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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; requiring a study to determine the extent to which school
1.3 trust lands are used for recreational purposes; requiring a report; appropriating
1.4 money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **REPORT ON RECREATIONAL USE OF PERMANENT SCHOOL**
1.7 **LANDS.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. Office of School Trust Lands. The school trust lands director shall
1.9 conduct a study of the recreational use of school trust lands in the state. The study shall be
1.10 used to determine the amount of money to be allocated to the permanent school fund for
1.11 fees paid to the state for outdoor recreation purposes. The Department of Natural Resources
1.12 must assist the office by providing existing outdoor recreation use data. The office may
1.13 contract for additional survey data to complete the study. The study shall include the
1.14 following:

1.15 (1) the estimated annual number of daily visits by individuals with a Minnesota hunting
1.16 license accessing school trust lands, and as a percentage of annual days hunted by all
1.17 individuals with a Minnesota hunting license;

1.18 (2) the estimated annual number of daily visits by individuals with a Minnesota fishing
1.19 license using a public water access site that contains school trust lands, and as a percentage
1.20 of annual days fishing by all individuals with a Minnesota fishing license;

1.21 (3) the estimated annual visits by Minnesota licensed watercrafts to state-owned public
1.22 water access sites that contain school trust lands, and as a percentage of all visits by
1.23 Minnesota licensed watercrafts using public water access sites;

2.1 (4) the total number of miles of state-maintained snowmobile trails and all-terrain vehicle
2.2 trails that are on school trust lands, and as a percentage of total miles of state-operated trails
2.3 for each purpose;

2.4 (5) the total amount of acres of school trust lands located within state parks and recreation
2.5 areas, and as a percentage of all acres of land in state parks and recreation areas;

2.6 (6) any other uses of school trust lands for outdoor recreation that include individuals
2.7 purchasing a permit or paying a fee for access to the school trust lands, and the percentage
2.8 of the total permits or fees for that purpose;

2.9 (7) the estimated cost of posting signage near entrances to school trust lands declaring
2.10 that certain portions of the public land that are being used for outdoor recreation is school
2.11 trust land;

2.12 (8) the estimated cost of updating recreational use maps and other electronic and printed
2.13 documents to distinctly label school trust lands that are contained within or are part of state
2.14 recreational areas, parks, and trails.

2.15 Subd. 2. **Report to the legislature.** By January 15, 2025, the school trust lands director
2.16 shall report the findings in subdivision 1 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
2.17 legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources.

2.18 Subd. 3. **Appropriation.** \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the fund to
2.19 the Office of School Trust Lands for conducting the study of the recreational use of school
2.20 trust lands required under subdivision 1.