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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; allowing counties to file policies of no net gain;
1.3 requiring land sales; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97A.056, by
1.4 adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 25. No net gain; counties. (a) A county may file a policy of no net gain of state
1.9 lands, adopted by the county board, with the commissioner of natural resources. The policy
1.10 must express the county's policy against the acquisition of additional land by the state within
1.11 the county.

1.12 (b) When the commissioner of natural resources acquires private land within a county
1.13 that has filed a policy of no net gain of state lands under this subdivision and the land was
1.14 acquired in fee with money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund, the commissioner
1.15 of natural resources must sell to a private individual or entity an equal number of acres of
1.16 land within the county. The value of the land sold must be of at least substantially equal
1.17 value of the lands acquired. Notwithstanding section 94.10, subdivision 2, if lands being
1.18 offered for sale to comply with this subdivision remain unsold after a public sale offering,
1.19 the lands may be sold for less than the appraised value. Land sold under this paragraph must
1.20 not be sold for less than 75 percent of the appraised value.

1.21 (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, "substantially equal value" has the meaning
1.22 given under section 94.343, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

1.23 EFFECTIVE DATE. Paragraph (a) is effective the day following final enactment.