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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state lands; providing for exchange of state land.

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

1.4 Section 1. **EXCHANGE OF STATE LAND; AITKIN, BELTRAMI, AND**
KOOCHICHING COUNTIES.

1.6 (a) Notwithstanding the riparian restrictions in Minnesota Statutes, section 94.342,
1.7 subdivision 3, and subject to the valuation restrictions described in paragraph (c), the
1.8 commissioner of natural resources must, with the approval of the Land Exchange Board as
1.9 required under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 10, and according to the
1.10 remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, sections 94.342 to 94.347, exchange the
1.11 state-owned land leased for farming wild rice described in paragraph (b).

1.12 (b) The state land that must be exchanged is held under the following state leases for
1.13 farming wild rice:

1.14 (1) Lease LAGR001305, covering 175.1 acres in Aitkin County;
1.15 (2) Lease LMIS010040, covering 107.1 acres in Beltrami County;
1.16 (3) Lease LMIS010096, covering 137.4 acres in Beltrami County; and
1.17 (4) Lease LAGR001295, covering 264.40 acres in Koochiching County.

1.18 (c) For the appraisal of the land, no improvements paid for by the lessee shall be included
1.19 in the estimate of market value.

1.20 (d) Additional adjoining state lands must be added to the exchanges if mutually agreed
1.21 upon by the commissioner and the exchange partner to avoid leaving unmanageable parcels

2.1 of land in state ownership after an exchange or to meet county zoning standards or other
2.2 regulatory needs for the wild rice farming operations.

2.3 (e) The state land administered by the commissioner of natural resources in Koochiching
2.4 County borders the Lost River. The lands to be exchanged are not required to provide at
2.5 least equal opportunity for access to waters by the public, but the lands must be at least
2.6 equal in value and have the potential to generate revenue for the school trust lands.