

1.1 Fischer and Heintzeman from the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
1.2 Finance and Policy to which was referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 3643, A bill for an act relating to natural resources; establishing the Melissa
1.4 and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 85.012, by adding a subdivision; 85.054, by adding a
1.6 subdivision.

1.7 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.8 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.9 "Section 1. **MELISSA AND MARK HORTMAN MEMORIAL STATE PARK**
1.10 **WORKING GROUP.**

1.11 **Subdivision 1. Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park Working**
1.12 **Group.** The Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park Working Group consists of
1.13 **the following members:**

1.14 **(1) the governor or the governor's designee;**

1.15 **(2) the commissioner of administration or the commissioner's designee;**

1.16 **(3) the commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner's designee;**

1.17 **(4) the chair of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board or the chair's designee;**

1.18 **(5) a member representing the Minnesota Historical Society;**

1.19 **(6) the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate committees with primary**
1.20 **jurisdiction over the Department of Administration and Department of Natural Resources**
1.21 **or their designees;**

1.22 **(7) the co-chairs of the house of representatives committees with primary jurisdiction**
1.23 **over the Department of Administration and Department of Natural Resources or their**
1.24 **designees; and**

2.1 (8) the mayor of the city of Saint Paul or the mayor's designee.

2.2 Subd. 2. **Recommendations.** The working group must make recommendations for the
2.3 creation of the Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State Park, including:

2.4 (1) identifying the roles and responsibilities of the commissioners of administration and
2.5 natural resources, the Minnesota Historical Society, and the Capitol Area Architectural and
2.6 Planning Board related to the administration of the park, including assigning the roles and
2.7 responsibilities for providing educational programming, interpretive services, planning
2.8 processes for physical changes, and public engagement activities within the park; and

2.9 (2) funding recommendations for establishing and maintaining the park and related
2.10 programming.

2.11 Subd. 3. **Chair.** The working group must elect a chair at its first meeting from among
2.12 the working group members.

2.13 Subd. 4. **Administrative support; meetings.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating
2.14 Commission must provide administrative support and convene the first meeting by July 15,
2.15 2026.

2.16 (b) The working group must meet at regular intervals as often as necessary to develop
2.17 the recommendations under subdivision 2.

2.18 Subd. 5. **Report.** By February 1, 2027, the working group must submit a written report
2.19 containing its recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house
2.20 of representatives and senate committees with primary jurisdiction over the Department of
2.21 Administration and the Department of Natural Resources. The working group expires March
2.22 15, 2027, or upon submission of the report required by this subdivision, whichever occurs
2.23 later.

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

2.25 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.26 \$..... in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the fund to the Legislative Coordinating
2.27 Commission for the administrative costs of the Melissa and Mark Hortman Memorial State
2.28 Park Working Group. This is a onetime appropriation."

2.29 Delete the title and insert:

2.30 "A bill for an act

2.31 relating to natural resources; establishing working group for Melissa and Mark
2.32 Hortman Memorial State Park; requiring report; appropriating money. "

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With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee

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on State Government Finance and Policy.

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This Committee action taken March 17, 2026

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