

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

Minnesota Statutes limit the liability of private landowners for personal injury suffered by individuals who are allowed to use their land without charge for recreational purposes. This act gives the same protections afforded private landowners to municipal power agencies that permit trail or other recreational use of their land or of lands in which they have an easement or right-of-way.

### Section

- 1 Policy.** Amends the policy statement of the recreational land use liability limitation law. References "land owned by a municipal power agency."
- 2 Dedicated.** Defines "dedicated" to mean "made available by easement, license, permit, or other authorization."
- 3 Land.** Amends the definition of this term to include easements, rights-of-way, and improvements to land in which a municipal power agency has rights.
- 4 Owner.** Includes in this defined term: the holder of a utility easement.
- 5 Liability.** Applies the recreational land use liability limitation law to: land of which a municipal power agency is an owner and that is used for recreational trail purposes, and other land of a municipal power agency within 300 feet of that land, if the entry onto that land was from land dedicated for recreational purposes or recreational trail use.
- 6 Owner's liability not limited.** Pre-existing law imposes certain duties on those landowners whose liability is otherwise reduced in the case of recreational users. This section is amended to reflect the addition of municipal power agencies to that law.