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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3772**

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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 natural resources; directing certain transfers to the forest management
1.3 investment account; appropriating money for private forest management
1.4 assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 89.0385.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 89.0385, is amended to read:

1.7 **89.0385 FOREST MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT ACCOUNT; COST**
1.8 **CERTIFICATION.**

1.9 (a) The commissioner shall certify the total costs incurred for forest management,
1.10 forest improvement, and road improvement on state-managed lands during each fiscal
1.11 year. The commissioner shall distribute forest management receipts credited to various
1.12 accounts according to this section.

1.13 (b) The amount of the certified costs incurred for forest management activities on
1.14 state lands shall be transferred from the account where receipts are deposited to the forest
1.15 management investment account in the natural resources fund, except for those costs
1.16 certified under section 16A.125. Transfers may occur quarterly, based on quarterly cost and
1.17 revenue reports, throughout the fiscal year, with final certification and reconciliation after
1.18 each fiscal year. Transfers in a fiscal year cannot exceed receipts credited to the account.

1.19 (c) The amount of the certified costs incurred for forest management activities
1.20 on nonstate lands managed under a good neighbor or joint powers agreement must be
1.21 transferred from the account where receipts are deposited to the forest management
1.22 investment account in the natural resources fund. Transfers for costs incurred may occur
1.23 after projects or timber permits are finalized.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; PRIVATE FOREST MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE.**

2.2 \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the
2.3 commissioner of natural resources for private forest management assistance. The agency
2.4 base is increased by \$2,950,000 in fiscal year 2018 and thereafter.