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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/03/2025	612	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
04/22/2025	2971a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance
04/28/2025	4109	Comm report: To pass as amended
	4111	Second reading
04/29/2025	4173	Special Order
	4196	Third reading Passed
05/06/2025	4451	Returned from House with amendment
	4452	Senate not concur, conference committee of 5 requested
	4511	Senate conferees Hawj; Kunesh; Johnson Stewart; Green; McEwen
05/08/2025	4602	House conferees Heintzman; Schultz; Nelson; Fischer; Pursell; Finke Joint rule 3.02, conference committee discharged Laid on table

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A bill for an act

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relating to state government; appropriating money for environment and natural

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resources; appropriating money from environment and natural resources trust fund;

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modifying prior appropriations; modifying fees and surcharges; modifying

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disposition of certain funds; modifying and establishing duties, authorities, and

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prohibitions regarding environment and natural resources; modifying and creating

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environment and natural resources programs; modifying and creating grant

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programs; providing civil and criminal penalties; authorizing rulemaking; modifying

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state trail, state forest, and state park provisions; authorizing sales, conveyances,

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and leases of certain state lands; modifying forestry provisions; modifying game

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and fish provisions; making technical changes; requiring reports; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.027, by adding a subdivision; 86B.415,

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subdivision 7; 97A.223, subdivision 1; 97A.421, by adding a subdivision; 97A.465,

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by adding a subdivision; 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 6; 103G.271, subdivision 6;

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103G.301, subdivision 2; 115B.421; 116.07, by adding a subdivision; 116.073,

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subdivisions 1, 2; Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, sections 2, subdivisions 2, 7,

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10; 3, subdivision 6; Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivisions 3, 8; proposing

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coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 84; 86B; 325F.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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ARTICLE 1

1.21

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS

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Section 1. ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS.

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The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

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and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,

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or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

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The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under

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them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.

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"The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium"

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is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

2.1	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
2.2	<u>Available for the Year</u>		
2.3	<u>Ending June 30</u>		
2.4		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.5	Sec. 2. <u>POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY</u>		
2.6	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$ <u>157,580,000</u>	\$ <u>163,566,000</u>
2.7	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.8		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.9	<u>General</u>	<u>9,122,000</u>	<u>9,072,000</u>
2.10	<u>State Government</u>		
2.11	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
2.12	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>119,906,000</u>	<u>125,675,000</u>
2.13	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>21,962,000</u>	<u>22,229,000</u>
2.14	<u>Closed Landfill</u>		
2.15	<u>Investment</u>	<u>6,500,000</u>	<u>6,500,000</u>
2.16	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
2.17	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
2.18	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
2.19	<u>The commissioner must present the agency's</u>		
2.20	<u>biennial budget for fiscal years 2028 and 2029</u>		
2.21	<u>to the legislature in a transparent way by</u>		
2.22	<u>agency division, including the proposed</u>		
2.23	<u>budget bill and presentations of the budget to</u>		
2.24	<u>committees and divisions with jurisdiction</u>		
2.25	<u>over the agency's budget.</u>		
2.26	<u>Subd. 2. Environmental Analysis and Outcomes</u>	<u>23,077,000</u>	<u>25,027,000</u>
2.27	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.28		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.29	<u>General</u>	<u>283,000</u>	<u>296,000</u>
2.30	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>22,575,000</u>	<u>24,511,000</u>
2.31	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>219,000</u>	<u>220,000</u>
2.32	<u>(a) \$128,000 the first year and \$131,000 the</u>		
2.33	<u>second year are from the environmental fund</u>		
2.34	<u>for a municipal liaison to assist municipalities</u>		
2.35	<u>with water quality standards and NPDES/SDS</u>		

3.1 permitting processes, including enhanced
3.2 economic analysis in the water quality
3.3 standards rulemaking processes, identification
3.4 of cost-effective permitting opportunities,
3.5 simplifying the variance process, and
3.6 coordinating with the Public Facilities
3.7 Authority to identify and advocate for needed
3.8 resources for municipalities to achieve permit
3.9 requirements.

3.10 (b) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,191,000
3.11 the second year are from the environmental
3.12 fund for an air-monitoring program under
3.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.454, including
3.14 ambient air for hazardous pollutants, and for
3.15 operating a mobile emissions regulatory
3.16 monitoring trailer.

3.17 (c) \$144,000 the first year and \$148,000 the
3.18 second year are from the environmental fund
3.19 for monitoring water quality and operating
3.20 assistance programs.

3.21 (d) \$109,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
3.22 second year are from the environmental fund
3.23 for duties related to harmful chemicals in
3.24 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,
3.25 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this
3.26 amount, \$70,000 the first year and \$70,000
3.27 the second year are transferred to the
3.28 commissioner of health.

3.29 (e) \$137,000 the first year and \$139,000 the
3.30 second year are from the environmental fund
3.31 for registering wastewater laboratories.

3.32 (f) \$1,527,000 the first year and \$1,529,000
3.33 the second year are from the environmental
3.34 fund to continue perfluorochemical

4.1 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan
4.2 communities, as recommended by the
4.3 Environmental Health Tracking and
4.4 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address
4.5 other environmental health risks, including air
4.6 quality. The communities must include Hmong
4.7 and other immigrant farming communities.
4.8 Of this amount, up to \$1,248,000 the first year
4.9 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer
4.10 to the commissioner of health.

4.11 (g) \$64,000 the first year and \$65,000 the
4.12 second year are from the environmental fund
4.13 for the listing procedures for impaired waters
4.14 required under this act.

4.15 (h) \$79,000 the first year and \$80,000 the
4.16 second year are from the remediation fund for
4.17 the leaking underground storage tank program
4.18 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
4.19 releases from underground petroleum storage
4.20 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
4.21 program for vapor assessment and
4.22 remediation. These same annual amounts are
4.23 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
4.24 the remediation fund.

4.25 (i) \$283,000 the first year and \$296,000 the
4.26 second year are from the general fund to
4.27 support communities in planning to implement
4.28 projects that will allow for adaptation for a
4.29 changing climate.

4.30 (j) \$2,139,000 the first year and \$2,160,000
4.31 the second year are from the environmental
4.32 fund to develop and implement a program
4.33 related to emerging issues, including
4.34 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint.

5.1 (k) \$1,893,000 the first year and \$1,915,000
 5.2 the second year are from the environmental
 5.3 fund to support improved management of data
 5.4 collected by the agency and its partners and
 5.5 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making
 5.6 and public access.

5.7 (l) \$1,448,000 the second year is from the
 5.8 environmental fund to adopt rules and
 5.9 implement air toxics emissions requirements
 5.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.

5.11 (m) \$904,000 the first year and \$911,000 the
 5.12 second year are from the environmental fund
 5.13 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous air
 5.14 pollutants in Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington,
 5.15 and Olmsted Counties.

5.16 (n) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
 5.17 second year are from the environmental fund
 5.18 to address wastewater effluent limits and
 5.19 variances for backlogged permits.

5.20 Subd. 3. **Industrial**

24,144,000

27,443,000

5.21 Appropriations by Fund

5.22		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
5.23	<u>General</u>	<u>782,000</u>	<u>789,000</u>
5.24	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>21,376,000</u>	<u>24,641,000</u>
5.25	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>1,986,000</u>	<u>2,013,000</u>

5.26 (a) \$1,876,000 the first year and \$1,902,000
 5.27 the second year are from the remediation fund
 5.28 for the leaking underground storage tank
 5.29 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
 5.30 future releases from underground petroleum
 5.31 storage tanks and for the petroleum
 5.32 remediation program for vapor assessment
 5.33 and remediation. These same annual amounts

6.1 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
6.2 to the remediation fund.

6.3 (b) \$457,000 the first year and \$457,000 the
6.4 second year are from the environmental fund
6.5 to further evaluate the use and reduction of
6.6 trichloroethylene around Minnesota and
6.7 identify its potential health effects on
6.8 communities. Of this amount, \$149,000 the
6.9 first year and \$149,000 the second year are
6.10 for transfer to the commissioner of health.

6.11 (c) \$257,000 the first year and \$264,000 the
6.12 second year are from the general fund for
6.13 implementation of the odor management
6.14 requirements under Minnesota Statutes,
6.15 section 116.064.

6.16 (d) \$148,000 the second year is from the
6.17 environmental fund for the purposes of the
6.18 public informational meeting requirements
6.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.07,
6.20 subdivision 4m.

6.21 (e) \$2,698,000 the first year and \$2,718,000
6.22 the second year are from the environmental
6.23 fund for prioritizing air regulatory program
6.24 work in environmental justice areas.

6.25 (f) \$2,539,000 the second year is from the
6.26 environmental fund for implementing the
6.27 environmental justice cumulative impact
6.28 analysis and other requirements under
6.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.065.

6.30 (g) \$730,000 the first year and \$740,000 the
6.31 second year are from the environmental fund
6.32 to improve the coordination, effectiveness,
6.33 transparency, and accountability of the
6.34 environmental review and permitting process.

7.1 (h) \$700,00 the first year and \$700,000 the
 7.2 second year are to address backlogged permits.
 7.3 Of this amount, \$525,000 the first year and
 7.4 \$525,000 the second year are from the general
 7.5 fund and \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000
 7.6 the second year are from the environmental
 7.7 fund.

7.8 Subd. 4. **Municipal** 11,271,000 11,410,000

7.9 Appropriations by Fund

7.10		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
7.11	<u>State Government</u>		
7.12	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
7.13	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>11,181,000</u>	<u>11,320,000</u>

7.14 (a) \$228,000 the first year and \$233,000 the
 7.15 second year are from the environmental fund
 7.16 for a municipal liaison to assist municipalities
 7.17 with water quality standards and NPDES/SDS
 7.18 permitting processes, including enhanced
 7.19 economic analysis in the water quality
 7.20 standards rulemaking processes, identification
 7.21 of cost-effective permitting opportunities,
 7.22 simplifying the variance process, and
 7.23 coordinating with the Public Facilities
 7.24 Authority to identify and advocate for needed
 7.25 resources for municipalities to achieve permit
 7.26 requirements.

