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## **S.F. No. 3631 - DNR Policy Technical Bill**

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**Section 1 [Investment of Financial Assurance Money Under Permit to Mine]** allows the State Board of Investment to invest money collected as part of the financial assurance provided under a permit to mine and appropriates that money to the commissioner of natural resources for financial assurance purposes.

**Section 2 [More Timely Transfer of School Trust Lands Proceeds]** allows the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to deposit net income from school trust lands into the Permanent School Fund and for certified costs to be transferred to the Forest Management Investment Account in a more timely manner when the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission does not meet.

**Section 3 [Authority to Transfer Bison]** authorizes DNR to request that the Department of Administration allow donation or conveyance of bison to a governmental or nonprofit organization within or outside of Minnesota, or to sell the bison, when it would benefit the state's natural resources or bison management.

**Section 4 [Release of Threatened or Endangered Species Prohibited]** prohibits the release of endangered or threatened species.

**Section 5 [Permitting of Importation of Threatened or Endangered Species]** current law provides that the main statute protecting threatened or endangered species (§ 84.0895) does not prohibit importation into the state of wild animals, wild plants, or parts of wild animals or plants, that are legally imported into the United States or legally acquired and exported from another territory, state, possession, or political subdivision of the United States. This section repeals that language.

**Section 6 [ReLeaf Program Wood Utilization]** allows the ReLeaf Program to provide grants and technical assistance to support new and emerging urban and community wood utilization efforts, reducing wood waste.

**Section 7 [Removal of DNR Seedling Cap]** removes the current cap on DNR seedling production.

**Section 8 [Authority to Supply Plug Seedlings]** allows the DNR to grow and sell plug seedlings for us on private land. Current law allows the agency to supply private landowners with only bare root seedlings.

**Section 9 [Extension of Minerals Coordinating Committee]** extends the Minerals Coordinating Committee, which is charged with planning for diversified mineral development in the state, from 2026 to 2036.

**Sections 10 through 13 [Cross References/Overworking or Mistreating Animals]** adds a cross reference to the statute that prohibits overworking or mistreating animals (§ 343.21) to various game and fish statutes concerned with mistreatment of animals.

**Section 14 [Correction of Unintended Fee Change]** corrects an unintended fee change passed during the 2023 legislative session.