Lake Wobegon Trail to the existing Harold P. Nelson  
2.19 Healthy Living Trail;

2.20 (11) \$647,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to McLeod County for the segment of  
2.21 the Dakota Rail Regional Trail from the McLeod/Carver county line to Lester Prairie County  
2.22 State-Aid Highway 1;

2.23 (12) \$999,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$551,000 in fiscal year 2019 are for a grant to the  
2.24 city of Rochester to complete Cascade Lake Park;

2.25 (13) \$423,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$399,000 in fiscal year 2019 are to the Greater  
2.26 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission to carry out its duties under Minnesota  
2.27 Statutes, section 85.536; and

2.28 (14) \$194,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$14,000 in fiscal year 2019 are to the commissioner  
2.29 for the actual cost of issuing and monitoring the grants for the commission.

2.30 (b) The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission shall submit a list of  
2.31 projects that contains the commission's recommendations for funding from the parks and  
2.32 trails fund for the remaining money available from 20 percent of the parks and trails fund

- 3.1 for fiscal year 2019 in the commission's January 15, 2018, annual report required under
- 3.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, subdivision 10.