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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3931

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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; appropriating money for minerals research.

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

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; MINERALS RESEARCH.

1.5 \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.6 of natural resources for a transfer to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota
1.7 for academic and applied research through MnDRIVE at the Natural Resources Research
1.8 Institute to develop and demonstrate technologies that enhance the long-term viability of
1.9 Minnesota's mining industry. Of this amount: \$1,000,000 is to support continued applied
1.10 research to define and pilot new concepts for sulfate reduction in Minnesota waters; \$500,000
1.11 is for maintenance and expansion of the Natural Resources Atlas to statewide coverage;
1.12 and \$1,000,000 is to provide seed funding for development of next-generation
1.13 hydrometallurgy technology capability to support responsible, high-value mineral
1.14 development in Minnesota. This research will be done in consultation with the Minerals
1.15 Coordinating Committee established by Minnesota Statutes, section 93.0015. This
1.16 appropriation is onetime and is available until June 30, 2020.