7.27 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
 7.28 second year are from the environmental fund
 7.29 for transfer to the Office of Administrative
 7.30 Hearings to establish sanitary districts.

7.31 (c) \$2,511,000 the first year and \$2,535,000
 7.32 the second year are from the environmental
 7.33 fund for subsurface sewage treatment system
 7.34 (SSTS) program administration; for
 7.35 community technical assistance and education,

8.1 including grants and technical assistance to
 8.2 communities for water-quality protection, new
 8.3 technology review, and enforcement under
 8.4 Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 to 115.58;
 8.5 and to complete the requirements of Laws
 8.6 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 165. Of
 8.7 this amount, \$350,000 each year is for
 8.8 assistance to counties through grants for SSTS
 8.9 program administration. A county receiving
 8.10 a grant from this appropriation must submit
 8.11 the results achieved with the grant to the
 8.12 commissioner as part of its annual SSTS
 8.13 report. Any unexpended balance in the first
 8.14 year does not cancel but is available in the
 8.15 second year.

8.16 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 8.17 section 16A.28, the appropriations
 8.18 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as
 8.19 grants or contracts for subsurface sewage
 8.20 treatment systems, surface water and
 8.21 groundwater assessments, storm water, and
 8.22 water-quality protection in this subdivision
 8.23 are available until June 30, 2030.

8.24	<u>Subd. 5. Operations</u>	<u>15,584,000</u>	<u>15,650,000</u>
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8.25	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
8.26		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
8.27	<u>General</u>	<u>4,219,000</u>	<u>4,115,000</u>
8.28	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,733,000</u>	<u>8,870,000</u>
8.29	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>2,632,000</u>	<u>2,665,000</u>

8.30 (a) \$1,187,000 the first year and \$1,201,000
 8.31 the second year are from the remediation fund
 8.32 for the leaking underground storage tank
 8.33 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
 8.34 future releases from underground petroleum
 8.35 storage tanks and for the petroleum

9.1 remediation program for vapor assessment
9.2 and remediation. These same annual amounts
9.3 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
9.4 to the remediation fund.

9.5 (b) \$3,204,000 the first year and \$3,300,000
9.6 the second year are from the general fund to
9.7 support agency information technology
9.8 services provided at the enterprise and agency
9.9 level.

9.10 (c) \$955,000 the first year and \$965,000 the
9.11 second year are from the environmental fund
9.12 to develop and maintain systems to support
9.13 permitting and regulatory business processes
9.14 and agency data.

9.15 (d) \$278,000 the first year and \$280,000 the
9.16 second year are from the environmental fund
9.17 to support current and future career pathways
9.18 for underrepresented students.

9.19 (e) \$375,000 the first year and \$380,000 the
9.20 second year are from the environmental fund
9.21 to support financial planning and analysis to
9.22 assist with risk and compliance management
9.23 across agency programs and financial systems.

9.24 (f) \$538,000 the first year and \$542,000 the
9.25 second year are from the environmental fund
9.26 for Operations Division legal services that
9.27 support compliance programs.

9.28 (g) \$815,000 the first year and \$815,000 the
9.29 second year are from the general fund for
9.30 developing tools to improve permitting
9.31 issuance processes. This appropriation is
9.32 available until June 30, 2029. This is a onetime
9.33 appropriation.

10.1 (h) \$200,000 the first year is from the general
 10.2 fund to expand outreach under Minnesota
 10.3 Statutes, section 116.07, subdivision 13. This
 10.4 is a onetime appropriation.

10.5 (i) The total general fund base for the
 10.6 Operations Division for fiscal year 2028 and
 10.7 later is \$3,300,000.

10.8 Subd. 6. **Remediation** 23,861,000 24,068,000

10.9	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
10.10	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
10.11	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>642,000</u> <u>646,000</u>
10.12	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>16,719,000</u> <u>16,922,000</u>
10.13	<u>Closed Landfill</u>	
10.14	<u>Investment</u>	<u>6,500,000</u> <u>6,500,000</u>

10.15 (a) All money for environmental response,
 10.16 compensation, and compliance in the
 10.17 remediation fund not otherwise appropriated
 10.18 is appropriated to the commissioners of the
 10.19 Pollution Control Agency and agriculture for
 10.20 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.21 115B.20, subdivision 2, clauses (1), (2), (3),
 10.22 (6), and (7). At the beginning of each fiscal
 10.23 year, the two commissioners must jointly
 10.24 submit to the commissioner of management
 10.25 and budget an annual spending plan that
 10.26 maximizes resource use and appropriately
 10.27 allocates the money between the two
 10.28 departments.

10.29 (b) \$4,965,000 the first year and \$5,036,000
 10.30 the second year are from the remediation fund
 10.31 for the leaking underground storage tank
 10.32 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
 10.33 future releases from underground petroleum
 10.34 storage tanks and for the petroleum
 10.35 remediation program for vapor assessment

11.1 and remediation. These same annual amounts
 11.2 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
 11.3 to the remediation fund.

11.4 (c) \$316,000 the first year and \$316,000 the
 11.5 second year are from the remediation fund for
 11.6 transfer to the commissioner of health for
 11.7 private water-supply monitoring and health
 11.8 assessment costs in areas contaminated by
 11.9 unpermitted mixed municipal solid waste
 11.10 disposal facilities and drinking water
 11.11 advisories and public information activities
 11.12 for areas contaminated by hazardous releases.

11.13 (d) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 11.14 second year are from the remediation fund to
 11.15 review and mitigate the impacts from the
 11.16 backlog of high-priority sites in the Superfund
 11.17 site assessment program.

11.18 (e) \$6,500,000 the first year and \$6,500,000
 11.19 the second year are from the closed landfill
 11.20 investment fund for costs not otherwise
 11.21 covered with other resources under the landfill
 11.22 cleanup program in Minnesota Statutes,
 11.23 sections 115B.39 to 115B.444. This is a
 11.24 onetime appropriation and is available until
 11.25 June 30, 2029. The commissioner must report
 11.26 on all work plans and expenditures from this
 11.27 appropriation to the chairs and ranking
 11.28 minority members of the legislative
 11.29 committees having jurisdiction over
 11.30 environment policy and finance by February
 11.31 15, 2027.

11.32 **Subd. 7. Resource Management and Assistance**

46,830,000

46,985,000

11.33 Appropriations by Fund

11.34 2026

2027

12.1	<u>General</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
12.2	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>46,760,000</u>	<u>46,915,000</u>
12.3	<u>(a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000</u>		
12.4	<u>the second year may be transferred from the</u>		
12.5	<u>environmental fund to the small business</u>		
12.6	<u>environmental improvement loan account</u>		
12.7	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.</u>		
12.8	<u>(b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000</u>		
12.9	<u>the second year are from the environmental</u>		
12.10	<u>fund for competitive recycling grants under</u>		
12.11	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.565. This</u>		
12.12	<u>appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.</u>		
12.13	<u>(c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the</u>		
12.14	<u>second year are from the environmental fund</u>		
12.15	<u>for emission-reduction activities and grants to</u>		
12.16	<u>small businesses and other</u>		
12.17	<u>nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this</u>		
12.18	<u>amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000</u>		
12.19	<u>the second year are to continue work with</u>		
12.20	<u>Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner</u>		
12.21	<u>may enter into an agreement with</u>		
12.22	<u>Environmental Initiative to support this effort.</u>		
12.23	<u>(d) \$18,450,000 the first year and \$18,450,000</u>		
12.24	<u>the second year are from the environmental</u>		
12.25	<u>fund for SCORE block grants to counties.</u>		
12.26	<u>(e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the</u>		
12.27	<u>second year are from the environmental fund</u>		
12.28	<u>for environmental assistance grants or loans</u>		
12.29	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.</u>		
12.30	<u>(f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the</u>		
12.31	<u>second year are from the environmental fund</u>		
12.32	<u>for grants to develop and expand recycling</u>		
12.33	<u>markets for Minnesota businesses. This</u>		
12.34	<u>appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.</u>		

- 13.1 (g) \$770,000 the first year and \$770,000 the
13.2 second year are from the environmental fund
13.3 for reducing and diverting food waste,
13.4 redirecting edible food for consumption, and
13.5 removing barriers to collecting and recovering
13.6 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each
13.7 year is for grants to increase food rescue and
13.8 waste prevention. This appropriation is
13.9 available until June 30, 2029.
- 13.10 (h) \$2,829,000 the first year and \$2,835,000
13.11 the second year are from the environmental
13.12 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
13.13 section 473.844.
- 13.14 (i) \$479,000 the first year and \$481,000 the
13.15 second year are from the environmental fund
13.16 to address chemicals in products, including to
13.17 implement and enforce flame retardant
13.18 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
13.19 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and
13.20 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging
13.21 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
13.22 325F.075. Of this amount, \$80,000 the first
13.23 year and \$80,000 the second year are
13.24 transferred to the commissioner of health.
- 13.25 (j) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
13.26 second year are from the environmental fund
13.27 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.
- 13.28 (k) \$1,143,000 the first year and \$1,152,000
13.29 the second year are from the environmental
13.30 fund for implementation of the PFAS
13.31 requirements under Minnesota Statutes,
13.32 section 116.943. Of this amount, \$468,000 the
13.33 first year and \$468,000 the second year are
13.34 for transfer to the commissioner of health.

14.1 (l) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
 14.2 second year are from the environmental fund
 14.3 to address land permitting activities.

