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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. **471**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvements at
1.3 the Minnesota Zoological Garden; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.5 Section 1. MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN.

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** \$31,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds
1.7 fund to the Minnesota Zoological Board for the purposes specified in this section.

1.8 Subd. 2. **Asset preservation.** \$17,000,000 of this appropriation is for capital asset
1.9 preservation improvements and betterments to infrastructure and exhibits at the Minnesota
1.10 Zoological Garden, to be spent in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.307.
1.11 Notwithstanding the specified uses of money under Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.307,
1.12 the board may use this appropriation to replace buildings that are in poor condition, outdated,
1.13 and no longer support the work of the Minnesota Zoo; to construct and renovate trails and
1.14 roads on the Minnesota Zoo site; and to replace the lakeside plaza infrastructure, including
1.15 the stairs and ramp to the upper plaza and to design, construct, furnish, and equip the
1.16 renovation of related animal holding and mechanical spaces.

1.17 Subd. 3. **Animal hospital renovation.** \$8,000,000 of this appropriation is to design,
1.18 renovate, construct, furnish, and equip the animal hospital building at the Minnesota
1.19 Zoological Garden.

1.20 Subd. 4. **Reopen the Nocturnal Trail.** \$6,000,000 of this appropriation is to design,
1.21 renovate, construct, furnish, and equip the closed nocturnal segment of the Tropics Trail.

2.1 Subd. 5. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond
2.2 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
2.3 the state in an amount up to \$31,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
2.4 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
2.5 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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