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H. F. No. 669

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; prohibiting the use of pollinator lethal insecticides  
1.3 on wildlife management areas; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section  
1.4 86A.05, subdivision 8.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 8. **State wildlife management area; purpose; resource and site**  
1.8 **qualifications; administration.** (a) A state wildlife management area shall be established  
1.9 to protect those lands and waters which have a high potential for wildlife production and  
1.10 to develop and manage these lands and waters for the production of wildlife, for public  
1.11 hunting, fishing, and trapping, and for other compatible outdoor recreational uses.

1.12 (b) No unit shall be authorized as a state wildlife management area unless its  
1.13 proposed location substantially satisfies the following criteria:

1.14 (1) includes appropriate wildlife lands and habitat, including but not limited to  
1.15 marsh or wetlands and the margins thereof, ponds, lakes, stream bottomlands, and  
1.16 uplands, which permit the propagation and management of a substantial population of  
1.17 the desired wildlife species; and

1.18 (2) includes an area large enough to ensure adequate wildlife management and  
1.19 regulation of the permitted recreational uses.

1.20 (c) State wildlife management areas shall be administered by the commissioner of  
1.21 natural resources in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision to  
1.22 perpetuate, and if necessary, reestablish quality wildlife habitat for maximum production  
1.23 of a variety of wildlife species. Public hunting, fishing, trapping, and other uses shall  
1.24 be consistent with the limitations of the resource, including the need to preserve an

2.1 adequate brood stock and prevent long-term habitat injury or excessive wildlife population  
2.2 reduction or increase. Physical development may provide access to the area, but shall be  
2.3 so developed as to minimize intrusion on the natural environment. The commissioner  
2.4 shall not use a product, including seeds, containing a pollinator lethal insecticide, as  
2.5 defined under section 18H.02, subdivision 28a, on a wildlife management area.