14.4 (m) \$215,000 the first year and \$215,000 the
 14.5 second year are from the environmental fund
 14.6 to enhance existing work to reduce or
 14.7 eliminate mercury-containing skin-lightening
 14.8 products. The base is \$195,000 in fiscal year
 14.9 2028 and thereafter.

14.10 (n) Any unencumbered grant and loan
 14.11 balances in the first year do not cancel but are
 14.12 available for grants and loans in the second
 14.13 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 14.14 section 16A.28, the appropriations
 14.15 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as
 14.16 contracts or grants for environmental
 14.17 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,
 14.18 section 115A.0716; technical and research
 14.19 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section
 14.20 115A.152; technical assistance under
 14.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and
 14.22 pollution prevention assistance under
 14.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are
 14.24 available until June 30, 2029.

14.25 Subd. 8. Watershed 11,268,000 11,401,000

14.26 Appropriations by Fund

14.27		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
14.28	<u>General</u>	<u>2,459,000</u>	<u>2,459,000</u>
14.29	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,403,000</u>	<u>8,533,000</u>
14.30	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>406,000</u>	<u>409,000</u>

14.31 (a) \$2,459,000 the first year and \$2,459,000
 14.32 the second year are from the general fund for
 14.33 grants to delegated counties to administer the
 14.34 county feedlot program under Minnesota
 14.35 Statutes, section 116.0711, subdivisions 2 and

15.1 3. Money remaining after the first year is
15.2 available for the second year.

15.3 (b) \$137,000 the first year and \$138,000 the
15.4 second year are from the remediation fund for
15.5 the leaking underground storage tank program
15.6 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
15.7 releases from underground petroleum storage
15.8 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
15.9 program for vapor assessment and
15.10 remediation. These same annual amounts are
15.11 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
15.12 the remediation fund.

15.13 (c) Any unencumbered grant and loan balances
15.14 in the first year do not cancel but are available
15.15 for grants and loans in the second year.

15.16	<u>Subd. 9. Environmental Quality Board</u>	<u>1,545,000</u>	<u>1,582,000</u>
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15.17	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
15.18		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
15.19	<u>General</u>	<u>1,309,000</u>	<u>1,343,000</u>
15.20	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>236,000</u>	<u>239,000</u>

15.21 Subd. 10. Transfers

15.22 The commissioner must transfer up to
15.23 \$24,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000
15.24 the second year from the environmental fund
15.25 to the remediation fund for purposes of the
15.26 remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
15.27 section 116.155, subdivision 2. For fiscal years
15.28 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of
15.29 management and budget must include a
15.30 transfer of \$24,000,000 each year from the
15.31 environmental fund to the remediation fund
15.32 when preparing each forecast from the
15.33 effective date of this section through the

16.1 February 2027 forecast under Minnesota

16.2 Statutes, section 16A.103.

16.3 Sec. 3. **NATURAL RESOURCES**

16.4 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** \$ **396,596,000** \$ **397,706,000**

16.5 Appropriations by Fund

16.6		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
16.7	<u>General</u>	<u>130,981,000</u>	<u>131,435,000</u>
16.8	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>133,926,000</u>	<u>134,324,000</u>
16.9	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>130,852,000</u>	<u>131,098,000</u>
16.10	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>
16.11	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>720,000</u>	<u>732,000</u>

16.12 The amounts that may be spent for each
 16.13 purpose are specified in the following
 16.14 subdivisions.

16.15 Subd. 2. **Land and Mineral Resources**
 16.16 **Management**

10,569,000 10,615,000

16.17 Appropriations by Fund

16.18		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
16.19	<u>General</u>	<u>5,069,000</u>	<u>5,099,000</u>
16.20	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>4,929,000</u>	<u>4,940,000</u>
16.21	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>344,000</u>	<u>344,000</u>
16.22	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>227,000</u>	<u>232,000</u>

16.23 (a) \$319,000 the first year and \$319,000 the
 16.24 second year are for environmental research
 16.25 relating to mine permitting, of which \$200,000
 16.26 each year is from the minerals management
 16.27 account in the natural resources fund and
 16.28 \$119,000 each year is from the general fund.

16.29 (b) \$3,639,000 the first year and \$3,650,000
 16.30 the second year are from the minerals
 16.31 management account in the natural resources
 16.32 fund for use as provided under Minnesota
 16.33 Statutes, section 93.2236, paragraph (c), for
 16.34 mineral resource management, projects to

17.1 enhance future mineral income, and projects

17.2 to promote new mineral-resource

17.3 opportunities.

17.4 (c) \$227,000 the first year and \$232,000 the

17.5 second year are from the permanent school

17.6 fund to secure maximum long-term economic

17.7 return from the school trust lands consistent

17.8 with fiduciary responsibilities and sound

17.9 natural resources conservation and

17.10 management principles.

17.11 (d) \$573,000 the first year and \$573,000 the

17.12 second year are from the water management

17.13 account in the natural resources fund for only

17.14 the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes,

17.15 section 103G.27, subdivision 2.

17.16 (e) \$160,000 the first year is from the general

17.17 fund for completing the condemnation of

17.18 certain land in Mille Lacs County authorized

17.19 under Laws 2024, chapter 116, article 8,

17.20 section 13. This is a onetime appropriation

17.21 and is available until June 30, 2027.

17.22 **Subd. 3. Ecological and Water Resources**

17.23 Appropriations by Fund

17.24		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
17.25	<u>General</u>	<u>22,470,000</u>	<u>22,732,000</u>
17.26	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>18,478,000</u>	<u>19,646,000</u>
17.27	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>

17.28 (a) \$6,947,000 the first year and \$6,952,000

17.29 the second year are from the invasive species

17.30 account in the natural resources fund and

17.31 \$1,631,000 the first year and \$1,631,000 the

17.32 second year are from the general fund for

17.33 management, public awareness, assessment

17.34 and monitoring research, and water access

46,772,000

48,202,000

- 18.1 inspection to prevent the spread of invasive
18.2 species; management of invasive plants in
18.3 public waters; and management of terrestrial
18.4 invasive species on state-administered lands.
- 18.5 (b) \$7,801,000 the first year and \$8,791,000
18.6 the second year are from the water
18.7 management account in the natural resources
18.8 fund for only the purposes specified in
18.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.27,
18.10 subdivision 2.
- 18.11 (c) \$124,000 the first year and \$124,000 the
18.12 second year are for a grant to the Mississippi
18.13 Headwaters Board for up to 50 percent of the
18.14 cost of implementing the comprehensive plan
18.15 for the upper Mississippi within areas under
18.16 the board's jurisdiction.
- 18.17 (d) \$264,000 the first year and \$264,000 the
18.18 second year are for grants for up to 50 percent
18.19 of the cost of implementing the Red River
18.20 mediation agreement.
- 18.21 (e) \$2,598,000 the first year and \$2,598,000
18.22 the second year are from the heritage
18.23 enhancement account in the game and fish
18.24 fund for only the purposes specified in
18.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
18.26 paragraph (h), clause (1).
- 18.27 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000
18.28 the second year are from the nongame wildlife
18.29 management account in the natural resources
18.30 fund for nongame wildlife management.
18.31 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
18.32 290.431, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
18.33 the second year may be used for nongame

19.1 wildlife information, education, and
19.2 promotion.

19.3 (g) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
19.4 section 84.943, \$48,000 the first year and
19.5 \$48,000 the second year from the critical
19.6 habitat private sector matching account may
19.7 be used to publicize the critical habitat license
19.8 plate match program.

19.9 (h) \$4,555,000 the first year and \$4,555,000
19.10 the second year are for the following activities:

19.11 (1) financial reimbursement and technical
19.12 support to soil and water conservation districts
19.13 or other local units of government for
19.14 groundwater-level monitoring;

19.15 (2) surface water monitoring and analysis,
19.16 including installing monitoring gauges;

19.17 (3) groundwater analysis to assist with
19.18 water-appropriation permitting decisions;

19.19 (4) permit application review incorporating
19.20 surface water and groundwater technical
19.21 analysis;

19.22 (5) precipitation data and analysis to improve
19.23 irrigation use;

19.24 (6) information technology, including
19.25 electronic permitting and integrated data
19.26 systems; and

19.27 (7) compliance and monitoring.

19.28 (i) \$410,000 the first year and \$410,000 the
19.29 second year are from the heritage enhancement
19.30 account in the game and fish fund, and
19.31 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
19.32 second year are from the general fund are for
19.33 the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species

20.1 Research Center at the University of
 20.2 Minnesota to prioritize, support, and develop
 20.3 research-based solutions that can reduce the
 20.4 effects of aquatic invasive species in
 20.5 Minnesota by preventing spread, controlling
 20.6 populations, and managing ecosystems and to
 20.7 advance knowledge to inspire action by others.

20.8 (j) \$129,000 the first year is from the general
 20.9 fund for providing research, policy review,
 20.10 and assisting the Sustainable Foraging Task
 20.11 Force. This is a onetime appropriation.

20.12 Subd. 4. **Forest Management** 60,623,000 61,293,000

20.13 Appropriations by Fund

20.14		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
20.15	<u>General</u>	<u>42,800,000</u>	<u>43,383,000</u>
20.16	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>16,206,000</u>	<u>16,293,000</u>
20.17	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>

20.18 (a) \$7,521,000 the first year and \$7,521,000
 20.19 the second year are for prevention,
 20.20 presuppression, and suppression costs of
 20.21 emergency firefighting and other costs
 20.22 incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section
 20.23 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for
 20.24 presuppression and suppression costs during
 20.25 the biennium is appropriated from the general
 20.26 fund. By January 15 each year, the
 20.27 commissioner of natural resources must submit
 20.28 a report to the chairs and ranking minority
 20.29 members of the house and senate committees
 20.30 and divisions having jurisdiction over
 20.31 environment and natural resources finance that
 20.32 identifies all firefighting costs incurred and
 20.33 reimbursements received in the prior fiscal
 20.34 year. These appropriations may not be
 20.35 transferred. Any reimbursement of firefighting

21.1 expenditures made to the commissioner from
21.2 any source other than federal mobilizations
21.3 must be deposited into the general fund.

