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A bill for an act

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relating to state government; transferring certain state-owned land in the Cloquet

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Forestry Center to the University of Minnesota; appropriating money for defeasance

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of outstanding debt on certain state bond financed property.

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

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Section 1. CLOQUET FORESTRY CENTER; LAND TRANSFER.

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(a) The commissioner of administration must convey for no consideration all state-owned

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land within boundaries of the Cloquet Forestry Center to the Board of Regents of the

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University of Minnesota.

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(b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney

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general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

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(c) The land to be conveyed is located in Carlton County and is described as follows:

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(1) the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 49 North,

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Range 17 West;

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(2) the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 49 North, Range 18

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West;

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(3) the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 49 North,

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Range 17 West;

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(4) the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 49 North,

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Range 17 West;

2.1 (5) the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (or Lot 3) of Section 30, Township
2.2 49 North, Range 17 West;

2.3 (6) the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (or Lot 2) of Section 31, Township
2.4 49 North, Range 17 West;

2.5 (7) the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 49 North,
2.6 Range 17 West; and

2.7 (8) the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 49 North, Range
2.8 17 West.

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

2.10 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.11 \$1,300,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.12 of management and budget to prepay and defease any outstanding state general obligation
2.13 bonds used for improvements and betterments at the University of Minnesota Cloquet
2.14 Forestry Center, and other associated financing costs to facilitate the university's goal of
2.15 returning this land to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. This amount may
2.16 be deposited, invested, and applied to accomplish the purposes of this section as provided
2.17 in Minnesota Statutes, section 475.67, subdivisions 5 to 10 and 13. Upon the prepayment
2.18 and defeasance of all associated debt on the real property and improvements, all conditions
2.19 set forth in Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.695, subdivision 3, shall be deemed to have
2.20 been satisfied and the real property and improvements shall no longer constitute state bond
2.21 financed property under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.695.

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