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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1580

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; providing for review of off-road vehicle grant-in-aid  
1.3 applications; providing for certain reallocation of base funding; proposing coding  
1.4 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[84.8031] GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATIONS; REVIEW PERIOD.**

1.7 The commissioner must review an off-road vehicle grant-in-aid application and, if  
1.8 approved, commence public review of the application within 60 days after the application  
1.9 has been locally approved and submitted to an area parks and trails office. If the  
1.10 commissioner fails to approve or deny the application within 60 days after submission,  
1.11 the application is deemed approved and the commissioner must provide for a 30-day  
1.12 public review period.

1.13 Sec. 2. **BASE FUNDING REALLOCATION.**

1.14 (a) \$225,000 of the base funding in fiscal year 2016 to the commissioner of  
1.15 natural resources from the off-road vehicle account in the natural resources fund is for  
1.16 grants-in-aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.803, in addition to any other amount  
1.17 appropriated for that purpose. This amount is redistributed from the allocation for the  
1.18 following purposes and is not an increase in base funding:

1.19 (1) \$150,000 is redistributed from the amount allocated in fiscal year 2014 for  
1.20 enforcement purposes; and

1.21 (2) \$75,000 is redistributed from the amount allocated in fiscal year 2014 for parks  
1.22 and trails management purposes.

2.1 (b) \$75,000 of the base funding in fiscal year 2016 to the commissioner of natural  
2.2 resources from the off-road vehicle account in the natural resources fund is redistributed  
2.3 from the amount allocated in fiscal year 2014 for parks and trails management purposes to  
2.4 fund a new full-time employee position in northern Minnesota to work in conjunction with  
2.5 the Minnesota Four-Wheel Drive Association to address acquisition and development of  
2.6 off-road vehicle use areas and other issues related to off-road vehicle activities. This  
2.7 amount is not an increase in base funding.