

1.1 moves to amend S.F. No. 2527, in conference committee, as follows:

1.2 On R26, House language, (UES2527-1)

1.3 Page 26, delete section 3, and insert:

1.4 "Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.5 Subd. 2. **Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.** (a) The Lessard-Sams
1.6 Outdoor Heritage Council of 12 members is created in the legislative branch, consisting of:

1.7 (1) two public members appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of
1.8 the Committee on Rules and Administration;

1.9 (2) two public members appointed by the speaker of the house;

1.10 (3) four public members appointed by the governor;

1.11 (4) two members of the senate appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees
1.12 of the Committee on Rules and Administration; and

1.13 (5) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
1.14 house.

1.15 (b) Members appointed under paragraph (a) must not be registered lobbyists. In
1.16 making appointments, the governor, senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee
1.17 on Rules and Administration, and the speaker of the house shall consider geographic
1.18 balance, gender, age, ethnicity, and varying interests including hunting and fishing. The
1.19 governor's appointments to the council are subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

1.20 (c) Public members appointed under paragraph (a) shall have practical experience
1.21 or expertise or demonstrated knowledge in the science, policy, or practice of restoring,
1.22 protecting, and enhancing wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and
1.23 wildlife.

1.24 (d) Legislative members appointed under paragraph (a) shall include the chairs
1.25 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources
1.26 finance or their designee, one member from the minority party of the senate, and one
1.27 member from the minority party of the house of representatives.

2.1 (e) Public members serve four-year terms. Appointed legislative members serve
2.2 at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Public and legislative members continue to
2.3 serve until their successors are appointed. Public members shall be initially appointed
2.4 according to the following schedule of terms:

2.5 (1) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first
2.6 Monday in January 2011;

2.7 (2) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the
2.8 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January 2011;

2.9 (3) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending
2.10 the first Monday in January 2011;

2.11 (4) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first
2.12 Monday in January 2013;

2.13 (5) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the
2.14 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January
2.15 2013; and

2.16 (6) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending
2.17 the first Monday in January 2013.

2.18 (f) Terms, compensation, and removal of public members are as provided in section
2.19 15.0575. A vacancy on the council may be filled by the appointing authority for the
2.20 remainder of the unexpired term.

2.21 ~~(g) The first meeting of the council shall be convened by the chair of the Legislative~~
2.22 ~~Coordinating Commission no later than December 1, 2008.~~ Members shall elect a chair,
2.23 vice-chair, secretary, and other officers as determined by the council. The chair may
2.24 convene meetings as necessary to conduct the duties prescribed by this section.

2.25 (h) ~~Upon coordination with The Legislative Coordinating Commission, the council~~
2.26 may appoint nonpartisan staff and contract with consultants as necessary to ~~carry out~~
2.27 support the functions of the council. The council has final approval authority for the initial
2.28 hiring of a candidate for executive director. Up to one percent of the money appropriated
2.29 from the fund may be used to pay for administrative expenses of the council and for
2.30 compensation and expense reimbursement of council members.

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