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H. F. No. 49

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying Blufflands Trail system; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 85.015, subdivision 7.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 85.015, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 7. **Blufflands Trail system, Fillmore, Olmsted, Winona, and Houston**
1.7 **Counties.** (a) The Root River Trail shall originate at Chatfield in Fillmore County, and
1.8 thence extend easterly in the Root River Valley to the intersection of the river with
1.9 Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 26 in Houston County, and extend to the Mississippi River.

1.10 (b) Additional trails may be established that extend the Blufflands Trail system to
1.11 include La Crescent, Hokah, Caledonia, and Spring Grove in Houston County; Preston,
1.12 Harmony, Fountain, Wykoff, Spring Valley, Mabel, Prosper, Canton, ~~and~~ Ostrander,
1.13 and connections to the Iowa border including a connection to Niagara Cave in Fillmore
1.14 County; Rochester, Dover, Eyota, Stewartville, Byron, and Chester Woods County Park in
1.15 Olmsted County; and Winona, Minnesota City, Rollingstone, Altura, Lewiston, Utica,
1.16 St. Charles, and Elba in Winona County. In addition to the criteria in section 86A.05,
1.17 subdivision 4, these trails must utilize abandoned railroad rights-of-way where possible.

1.18 (c) The trails shall be developed primarily for nonmotorized riding and hiking.