21.4 (b) \$15,706,000 the first year and \$15,793,000
21.5 the second year are from the forest
21.6 management investment account in the natural
21.7 resources fund for only the purposes specified
21.8 in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.039,
21.9 subdivision 2.

21.10 (c) \$1,617,000 the first year and \$1,617,000
21.11 the second year are from the heritage
21.12 enhancement account in the game and fish
21.13 fund to advance ecological classification
21.14 systems (ECS), forest habitat, and invasive
21.15 species management.

21.16 (d) \$940,000 the first year and \$947,000 the
21.17 second year are for the Forest Resources
21.18 Council to implement the Sustainable Forest
21.19 Resources Act.

21.20 (e) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
21.21 second year are from the forest management
21.22 investment account in the natural resources
21.23 fund for forest road maintenance on state
21.24 forest roads.

21.25 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
21.26 second year are for forest road maintenance
21.27 on county forest roads.

21.28 (g) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
21.29 second year are for grants to local and Tribal
21.30 governments and nonprofit organizations to
21.31 enhance community forest ecosystem health
21.32 and sustainability under Minnesota Statutes,
21.33 section 88.82. The commissioner may use a

22.1 reasonable amount of this appropriation for
 22.2 administering ReLeaf grants.

22.3 Subd. 5. **Parks and Trails Management** 115,352,000 113,212,000

22.4 Appropriations by Fund

22.5		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
22.6	<u>General</u>	<u>37,076,000</u>	<u>36,474,000</u>
22.7	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>75,976,000</u>	<u>74,438,000</u>
22.8	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>

22.9 (a) \$8,925,000 the first year and \$9,238,000
 22.10 the second year are from the natural resources
 22.11 fund for state trail, park, and recreation area
 22.12 operations. This appropriation is from revenue
 22.13 deposited in the natural resources fund under
 22.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 22.15 paragraph (h), clause (2).

22.16 (b) \$23,859,000 the first year and \$23,615,000
 22.17 the second year are from the state parks
 22.18 account in the natural resources fund to
 22.19 operate and maintain state parks and state
 22.20 recreation areas.

22.21 (c) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
 22.22 the second year are from the natural resources
 22.23 fund for park and trail grants to local units of
 22.24 government on land to be maintained for at
 22.25 least 20 years for parks or trails. Priority must
 22.26 be given for projects that are in underserved
 22.27 communities or that increase access to persons
 22.28 with disabilities. This appropriation is from
 22.29 revenue deposited in the natural resources fund
 22.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 22.31 paragraph (h), clause (4). Any unencumbered
 22.32 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
 22.33 year and is available for the second year.

- 23.1 (d) \$9,624,000 the first year and \$9,624,000
23.2 the second year are from the snowmobile trails
23.3 and enforcement account in the natural
23.4 resources fund for the snowmobile
23.5 grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered
23.6 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
23.7 year and is available for the second year.
- 23.8 (e) \$2,610,000 the first year and \$2,510,000
23.9 the second year are from the natural resources
23.10 fund for the off-highway vehicle grants-in-aid
23.11 program. Of this amount, \$2,060,000 the first
23.12 year and \$1,960,000 the second year are from
23.13 the all-terrain vehicle account, \$225,000 each
23.14 year is from the off-highway motorcycle
23.15 account, and \$325,000 each year is from the
23.16 off-road vehicle account. Any unencumbered
23.17 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
23.18 year and is available for the second year.
- 23.19 (f) \$2,750,000 the first year and \$2,750,000
23.20 the second year are from the state land and
23.21 water conservation account in the natural
23.22 resources fund for priorities established by the
23.23 commissioner for eligible state projects and
23.24 administrative and planning activities
23.25 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
23.26 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water
23.27 Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered
23.28 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
23.29 year and is available for the second year.
- 23.30 (g) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
23.31 second year are from the general fund for
23.32 matching grants for local parks and outdoor
23.33 recreation areas under Minnesota Statutes,
23.34 section 85.019, subdivision 2.

- 24.1 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
24.2 second year are from the general fund for
24.3 matching grants for local trail connections
24.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019,
24.5 subdivision 4c.
- 24.6 (i) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
24.7 second year are from the natural resources
24.8 fund for projects and activities that connect
24.9 diverse and underserved Minnesotans through
24.10 expanding cultural environmental experiences,
24.11 exploration of their environment, and outdoor
24.12 recreational activities. This appropriation is
24.13 from revenue deposited in the natural
24.14 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,
24.15 section 297A.94, paragraph (j).
- 24.16 (j) \$400,000 the first year is from the general
24.17 fund for a grant to the city of Silver Bay for
24.18 construction of the Silver Bay Trailhead. This
24.19 is a onetime appropriation and is available
24.20 until June 30, 2028.
- 24.21 (k) \$500,000 the first year is from the general
24.22 fund for a grant to the city of Chisholm for
24.23 trail development, maintenance, and related
24.24 amenities at Redhead Mountain Bike Park.
24.25 This is a onetime appropriation and is
24.26 available until June 30, 2028.
- 24.27 (l) \$752,000 the first year is from the
24.28 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural
24.29 resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County
24.30 for all-terrain vehicle trail projects. This is a
24.31 onetime appropriation and is available until
24.32 June 30, 2028. The grant is for the following
24.33 projects:

- 25.1 (1) \$75,000 for the Alborn Dirt Devils Club
 25.2 to engineer, permit, and acquire right-of-way
 25.3 for the County Road 166 to Ostman Road
 25.4 ATV trail project;
- 25.5 (2) \$480,000 for the Ranger Snowmobile/ATV
 25.6 Club to engineer and construct the Seven
 25.7 Beavers ATV trail project;
- 25.8 (3) \$100,000 for the Twig Area Trail Riders
 25.9 ATV Club to permit, design, engineer, and
 25.10 acquire right-of-way for the Lumberjack to
 25.11 Brookston ATV trail; and
- 25.12 (4) \$97,000 for the Quad Cities ATV Club to
 25.13 engineer, survey, test, design, and construct
 25.14 the club trailhead project.
- 25.15 (m) \$200,000 the first year is from the
 25.16 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural
 25.17 resources fund for a grant to the city of Duluth
 25.18 and Head of the Lakes ATV Riders for a
 25.19 Duluth area all-terrain vehicle route study to
 25.20 establish connectivity to and through the
 25.21 western part of the city of Duluth. This is a
 25.22 onetime appropriation and is available until
 25.23 June 30, 2028.
- 25.24 (n) \$380,000 the first year is from the
 25.25 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural
 25.26 resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County
 25.27 for design, right-of-way acquisition,
 25.28 permitting, and construction of trails within
 25.29 the Voyageur Country ATV trail system. This
 25.30 is a onetime appropriation and is available
 25.31 until June 30, 2028.
- 25.32 (o) \$175,000 the first year is from the
 25.33 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural
 25.34 resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County

26.1 for design, right-of-way acquisition,
 26.2 permitting, and construction of trails and a
 26.3 new trail bridge within the Prospectors Loop
 26.4 trail system. This is a onetime appropriation
 26.5 and is available until June 30, 2028.

26.6 **Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management** 97,566,000 98,019,000

26.7 Appropriations by Fund

26.8		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
26.9	<u>General</u>	<u>9,120,000</u>	<u>9,185,000</u>
26.10	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>2,182,000</u>	<u>2,424,000</u>
26.11	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>86,264,000</u>	<u>86,410,000</u>

26.12 (a) \$12,125,000 the first year and \$12,097,000
 26.13 the second year are from the heritage
 26.14 enhancement account in the game and fish
 26.15 fund only for activities specified under
 26.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 26.17 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding
 26.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five
 26.19 percent of this appropriation may be used for
 26.20 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and
 26.21 retention.

26.22 (b) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000
 26.23 the second year are from the deer management
 26.24 account in the game and fish fund for the
 26.25 purposes identified in Minnesota Statutes,
 26.26 section 97A.075, subdivision 1.

26.27 (c) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 26.28 second year are from the heritage enhancement
 26.29 account in the game and fish fund for grants
 26.30 for natural-resource-based education and
 26.31 recreation programs serving youth under
 26.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976. The
 26.33 commissioner may use a reasonable amount
 26.34 of this appropriation for administering grants
 26.35 authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section

- 27.1 84.976. Priority must be given to projects
27.2 benefiting underserved communities.
- 27.3 (d) Up to \$2,225,000 the first year and up to
27.4 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for
27.5 transfer from the critical habitat private sector
27.6 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota
27.7 fund for wildlife management areas
27.8 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement
27.9 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
27.10 84.943, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).
- 27.11 (e) \$3,032,000 the first year and \$3,032,000
27.12 the second year are from the general fund and
27.13 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the
27.14 second year are from the game and fish fund
27.15 for statewide response and management of
27.16 chronic wasting disease. Of this amount, up
27.17 to \$2,750,000 each year from the general fund
27.18 is for inspections, investigations, and
27.19 enforcement activities taken for the
27.20 white-tailed deer farm program.
- 27.21 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$348,000 the
27.22 second year are from the general fund for the
27.23 Outdoor School for All program under
27.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9766.
- 27.25 (g) \$225,000 the first year is from the general
27.26 fund to expand outreach under Minnesota
27.27 Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 21. This
27.28 is a onetime appropriation.
- 27.29 (h) \$177,000 the first year is from the game
27.30 and fish fund for a study of muskellunge
27.31 movement and survival in Leech Lake. The
27.32 study must be conducted in collaboration with
27.33 Bemidji State University. By October 1, 2028,
27.34 the commissioner of natural resources must

28.1 submit a report on the results of the study to
 28.2 the chairs and ranking minority members of
 28.3 the house and senate committees and divisions
 28.4 having jurisdiction over environment and
 28.5 natural resources. This appropriation is
 28.6 available until June 30, 2028.

