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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill would remove the role of the Executive Council in approving certain timber and mining transactions of the state and leave the discretion to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Executive Council consists of the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, and attorney general.

Section

- 1 Timber rules.** Amends § 90.031, subd. 4. Removes authority of the Executive Council to approve timber sales when any tract in a lot exceeds 12,000 cords.
- 2 Bid acceptance.** Amends § 93.17, subd. 3. Removes authority of the Executive Council to award iron ore mineral leases in conjunction with the DNR.
- 3 Conditions required.** Amends § 93.1925, subd. 1. Removes the requirement that the DNR get approval from the Executive Council in order to issue negotiated mineral leases for iron ore.
- 4 Term; conditions.** Amends § 93.20, subd. 2. Removes the requirement that the DNR get approval from the Executive Council in order to set the terms and conditions of mineral leases for iron ore.
- 5 Supplemental agreement.** Amends § 93.20, subd. 30. Removes the requirement that the DNR get approval of the Executive Council in order to make supplemental agreements for mineral leases for iron ore.

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- 6** **Lease modification.** Amends § 93.20, subd. 38. Removes the requirement that the DNR get approval of the Executive Council in order to make modifications to mineral leases for iron ore.
- 7** **Lease requirements.** Amends § 93.25, subd. 2. Removes the requirement that leases for nonferrous metallic minerals or petroleum be approved by the Executive Council.