

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

S.F. No. 4528

(SENATE AUTHORS: DIBBLE, Farnsworth, Heintzeman and Hauschild)		
DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/17/2026	6750	Introduction and first reading Referred to Capital Investment
04/09/2026	7945	Author added Heintzeman
04/14/2026	8033	Author added Hauschild

1.1

A bill for an act

1.2

relating to capital investment; appropriating money for forests and forestry capital

1.3

projects; 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. **FORESTS AND FORESTRY CAPITAL PROJECTS.**

1.6

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have

1.7

the meanings given.

1.8

(b) "Reforestation" means the process of natural or artificial forest regeneration consistent

1.9

with the reforestation policy under Minnesota Statutes, section 89.002, subdivision 2, and

1.10

includes purchasing native seeds and native seedlings, planting, seeding, site preparation,

1.11

and protection on state lands administered by the commissioner.

1.12

(c) "State forest land" means the following state-owned forest land:

1.13

(1) Badoura State Forest;

1.14

(2) Battleground State Forest;

1.15

(3) Bear Island State Forest;

1.16

(4) Beltrami Island State Forest;

1.17

(5) Big Fork State Forest;

1.18

(6) Birch Lakes State Forest;

1.19

(7) Blackduck State Forest;

1.20

(8) Bowstring State Forest;

- 2.1 (9) Buena Vista State Forest;
- 2.2 (10) Burntside State Forest;
- 2.3 (11) Centennial State Forest;
- 2.4 (12) Chengwatana State Forest;
- 2.5 (13) Cloquet Valley State Forest;
- 2.6 (14) Crow Wing State Forest;
- 2.7 (15) D.A.R. State Forest;
- 2.8 (16) Emily State Forest;
- 2.9 (17) Finland State Forest;
- 2.10 (18) Fond du Lac State Forest;
- 2.11 (19) Foot Hills State Forest;
- 2.12 (20) General C. C. Andrews State Forest;
- 2.13 (21) George Washington State Forest;
- 2.14 (22) Golden Anniversary State Forest;
- 2.15 (23) Grand Portage State Forest;
- 2.16 (24) Hill River State Forest;
- 2.17 (25) Huntersville State Forest;
- 2.18 (26) Insula Lake State Forest;
- 2.19 (27) Kabetogama State Forest;
- 2.20 (28) Koochiching State Forest;
- 2.21 (29) Lake Isabella State Forest;
- 2.22 (30) Lake Jeanette State Forest;
- 2.23 (31) Lake of the Woods State Forest;
- 2.24 (32) Land O'Lakes State Forest;
- 2.25 (33) Lost River State Forest;
- 2.26 (34) Lyons State Forest;
- 2.27 (35) Mississippi Headwaters State Forest;

- 3.1 (36) Nemadji State Forest;
- 3.2 (37) Northwest Angle State Forest;
- 3.3 (38) Pat Bayle State Forest;
- 3.4 (39) Paul Bunyan State Forest;
- 3.5 (40) Pillsbury State Forest;
- 3.6 (41) Pine Island State Forest;
- 3.7 (42) Red Lake State Forest;
- 3.8 (43) Remer State Forest;
- 3.9 (44) Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest;
- 3.10 (45) Riverlands State Forest;
- 3.11 (46) Rum River State Forest;
- 3.12 (47) Sand Dunes State Forest;
- 3.13 (48) Savanna State Forest;
- 3.14 (49) Smokey Bear State Forest;
- 3.15 (50) Smoky Hills State Forest;
- 3.16 (51) Snake River State Forest;
- 3.17 (52) Solana State Forest;
- 3.18 (53) St. Croix State Forest;
- 3.19 (54) Sturgeon River State Forest;
- 3.20 (55) Two Inlets State Forest;
- 3.21 (56) Waukenabo State Forest;
- 3.22 (57) Wealthwood State Forest;
- 3.23 (58) Welsh Lake State Forest;
- 3.24 (59) White Earth State Forest; and
- 3.25 (60) Whiteface River State Forest.
- 3.26 Subd. 2. **Reforestation.** \$18,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to
- 3.27 the commissioner of natural resources to provide for reforestation on state forest lands. Of
- 3.28 this amount, \$8,000,000 may be used for forest stand improvement and management and

4.1 treatment of emerald ash borer and spruce budworm on state forest lands under Minnesota
4.2 Statutes, sections 88.01 and 88.06.

4.3 Subd. 3. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond
4.4 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
4.5 the state in an amount up to \$18,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
4.6 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
4.7 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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