28.7 **Subd. 7. Enforcement**

63,890,000

64,534,000

28.8 Appropriations by Fund

28.9		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
28.10	<u>General</u>	<u>14,225,000</u>	<u>14,341,000</u>
28.11	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>15,045,000</u>	<u>15,473,000</u>
28.12	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>34,503,000</u>	<u>34,603,000</u>
28.13	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>

28.14 (a) \$1,718,000 the first year and \$1,718,000
 28.15 the second year are from the general fund for
 28.16 enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of
 28.17 aquatic invasive species.

28.18 (b) \$2,980,000 the first year and \$2,980,000
 28.19 the second year are from the heritage
 28.20 enhancement account in the game and fish
 28.21 fund for only the purposes specified under
 28.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 28.23 paragraph (h), clause (1).

28.24 (c) \$1,442,000 the first year and \$1,442,000
 28.25 the second year are from the water recreation
 28.26 account in the natural resources fund for grants
 28.27 to counties for boat and water safety. Any
 28.28 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
 28.29 end of the first year and is available for the
 28.30 second year.

28.31 (d) \$315,000 the first year and \$315,000 the
 28.32 second year are from the snowmobile trails
 28.33 and enforcement account in the natural
 28.34 resources fund for grants to local law

29.1 enforcement agencies for snowmobile
29.2 enforcement activities. Any unencumbered
29.3 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
29.4 year and is available for the second year.

29.5 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
29.6 second year are from the all-terrain vehicle
29.7 account in the natural resources fund for grants
29.8 to qualifying organizations to assist in safety
29.9 and environmental education and monitoring
29.10 trails on public lands under Minnesota
29.11 Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants issued under
29.12 this paragraph must be issued through a formal
29.13 agreement with the organization. By
29.14 December 15 each year, an organization
29.15 receiving a grant under this paragraph must
29.16 report to the commissioner with details on
29.17 expenditures and outcomes from the grant. Of
29.18 this appropriation, \$25,000 each year is for
29.19 administering these grants. Any unencumbered
29.20 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
29.21 year and is available for the second year.

29.22 (f) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the
29.23 second year are from the natural resources
29.24 fund for grants to county law enforcement
29.25 agencies for off-highway vehicle enforcement
29.26 and public education activities based on
29.27 off-highway vehicle use in the county. Of this
29.28 amount, \$498,000 each year is from the
29.29 all-terrain vehicle account, \$11,000 each year
29.30 is from the off-highway motorcycle account,
29.31 and \$1,000 each year is from the off-road
29.32 vehicle account. The county enforcement
29.33 agencies may use money received under this
29.34 appropriation to make grants to other local
29.35 enforcement agencies within the county that

30.1 have a high concentration of off-highway
 30.2 vehicle use. Of this appropriation, \$25,000
 30.3 each year is for administering the grants. Any
 30.4 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
 30.5 end of the first year and is available for the
 30.6 second year.

30.7 (g) \$262,000 the first year and \$262,000 the
 30.8 second year are from the water recreation
 30.9 account in the natural resources fund for
 30.10 investigating, notification, and removal of
 30.11 abandoned watercraft on or adjacent to public
 30.12 waters and public land.

30.13 (h) \$20,000 the first year and \$20,000 the
 30.14 second year are from the off-highway
 30.15 motorcycle account in the natural resources
 30.16 fund for grants to qualifying off-highway
 30.17 motorcycle organizations to assist in providing
 30.18 safety and environmental education and
 30.19 monitoring trails on public lands according to
 30.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants
 30.21 awarded under this paragraph must be issued
 30.22 through a formal agreement with the
 30.23 organization. By December 15 each year, an
 30.24 organization receiving a grant under this
 30.25 paragraph must report to the commissioner
 30.26 with details on how the money was expended
 30.27 and what outcomes were achieved.

30.28 Subd. 8. Pass Through Funds 1,824,000 1,831,000

30.29 Appropriations by Fund

30.30		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
30.31	<u>General</u>	<u>221,000</u>	<u>221,000</u>
30.32	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>
30.33	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>493,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>

30.34 (a) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the
 30.35 second year are from the natural resources

31.1 fund for grants to be divided equally between
 31.2 the city of St. Paul for the Como Park Zoo and
 31.3 Conservatory and the city of Duluth for the
 31.4 Lake Superior Zoo. This appropriation is from
 31.5 revenue deposited to the natural resources fund
 31.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 31.7 paragraph (h), clause (5).

31.8 (b) \$221,000 the first year and \$221,000 the
 31.9 second year are from the general fund for the
 31.10 Office of School Trust Lands.

31.11 (c) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
 31.12 second year are from the permanent school
 31.13 fund for transaction and project management
 31.14 costs for divesting of school trust lands within
 31.15 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

31.16 (d) \$343,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 31.17 second year are from the permanent school
 31.18 fund for the Office of School Trust Lands.

31.19 (e) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
 31.20 second year are from the natural resources
 31.21 fund for parks and trails of regional
 31.22 significance outside the seven-county
 31.23 metropolitan area under Minnesota Statutes,
 31.24 section 85.535, based on the recommendations
 31.25 from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks
 31.26 and Trails Commission. This appropriation is
 31.27 from revenue deposited in the natural
 31.28 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 31.29 section 297A.94, paragraph (i).

31.30 **Subd. 9. Transfers**

31.31 \$720,000 the first year and \$732,000 the
 31.32 second year are transferred from the forest
 31.33 suspense account to the permanent school
 31.34 fund. For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the

32.1 commissioner of management and budget must
 32.2 include a transfer of \$732,000 each year from
 32.3 the forest suspense account to the permanent
 32.4 school fund when preparing each forecast from
 32.5 the effective date of this section through the
 32.6 February 2027 forecast under Minnesota
 32.7 Statutes, section 16A.103.

32.8 **Subd. 10. Extensions**

32.9 The appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 60,
 32.10 article 1, section 3, subdivision 5, paragraph
 32.11 (p), for a boat launch on the Mississippi River
 32.12 is extended to June 30, 2026.

32.13 **Sec. 4. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 32.14 **RESOURCES**

\$ 15,945,000 \$ 16,102,000

32.15 (a) \$3,116,000 the first year and \$3,116,000
 32.16 the second year are for grants and payments
 32.17 to soil and water conservation districts for
 32.18 accomplishing the purposes of Minnesota
 32.19 Statutes, chapter 103C, and for other general
 32.20 purposes, nonpoint engineering, and
 32.21 implementation and stewardship of the
 32.22 reinvest in Minnesota reserve program.
 32.23 Expenditures may be made from this
 32.24 appropriation for supplies and services
 32.25 benefiting soil and water conservation
 32.26 districts. Any district receiving a payment
 32.27 under this paragraph must maintain a website
 32.28 that publishes, at a minimum, the district's
 32.29 annual report, annual audit, annual budget,
 32.30 and meeting notices.

32.31 (b) \$1,560,000 the first year and \$1,560,000
 32.32 the second year are for the following:

32.33 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000
 32.34 the second year are for cost-sharing programs
 32.35 of soil and water conservation districts for

- 33.1 accomplishing projects and practices
 33.2 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
 33.3 103C.501, including perennially vegetated
 33.4 riparian buffers, erosion control, water
 33.5 retention and treatment, water quality
 33.6 cost-sharing for feedlots and nutrient and
 33.7 manure management projects in watersheds
 33.8 where there are impaired waters, and other
 33.9 high-priority conservation practices; and
 33.10 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 33.11 second year are for invasive species and weed
 33.12 management programs and to restore native
 33.13 plants at selected invasive species management
 33.14 sites.
- 33.15 (c) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the
 33.16 second year are to provide technical assistance
 33.17 to local drainage management officials and
 33.18 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The
 33.19 board must coordinate the activities of the
 33.20 Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota
 33.21 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.
- 33.22 (d) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 33.23 second year are for a grant to the Red River
 33.24 Basin Commission for water quality and
 33.25 floodplain management, including program
 33.26 administration. This appropriation must be
 33.27 matched by nonstate funds.
- 33.28 (e) \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
 33.29 second year are for grants to Area II
 33.30 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain
 33.31 management.
- 33.32 (f) \$240,000 the first year and \$240,000 the
 33.33 second year are for a grant to the Lower
 33.34 Minnesota River Watershed District to defray

34.1 the annual cost of sustaining the state, national,
34.2 and international commercial and recreational
34.3 navigation on the lower Minnesota River.

34.4 (g) \$203,000 the first year and \$203,000 the
34.5 second year are for soil health programming
34.6 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
34.7 103F.06, and for coordination with the
34.8 University of Minnesota Office for Soil
34.9 Health.

34.10 (h) \$3,423,000 the first year and \$3,423,000
34.11 the second year are for natural resources block
34.12 grants to local governments to implement the
34.13 Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland
34.14 management program under Minnesota
34.15 Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water
34.16 management responsibilities under Minnesota
34.17 Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce
34.18 the amount of the natural resources block grant
34.19 to a county by an amount equal to any
34.20 reduction in the county's general services
34.21 allocation to a soil and water conservation
34.22 district from the county's previous year
34.23 allocation when the board determines that the
34.24 reduction was disproportionate.

34.25 (i) \$6,997,000 the first year and \$7,154,000
34.26 the second year are for agency administration
34.27 and operation of the Board of Water and Soil
34.28 Resources.

