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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; establishing Minnesota Outdoor Recreation
1.3 Office; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 116U.

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

1.6 Section 1. 116U.60] MINNESOTA OUTDOOR RECREATION OFFICE.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Office established. The Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Office is
1.8 established as an office in Explore Minnesota Tourism. The director of Explore Minnesota
1.9 Tourism must appoint the director of the Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Office.

1.10 Subd. 2. Duties. The Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Office must:

1.11 (1) support the outdoor recreation economy of Minnesota and work toward equitable
1.12 access to the outdoors;

1.13 (2) coordinate outdoor recreation policy and management among state and federal
1.14 agencies and local government entities;

1.15 (3) assist in promoting and marketing opportunities and events for outdoor recreation;

1.16 (4) assist in establishing outdoor recreation businesses and provide technical assistance
1.17 with resources and opportunities for economic development;

1.18 (5) develop strategies to recruit and grow outdoor recreation businesses to enhance
1.19 recreation-related employment in Minnesota;

1.20 (6) promote stewardship and preservation of Minnesota's unique environment and cultural
1.21 assets;

- 2.1 (7) promote education and use of outdoor recreation assets to enhance public health;
2.2 (8) support outdoor recreation programs at Minnesota educational institutions;
2.3 (9) collect data on the impact of outdoor recreation in the state and the accessibility of
2.4 natural resources for underserved populations; and
2.5 (10) recommend policies and initiatives to increase equitable and inclusive access to
2.6 outdoor recreational amenities and experiences.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Interagency cooperation.** Explore Minnesota Tourism and the departments
2.8 of natural resources, health, transportation, and employment and economic development
2.9 must cooperate with and assist the Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Office to support its
2.10 duties as they relate to the purposes of the respective office or agencies.

2.11 Subd. 4. **Report.** On or before November 1, the director of the Minnesota Outdoor
2.12 Recreation Office must submit an annual report to the legislature on the accomplishments,
2.13 recommendations, and findings of the Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Office from the
2.14 preceding fiscal year.

2.15 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.16 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to Explore Minnesota
2.17 Tourism for the purposes of section 1.