A bill for an act
relating to electric vehicles; requiring installation of electric vehicle charging
stations in state parks; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; INSTALLATIONS IN
STATE AND REGIONAL PARKS.

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
the meanings given.

(b) "DC Fast charger" means electric vehicle charging station equipment that transfers
direct current electricity directly to an electric vehicle's battery.

(c) "Electric vehicle" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 26a.

(d) "Electric vehicle charging station" means infrastructure that connects an electric
vehicle to a Level 2 or DC Fast charger to recharge the electric vehicle's batteries.

(e) "Level 2 charger" means electric vehicle charging station equipment that transfers
240-volt alternating current electricity to a device in an electric vehicle that converts
alternating current to direct current to recharge an electric vehicle battery.

Subd. 2. Program. The commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the
commissioners of the Pollution Control Agency and commerce, must develop and fund the
installation of a network of electric vehicle charging stations in Minnesota state parks located
within the retail electric service area of a public utility subject to section 116C.779,
subdivision 1. The commissioners must issue a request for proposals to entities that have
experience installing, owning, operating, and maintaining electric vehicle charging stations.
The request for proposal must establish technical specifications that electric vehicle charging stations are required to meet and must request responders to address:

1. the optimal number and location of charging stations installed in a given state park;
2. alternative arrangements that may be made to allocate responsibility for electric vehicle charging station (i) ownership, operation, and maintenance, and (ii) billing procedures; and
3. any other issues deemed relevant by the commissioners.

Subd. 3. Deployment; regional parks. The commissioner of natural resources may allocate a portion of the appropriation under this act to install electric vehicle charging stations in regional parks located within the retail electric service area of a public utility that is subject to section 116C.779, subdivision 1.

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

Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

Notwithstanding section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j), $4,100,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the renewable development account established in section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the commissioner of natural resources to install electric vehicle charging stations in state and regional parks, as described in section 1.

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