34.29 (j) The board may shift funds in this section
34.30 and may adjust the technical and
34.31 administrative assistance portion of the funds
34.32 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or
34.33 to address accountability, oversight, local
34.34 government performance, or high-priority
34.35 needs.

35.1 (k) The appropriations for grants and payments
 35.2 in this section are available until June 30,
 35.3 2029, except returned grants and payments
 35.4 are available for two years after they are
 35.5 returned or regranted, whichever is later.
 35.6 Funds must be used consistent with the
 35.7 purposes of this section. If an appropriation
 35.8 for grants in either year is insufficient, the
 35.9 appropriation in the other year is available for
 35.10 it.

35.11 (l) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 35.12 section 16B.97, grants awarded from
 35.13 appropriations in this section are exempt from
 35.14 the Department of Administration, Office of
 35.15 Grants Management Policy 08-08 Grant
 35.16 Payments and 08-10 Grant Monitoring.

35.17 Sec. 5. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL \$ 11,740,000 \$ 11,740,000

35.18	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
35.19		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
35.20	<u>General</u>	<u>2,540,000</u>	<u>2,540,000</u>
35.21	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>9,200,000</u>	<u>9,200,000</u>

35.22 (a) \$2,540,000 the first year and \$2,540,000
 35.23 the second year are for metropolitan-area
 35.24 regional parks operation and maintenance
 35.25 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
 35.26 473.351.

35.27 (b) \$9,200,000 the first year and \$9,200,000
 35.28 the second year are from the natural resources
 35.29 fund for metropolitan-area regional parks and
 35.30 trails maintenance and operations. This
 35.31 appropriation is from revenue deposited in the
 35.32 natural resources fund under Minnesota
 35.33 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),
 35.34 clause (3).

36.1	Sec. 6. <u>CONSERVATION CORPS</u>			
36.2	<u>MINNESOTA AND IOWA</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,070,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>1,070,000</u>
36.3	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
36.4		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
36.5	<u>General</u>	<u>580,000</u>	<u>580,000</u>	
36.6	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>490,000</u>	<u>490,000</u>	
36.7	<u>Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa may</u>			
36.8	<u>receive money appropriated from the natural</u>			
36.9	<u>resources fund under this section only as</u>			
36.10	<u>provided in an agreement with the</u>			
36.11	<u>commissioner of natural resources.</u>			
36.12	Sec. 7. <u>ZOOLOGICAL BOARD</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>14,180,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>14,532,000</u>
36.13	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
36.14		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
36.15	<u>General</u>	<u>13,925,000</u>	<u>14,277,000</u>	
36.16	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>255,000</u>	<u>255,000</u>	
36.17	<u>\$255,000 the first year and \$255,000 the</u>			
36.18	<u>second year are from the natural resources</u>			
36.19	<u>fund from revenue deposited under Minnesota</u>			
36.20	<u>Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),</u>			
36.21	<u>clause (5).</u>			
36.22	Sec. 8. <u>SCIENCE MUSEUM</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,260,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>1,260,000</u>
36.23	Sec. 9. <u>LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING</u>			
36.24	<u>COMMISSION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>198,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>0</u>
36.25	<u>\$198,000 the first year is for the administrative</u>			
36.26	<u>costs of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force.</u>			
36.27	<u>This is a onetime appropriation</u>			
36.28	Sec. 10. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 10, is amended to read:			
36.29	Subd. 10. <u>Transfers</u>			
36.30	(a) The commissioner must transfer up to			
36.31	\$24,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000			
36.32	the second year from the environmental fund			
36.33	to the remediation fund for purposes of the			

37.1 remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
37.2 section 116.155, subdivision 2. The base for
37.3 this transfer is \$24,000,000 in fiscal year 2026
37.4 and beyond.

37.5 (b) By June 30, 2024, the commissioner of
37.6 management and budget must transfer
37.7 \$27,397,000 from the general fund to the
37.8 metropolitan landfill contingency action trust
37.9 account in the remediation fund to restore the
37.10 money transferred from the account as
37.11 intended under Laws 2003, chapter 128, article
37.12 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and Laws 2005,
37.13 First Special Session chapter 1, article 3,
37.14 section 17, and to compensate the account for
37.15 the estimated lost investment income.

37.16 ~~(e) Beginning in fiscal year 2024, the~~
37.17 ~~commissioner of management and budget must~~
37.18 ~~transfer \$100,000 each year from the general~~
37.19 ~~fund to the metropolitan landfill contingency~~
37.20 ~~action trust account in the remediation fund~~
37.21 ~~to restore the money transferred from the~~
37.22 ~~account as intended under Laws 2003, chapter~~
37.23 ~~128, article 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and~~
37.24 ~~Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1,~~
37.25 ~~article 3, section 17.~~

37.26 Sec. 11. **CANCELLATION.**

37.27 \$3,915,000 of the unencumbered balance of the general fund appropriation from Laws
37.28 2022, chapter 95, article 3, section 6, paragraph (b), cancels no later than June 30, 2025.

37.29 **ARTICLE 2**

37.30 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

37.31 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

37.32 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
37.33 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the environment

38.1 and natural resources trust fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal
38.2 years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean
38.3 that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30,
38.4 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year"
38.5 is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Any unencumbered
38.6 balance remaining in the first year does not cancel and is available for the second year or
38.7 until the end of the appropriation. These are onetime appropriations.

38.8	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
38.9	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
38.10	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
38.11	2026	2027

38.12 Sec. 2. MINNESOTA RESOURCES

38.13	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>103,326,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>0</u>
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38.14 This appropriation is from the environment
38.15 and natural resources trust fund. The amounts
38.16 that may be spent for each purpose are
38.17 specified in the following subdivisions.

38.18 Subd. 2. **Definition**

38.19 "Trust fund" means the Minnesota
38.20 environment and natural resources trust fund
38.21 established under the Minnesota Constitution,
38.22 article XI, section 14.

38.23 **Subd. 3. Foundational Natural Resource Data**
38.24 **and Information**

22,084,000 -0-

38.25 (a) **Fond du Lac Deer Study - Phase 1**

38.26 \$1,441,000 the first year is from the trust fund
38.27 to the Minnesota State Colleges and
38.28 Universities for Bemidji State University to
38.29 collect baseline deer demographic, movement,
38.30 and habitat-use data before elk restoration to
38.31 better inform management of both elk and deer
38.32 populations on the Fond du Lac Reservation
38.33 and surrounding areas.

38.34 **(b) Are All Walleye Created Equal? Probably**
38.35 **Not.**

39.1 \$298,000 the first year is from the trust fund
39.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of
39.3 Minnesota to investigate Minnesota walleye
39.4 strain physiology and disease responses to
39.5 warming water and to build a tool to guide
39.6 adaptive management of walleye in a warming
39.7 climate.

39.8 **(c) Deer Survival Within Minnesota's Densest**
39.9 **Wolf Population**

39.10 \$809,000 the first year is from the trust fund
39.11 to the Board of Regents of the University of
39.12 Minnesota to evaluate how wolves, winter
39.13 severity, and habitat affect deer mortality and
39.14 survival across space and time within the
39.15 Voyageurs region.

39.16 **(d) Evaluating Anticoagulant Rodenticide**
39.17 **Exposure in Minnesota's Carnivores**

39.18 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
39.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of
39.20 Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research
39.21 Institute in Duluth to determine anticoagulant
39.22 rodenticide exposure rates and concentrations
39.23 in Minnesota bobcats and fishers, factors
39.24 influencing exposure risk, and negative effects
39.25 of rodenticide exposure on carnivore health.

39.26 **(e) Digitizing the Science Museum of**
39.27 **Minnesota's Mollusk Specimens**

39.28 \$386,000 the first year is from the trust fund
39.29 to the Science Museum of Minnesota to make
39.30 the museum's Minnesota mollusk specimen
39.31 collection available for research and education
39.32 by identifying and organizing all relevant
39.33 specimens and digitizing the museum's data.

39.34 **(f) Integrating Wildlife Objectives in Long-Term**
39.35 **Forest Management Planning**

40.1 \$316,000 the first year is from the trust fund
40.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of
40.3 Minnesota to develop a harvest-scheduling
40.4 model that integrates wildlife habitat metrics
40.5 with timber production objectives in the
40.6 forest-planning process for more sustainable
40.7 forest landscape-level outcomes.

40.8 **(g) Surveying Minnesota's Secretive Marsh**
40.9 **Birds**

40.10 \$413,000 the first year is from the trust fund
40.11 to the commissioner of natural resources for
40.12 an agreement with the National Audubon
40.13 Society, Upper Mississippi River office, to
40.14 conduct a breeding marsh bird survey and
40.15 provide state and federal agencies with an
40.16 assessment of marsh bird population status
40.17 and wetland habitat. This appropriation is
40.18 available until June 30, 2029, by which time
40.19 the project must be completed and final
40.20 products delivered.

40.21 **(h) Improving Conservation Outcomes for**
40.22 **Imperiled Wood Turtles**

40.23 \$242,000 the first year is from the trust fund
40.24 to the Minnesota Zoological Society to restore
40.25 imperiled wood turtles by increasing remnant
40.26 populations, quantifying effectiveness of
40.27 habitat management strategies, establishing
40.28 baseline information on disease prevalence,
40.29 and creating a new decision-support tool for
40.30 prioritizing future conservation actions.

40.31 **(i) Maximizing the Impact of Wildlife Movement**
40.32 **Data**

40.33 \$216,000 the first year is from the trust fund
40.34 to the Board of Regents of the University of
40.35 Minnesota to create a centralized and

41.1 accessible database of wildlife movement data
 41.2 from prior trust fund-supported studies and
 41.3 demonstrate tools biologists can use to analyze
 41.4 these data to benefit Minnesota wildlife.

