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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to natural resources; modifying distribution of minerals management

1.3account; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 93.2236.

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

1.5Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 93.2236, is amended to read:

1.6**93.2236 MINERALS MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.**

1.7(a) The minerals management account is created as an account in the natural

1.8resources fund. Interest earned on money in the account accrues to the account. Money in

1.9the account may be spent or distributed only as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c).

1.10(b) If the balance in the minerals management account exceeds \$3,000,000 on June

1.1130, the amount exceeding \$3,000,000 must be distributed to the permanent school fund

1.12~~and~~<sub>2</sub> the permanent university fund, and the counties' forfeited tax sale funds. The amount

1.13distributed to each fund must be in the same proportion as the total mineral lease revenue

1.14received in the previous biennium from school trust lands ~~and~~<sub>2</sub> university lands, and

1.15tax-forfeited lands held in trust for each respective county.

1.16(c) Subject to appropriation by the legislature, money in the minerals management

1.17account may be spent by the commissioner of natural resources for mineral resource

1.18management and projects to enhance future mineral income and promote new mineral

1.19resource opportunities.