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Overview

This bill would cap the costs the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may certify for its forestry work on school trust lands. The amount certified is allowed to be deducted from the revenues received from the school trust lands prior to the receipts being deposited in the permanent school fund. The bill also requires that the DNR manage the school trust lands at the same level as other lands and appropriates an unspecified amount for forest management activities.

Section

- 1 Forest trust lands.** Amends § 16A.125, subd. 5. Caps the costs of forestry activities on school trust lands that may be certified against the permanent school fund at 30 percent of the revenue earned and states that the DNR must provide the same level of protection, improvement, administration, and management of school trust lands as other DNR lands.
- 2 Appropriations.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund in fiscal year 2015 to the DNR for forest management activities.