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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Innovation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; providing for condemnation of certain school  
1.3 trust lands; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes, chapter 92.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[92.83] CONDEMNATION OF SCHOOL TRUST LAND.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to extinguish the school trust  
1.8 interest in school trust lands where long-term economic return is prohibited by designation  
1.9 or policy while producing economic benefits for Minnesota's public schools. For the  
1.10 purposes of satisfying the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 8, which limits the  
1.11 sale of school trust lands to a public sale, the commissioner of natural resources shall  
1.12 acquire school trust lands through condemnation, as provided in subdivision 2.

1.13 Subd. 2. **Commencement of condemnation proceedings.** When the commissioner  
1.14 of natural resources has determined sufficient money is available to acquire any of the  
1.15 lands identified under section 84.027, subdivision 18, paragraph (c), the commissioner  
1.16 shall proceed to extinguish the school trust interest by condemnation action. When  
1.17 requested by the commissioner, the attorney general shall commence condemnation of  
1.18 the identified school trust lands.

1.19 Subd. 3. **Payment.** The portion of the payment of the award and judgment that  
1.20 is for the value of the land shall be deposited into the permanent school fund. The  
1.21 remainder of the award and judgment payment shall first be remitted for reimbursement  
1.22 to the accounts from which expenses were paid, with any remainder deposited into the  
1.23 permanent school fund.

2.1       Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2             \$..... is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
2.3 for the purposes of section 1. This appropriation does not lapse and is subject to Minnesota  
2.4 Statutes, section 16A.28, subdivision 5.