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## Summary

This bill would allow the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) to contract with any person or entity for the management and operation of state historic sites. Under current law, MNHS is authorized to contract with counties, municipalities, and local historical societies for this purpose.

By law, the following sites are included in the state historic site network: Alexander Ramsey House, Birch Coulee Battlefield, Camp Coldwater, Charles A. Lindbergh House, Folsom House, Forest History Center, Fort Renville, Fort Ridgely, Grand Mound, Harkin Store, Historic Fort Snelling, Itasca Headwaters, James J. Hill House, Jeffers Petroglyphs, Lac Qui Parle Mission, Lower Sioux Agency, Marine Hill, Historic Forestville, Mille Lacs Indian Museum, Minnehaha Depot, Minnesota State Capitol, Morrison Mounds, North West Company Fur Post, Oliver H. Kelley Farm, Sibley Historic Site, Solomon G. Comstock House, Split Rock Lighthouse, Stumme Mounds, Trail Along Railroad Right-of-Way, Traverse des Sioux, Washburn Crosby Complex (Mill City Museum), and William W. Mayo House (Minn. Stat. § 138.662).