41.5 **(j) Expanding the Statewide Motus Wildlife**
 41.6 **Tracking Network**

41.7 \$234,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 41.8 to the Minnesota Zoological Society to expand
 41.9 the statewide Motus Wildlife Tracking System
 41.10 network into southwestern Minnesota and the
 41.11 North Shore to guide the conservation of
 41.12 imperiled grassland and boreal migratory birds
 41.13 and other wildlife. This appropriation may
 41.14 also be used to develop outreach and
 41.15 interpretive materials for Motus sites.

41.16 **(k) Updating and Sharing Information on**
 41.17 **Minnesota's Tick Biodiversity**

41.18 \$186,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 41.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 41.20 Minnesota to collaborate with wildlife
 41.21 organizations and community scientists to
 41.22 survey the biodiversity and distribution of
 41.23 ticks in Minnesota and create a publicly
 41.24 accessible GIS dashboard to share results and
 41.25 potential disease implications with the public
 41.26 and wildlife managers.

41.27 **(l) Small Mammals and Hunter Participation:**
 41.28 **Expanded Offal Wildlife Watching**

41.29 \$563,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 41.30 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 41.31 Minnesota to expand and assess hunter
 41.32 participation in monitoring scavenger use of
 41.33 deer gut piles, assess small mammal
 41.34 occurrence and contaminant and disease
 41.35 exposure risk at offal sites, and study how

42.1 messaging impacts hunters' use of lead
42.2 ammunition.

42.3 **(m) Green Heron as an Indicator of**
42.4 **Wetland-Dependent Species**

42.5 \$424,000 the first year is from the trust fund
42.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of
42.7 Minnesota to collect data on the year-round
42.8 habitat use and migratory movements of green
42.9 herons, assess potential factors leading to
42.10 population decline, and identify conservation
42.11 strategies to benefit the green heron and other
42.12 wetland-dependent bird species.

42.13 **(n) Visualizing Minnesota's Natural Resources**
42.14 **with CT Scanning**

42.15 \$955,000 the first year is from the trust fund
42.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of
42.17 Minnesota, Bell Museum of Natural History,
42.18 to acquire a CT scanner, scan Bell Museum
42.19 organismal specimens, create 3D prints from
42.20 the scans, and share the data and prints through
42.21 environmental education and research
42.22 programs. The CT scanner purchased with this
42.23 appropriation must prioritize use by and be
42.24 made available cost-free to other
42.25 Minnesota-focused researchers for the duration
42.26 of this appropriation. This appropriation may
42.27 also be used for equipment, tools, and supplies
42.28 needed to acquire, install, and use the scanner
42.29 and print 3D models of scanned organisms.
42.30 Net income generated as part of this
42.31 appropriation may be reinvested in the project
42.32 if a plan for reinvestment is approved in the
42.33 work plan as provided under Minnesota
42.34 Statutes, section 116P.10.

42.35 **(o) Mapping Human-Carnivore Conflicts in**
42.36 **Human-Dominated Landscapes**

43.1 \$563,000 the first year is from the trust fund
43.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of
43.3 Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research
43.4 Institute in Duluth to evaluate bear, bobcat,
43.5 and coyote habitat use, activity, and diet in
43.6 Duluth and surrounding areas to map hotspots
43.7 for human-carnivore conflicts and fill
43.8 knowledge gaps to reduce conflicts. This
43.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
43.10 by which time the project must be completed
43.11 and final products delivered.

43.12 **(p) Geologic Atlases for Water Resource**
43.13 **Management**

43.14 \$1,260,000 the first year is from the trust fund
43.15 to the Board of Regents of the University of
43.16 Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey, to
43.17 continue to produce geologic atlas maps and
43.18 databases to inform management of
43.19 groundwater and surface water. This
43.20 appropriation is to complete Part A, which
43.21 focuses on the properties and distribution of
43.22 earth materials to define aquifer boundaries
43.23 and the connection of aquifers to the land
43.24 surface and surface water resources.

43.25 **(q) Leveraging Statewide Datasets for Native**
43.26 **Rough Fish**

43.27 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund
43.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of
43.29 Minnesota to construct species distribution
43.30 models that predict presence and abundance
43.31 of native rough fish species and identify
43.32 potential areas for protection, additional
43.33 monitoring, or restoration across the state. This
43.34 appropriation may also be used to build an
43.35 interactive mapping tool and share results.

44.1 **(r) The Impacts of Climate Change on**
44.2 **Northeastern Minnesota**

44.3 \$772,000 the first year is from the trust fund
44.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for
44.5 an agreement with Friends of the Boundary
44.6 Waters Wilderness to work with collaborators
44.7 to aggregate research, data, and other
44.8 information about the impacts of climate
44.9 change on the habitat and wildlife of
44.10 northeastern Minnesota into a publicly
44.11 available, web-based database. This
44.12 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
44.13 by which time the project must be completed
44.14 and final products delivered.

44.15 **(s) Health and Disease Monitoring in Minnesota**
44.16 **Wildlife**

44.17 \$750,000 the first year is from the trust fund
44.18 to the Board of Regents of the University of
44.19 Minnesota, Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic
44.20 Laboratory, to collaborate with wildlife
44.21 rehabilitation organizations and other wildlife
44.22 health professionals throughout Minnesota to
44.23 enhance the state's health and disease
44.24 surveillance, preparedness, and response
44.25 efforts.

44.26 **(t) Affordable Statewide Tracking of Forestry**
44.27 **Fragmentation and Degradation**

44.28 \$331,000 the first year is from the trust fund
44.29 to the Board of Regents of the University of
44.30 Minnesota to merge aircraft and satellite
44.31 LiDAR data to build a model and an
44.32 interactive real-time web dashboard of forest
44.33 boundaries that provides business-ready
44.34 information about statewide forest
44.35 fragmentation and degradation due to human
44.36 activities and natural disasters.

45.1 **(u) Safeguarding Bees While Monitoring**
45.2 **Pollinators and Nesting Habitats**

45.3 \$590,000 the first year is from the trust fund
45.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of
45.5 Minnesota to pioneer low-mortality methods
45.6 for monitoring bee populations and to
45.7 investigate nest habitat materials and
45.8 antimicrobial properties in cooperation with
45.9 community scientists and management
45.10 agencies. This appropriation is available until
45.11 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must
45.12 be completed and final products delivered.

45.13 **(v) Expanding the Application of Minnesota's**
45.14 **Wetland Monitoring Data**

45.15 \$312,000 the first year is from the trust fund
45.16 to the commissioner of natural resources to
45.17 use existing LiDAR and recurring aerial
45.18 photographs to determine state grassland
45.19 acreage and change over the last twenty years,
45.20 evaluate key drivers of wetland change, and
45.21 use technology to improve Minnesota's
45.22 wetland monitoring.

45.23 **(w) Enhancing the Value of Minnesota Public**
45.24 **Grasslands**

45.25 \$390,000 the first year is from the trust fund
45.26 to the Board of Regents of the University of
45.27 Minnesota to evaluate a combination of
45.28 prescribed fire, brush mowing, and targeted
45.29 conservation grazing to develop ready-to-use
45.30 management strategies for public land
45.31 managers to mitigate woody species
45.32 encroachment and increase biodiversity and
45.33 carbon sequestration in public grasslands.

45.34 **(x) Foundational Precision Agriculture Data to**
45.35 **Reduce Environmental Impacts**

46.1 \$1,255,000 the first year is from the trust fund
46.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of
46.3 Minnesota for the West Central Research and
46.4 Outreach Center at Morris to establish data
46.5 collection systems and methods at sentinel
46.6 farm sites, develop and evaluate best
46.7 management practices, and provide outreach
46.8 and training to farmers to encourage adoption
46.9 of precision agriculture technologies that
46.10 reduce fertilizer and chemical use and improve
46.11 water and air quality.

46.12 **(y) Continued Aggregate Resource Mapping**

46.13 \$621,000 the first year is from the trust fund
46.14 to the commissioner of natural resources to
46.15 map the aggregate resource potential in the
46.16 state of Minnesota and to make the
46.17 information available in print and electronic
46.18 format to local units of government to support
46.19 informed land-use decisions and resource
46.20 conservation.

46.21 **(z) Advancing Collaborative Wild Rice**
46.22 **Monitoring Program Technologies**

46.23 \$900,000 the first year is from the trust fund
46.24 to the commissioner of natural resources to
46.25 continue efforts to create a framework for
46.26 long-term wild rice monitoring for
46.27 conservation and collaborate with Tribal and
46.28 nongovernmental organizations to collect
46.29 additional data, improve collection and
46.30 analysis methods, and develop a statewide
46.31 estimate of wild rice abundance and coverage.

46.32 **(aa) Conserving Natural Resources by**
46.33 **Advancing Forever Green Agriculture**

46.34 \$2,146,000 the first year is from the trust fund
46.35 to the Board of Regents of the University of

47.1 Minnesota for the Forever Green Initiative to
47.2 fund research projects to develop new
47.3 perennial and winter-annual crops to protect
47.4 water, wildlife, soil, other natural resources,
47.5 and the climate. This appropriation is available
47.6 until June 30, 2030, by which time the project
47.7 must be completed and final products
47.8 delivered.

47.9 **(bb) Minnesota's Priority Native Rough Fish:**
47.10 **Gars and Bowfin**

47.11 \$568,000 the first year is from the trust fund
47.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of
47.13 Minnesota to develop population dynamics,
47.14 habitat use, and food web models for
47.15 Minnesota gars and bowfins and conduct
47.16 outreach to inform conservation and
47.17 management and serve as a template for study
47.18 of Minnesota's other native rough fish species.

