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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Capital Investment

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for an environmental learning
1.3 center; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.5 Section 1. ST. PAUL; GREAT RIVER PASSAGE, ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING
1.6 CENTER.

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund
1.8 to the Metropolitan Council for a grant to the city of St. Paul for predesign and design of
1.9 an Environmental Learning Center project and adjacent site development in Crosby Farms
1.10 Regional Park. The project will integrate environmental education, river access, and river
1.11 and nature-based recreation, along with increasing safe access to and awareness by the
1.12 public of the Mississippi River. The Environmental Learning Center is an opportunity to
1.13 build on the history and interconnectedness to the river, create an authentic, signature
1.14 destination that positions the state nationally and internationally, improve the quality of life
1.15 for residents and visitors, and cultivate a constituency that values the river and will care for
1.16 it into the future.

1.17 Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond
1.18 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
1.19 the state in an amount up to \$3,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
1.20 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
1.21 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.