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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill would use funds from the outdoor heritage fund, which receives 33 percent of the revenues raised from the increased sales tax passed as part of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment in 2008, to acquire school trust lands bordering Lake Vermilion and Bass Lake in St. Louis County.

- 1** **Condemnation of school trust land; Vermilion and Bass Lake; St. Louis County.** Requires the commissioner of natural resources to use condemnation to acquire fee title to school trust lands bordering Vermilion and Bass Lakes. Requires the damages awarded through the condemnation process to be substantially equal to the amount paid for the lands acquired for Lake Vermilion State Park. Requires the damages to be paid out of the outdoor heritage fund into the permanent school fund. Requires the lands to be open to the public taking of game and fish unless otherwise provided by law and retained by the state in perpetuity for public use.