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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Mining and Forestry Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying provisions for forest nursery sales;
1.3 establishing forest carbon sequestration goal; providing for tree planting; requiring
1.4 a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 89.37,
1.5 subdivision 3.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 89.37, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. **Private lands.** The commissioner may supply only bare root seedlings, woody
1.9 cuttings, and transplant material for use on private land, provided that such material must
1.10 be sold in lots of not less than ~~500~~ 250 for a sum determined by the commissioner to be
1.11 equivalent to the cost of the materials and the expenses of their distribution. The
1.12 commissioner may not directly or indirectly supply any other planting stock for use on
1.13 private lands.

1.14 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS; FOREST CARBON SEQUESTRATION GOAL.**

1.15 Subdivision 1. **Goal.** It is the goal of the state to plant an additional 1,000,000 trees each
1.16 year in fiscal years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 to provide additional carbon sequestration
1.17 and improve forest health.

1.18 Subd. 2. **State nursery and state forests.** (a) \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2022 is
1.19 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources to improve
1.20 seed extraction processes, develop native seeds appropriate for the climate, and design and
1.21 construct additional cold storage facilities. This is a onetime appropriation and is available
1.22 until June 30, 2023.

2.1 (b) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the
2.2 commissioner of natural resources to produce container-grown trees when appropriate for
2.3 state lands. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2023.

2.4 (c) \$..... in fiscal year 2022 and \$..... in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the
2.5 general fund to the commissioner of natural resources to enhance and rehabilitate
2.6 nonproductive state forest sites, including site preparation, planting and seeding, and seedling
2.7 release and protection. The appropriations in this paragraph are onetime appropriations and
2.8 are available until June 30, 2025.

2.9 Subd. 3. **Private forests.** (a) \$25,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general
2.10 fund to the commissioner of natural resources to increase outreach to private landowners
2.11 to encourage tree planting. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30,
2.12 2023.

2.13 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.14 of natural resources to provide additional cost-share incentives for private forest landowners
2.15 for reforestation and tree planting. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until
2.16 June 30, 2025.

2.17 Subd. 4. **Emerald ash borer response.** (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2022 and \$..... in fiscal
2.18 year 2023 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources,
2.19 in cooperation with local units of government, to identify and convert ash stands to more
2.20 diverse, climate-adapted species. The appropriations in this paragraph are onetime
2.21 appropriations and are available until June 30, 2025.

2.22 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2022 and \$..... in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the
2.23 general fund to the commissioner of natural resources to identify and convert ash forests to
2.24 climate-adapted species. The appropriations in this paragraph are onetime appropriations
2.25 and are available until June 30, 2025.

2.26 Subd. 5. **Report.** By November 15, 2022, the commissioner of natural resources must
2.27 submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives
2.28 and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment and natural
2.29 resources finance and policy on the progress made toward achieving the goal established
2.30 in this section and recommendations for funding and any statutory changes necessary to
2.31 meet the goal.