47.19 **(cc) Understanding to Improve Minnesota's**
47.20 **Future Lake Water Quality**

47.21 \$595,000 the first year is from the trust fund
47.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of
47.23 Minnesota to use decade-long comprehensive
47.24 lake, watershed, and weather data and
47.25 high-resolution climate models to understand
47.26 lake-specific drivers of water quality and
47.27 predict the effects of future warming on
47.28 harmful algal blooms across Minnesota.

47.29 **(dd) Operationalizing State Zooplankton Data**
47.30 **to Support Lake Health**

47.31 \$423,000 the first year is from the trust fund
47.32 to the Board of Regents of the University of
47.33 Minnesota to use long-term monitoring data
47.34 to determine the relationship between
47.35 zooplankton communities and ecosystem

48.1 services, like fisheries health and water
 48.2 quality, and develop biotic indices for lake
 48.3 health.

48.4 **(ee) Trialing Climate-Ready Woodland Trees**
 48.5 **in Urban Areas**

48.6 \$255,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 48.7 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 48.8 Minnesota to demonstrate performance of
 48.9 climate-adaptive tree species and study land
 48.10 manager and public perceptions of these
 48.11 species to identify the best species and risk
 48.12 tolerance for future plantings in metropolitan
 48.13 areas of Minnesota.

48.14 **(ff) Superior Shores: Protecting Our Great**
 48.15 **Lakes Coastal Habitats**

48.16 \$675,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 48.17 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the
 48.18 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to map
 48.19 the locations and survey the biological
 48.20 diversity and water quality of Lake Superior
 48.21 coastal rock pools. This appropriation may
 48.22 also be used to develop outreach materials and
 48.23 host programs on rock pool understanding and
 48.24 conservation.

48.25 **(gg) Recruitment and Fecundity of Minnesota**
 48.26 **Moose**

48.27 \$2,007,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 48.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 48.29 state and Tribal biologists to work
 48.30 collaboratively to estimate survival and
 48.31 fecundity of yearling and 2-year-old moose in
 48.32 northeast Minnesota to inform future
 48.33 management efforts. Of this amount, \$841,000
 48.34 is for an agreement with the 1854 Treaty
 48.35 Authority. This appropriation is available until

49.1 June 30, 2031, by which time the project must
 49.2 be completed and final products delivered.

49.3 **(hh) Fighting Insect Decline: Minnesota**
 49.4 **Bumblebees to the Rescue**

49.5 \$249,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 49.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 49.7 Minnesota to map historical and current
 49.8 bumblebee distribution and develop an
 49.9 identification tool using molecular barcodes
 49.10 and an online resource hub to improve
 49.11 conservation of Minnesota's native
 49.12 bumblebees.

49.13 **(ii) Trace Metals in Municipal Yard Waste and**
 49.14 **Compost**

49.15 \$120,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 49.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 49.17 Minnesota to assess trace metal contamination
 49.18 from collected residential yard waste, finished
 49.19 compost, and compost leachate in municipal
 49.20 yard waste recycling programs.

49.21 **(jj) Chronic Wasting Disease Prions in**
 49.22 **Minnesota Waters**

49.23 \$322,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 49.24 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 49.25 Minnesota to evaluate the movement of
 49.26 chronic wasting disease in Minnesota waters,
 49.27 assess the risk of spread, and share results with
 49.28 wildlife and watershed managers.

49.29 **Subd. 4. Water Resources**

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49.30 **(a) Enhancing Our Resources - Rural Health**
 49.31 **and Drinking Water**

49.32 \$994,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 49.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 49.34 an agreement with Freshwater Society to
 49.35 partner with the Mayo Clinic to educate well

50.1 owners and family health providers about the
50.2 geologic occurrence and risk of arsenic in
50.3 drinking water. This appropriation is also to
50.4 provide free arsenic testing to well owners in
50.5 southeast Minnesota.

50.6 **(b) Restoration and Outreach for Minnesota's**
50.7 **Native Mussels**

50.8 \$1,258,000 the first year is from the trust fund
50.9 to the commissioner of natural resources to
50.10 propagate, rear, and restore native freshwater
50.11 mussel populations and the ecosystem services
50.12 they provide to Minnesota waters; to evaluate
50.13 reintroduction success; and to inform the
50.14 public on mussels and mussel conservation.

50.15 **(c) Pristine to Green: Toxic Blooms Threaten**
50.16 **Northern Lakes**

50.17 \$1,362,000 the first year is from the trust fund
50.18 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the
50.19 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to
50.20 evaluate drivers that contribute to the
50.21 formation of nuisance and toxic algal blooms
50.22 in relatively pristine and protected lakes across
50.23 Minnesota.

50.24 **(d) Training Lake Communities to Track**
50.25 **Chloride and Algae**

50.26 \$274,000 the first year is from the trust fund
50.27 to the Board of Regents of the University of
50.28 Minnesota for the Minnesota Sea Grant
50.29 college program in Duluth to develop and train
50.30 a network of community-based volunteers to
50.31 track chloride and harmful algal blooms in
50.32 rural Minnesota lakes.

50.33 **(e) Clean Sweep Solution to Nonpoint Source**
50.34 **Pollution**

51.1 \$386,000 the first year is from the trust fund
51.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of
51.3 Minnesota for the Water Resources Center to
51.4 enhance Clean Sweep programs, identify the
51.5 pollutants present in street-sweeping materials,
51.6 explore material reuse options, and quantify
51.7 benefits of enhanced street sweeping. This
51.8 appropriation may also be used to coordinate
51.9 county and regional collaborations, develop
51.10 resources, and provide training to increase
51.11 targeted street-sweeping practices to reduce
51.12 nonpoint source pollution to Minnesota's water
51.13 resources.

51.14 **(f) Cyanotoxins in Minnesota Lakes: The Role**
51.15 **of Sunlight**

51.16 \$220,000 the first year is from the trust fund
51.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of
51.18 Minnesota to quantify degradation of
51.19 cyanobacterial toxins by sunlight to understand
51.20 how increasing frequency of harmful algal
51.21 blooms and changing environmental
51.22 conditions influence toxin persistence in
51.23 natural waters.

51.24 **(g) Enhancing Degradation of Emerging**
51.25 **Contaminants via Microbial Starvation**

51.26 \$390,000 the first year is from the trust fund
51.27 to the Board of Regents of the University of
51.28 Minnesota to study how wastewater treatment
51.29 systems can be improved to more effectively
51.30 biodegrade mixtures of pharmaceuticals,
51.31 pesticides, and other contaminants of emerging
51.32 concern and protect Minnesota's water
51.33 resources.

51.34 **(h) Soil Health Management for Water Storage**

52.1 \$454,000 the first year is from the trust fund
52.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of
52.3 Minnesota for the Water Resources Center to
52.4 conduct on-farm and model-based research
52.5 and develop guidance for watershed planners
52.6 and land managers to effectively use soil
52.7 health management to achieve water storage
52.8 and water quality goals.

52.9 **(i) Predicting Contaminant Movement in**
52.10 **Minnesota's Fractured Aquifers**

52.11 \$650,000 the first year is from the trust fund
52.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of
52.13 Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, to
52.14 develop a software program that predicts the
52.15 fate and movement of contaminants, such as
52.16 PFAS, chloride, nitrate, and pathogens, in
52.17 Minnesota's fractured aquifers.

52.18 **(j) Documentation and Toxicity of Microplastics**
52.19 **in Urban Ecosystems**

52.20 \$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund
52.21 to the Board of Regents of the University of
52.22 Minnesota to research how land use and
52.23 toxicity affect the accumulation of
52.24 microplastics and associated contaminants of
52.25 concern in stormwater ponds and the wildlife
52.26 that use stormwater ponds.

52.27 **(k) Terminating PFAS-Type Pesticides via**
52.28 **Enzyme Cocktails**

52.29 \$297,000 the first year is from the trust fund
52.30 to the Board of Regents of the University of
52.31 Minnesota to evaluate the ability of selected
52.32 enzymes and combinations of enzymes to
52.33 biodegrade per- and polyfluoroalkyl
52.34 substances (PFAS) found in pesticides and to

53.1 design a pilot-scale biofilter for effective
 53.2 elimination of PFAS from water.

53.3 **(l) Addressing 21st Century Challenges for the**
 53.4 **St. Croix**

53.5 \$243,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 53.6 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the
 53.7 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to
 53.8 develop a watershed model to identify
 53.9 potential hydrologic and water quality impacts
 53.10 to the lower St. Croix River over the next 75
 53.11 years and inform future planning and
 53.12 management in the watershed.

53.13 **(m) Impact of Statewide Conservation Practices**
 53.14 **on Stream Biodiversity**

53.15 \$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 53.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 53.17 Minnesota to use existing monitoring data to
 53.18 evaluate the effects of wetlands and riparian
 53.19 buffers on stream and river biodiversity and
 53.20 biological condition and develop tools and
 53.21 materials to inform the public and natural
 53.22 resource managers.

53.23 **(n) Modeling the Future Mississippi River Gorge**

53.24 \$427,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 53.25 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 53.26 Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, to
 53.27 construct a reduced-scale physical model of
 53.28 Mississippi River Pool 1, Lock & Dam 1, and
 53.29 adjacent upstream and downstream reaches;
 53.30 analyze water flow and sediment movement
 53.31 under various pool management strategies;
 53.32 and share results with the public to inform
 53.33 decisions on the future management of the
 53.34 lock and dam.

54.1 **(o) Highly Efficient Nutrient Removal**
 54.2 **Technology for Agricultural Drainage**

54.3 \$453,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 54.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 54.5 Minnesota to conduct lab- and field-scale tests
 54.6 of a novel bioreactor technology for removing
 54.7 nutrients from agricultural drainage and
 54.8 disseminate results to farmers and the public.

54.9 **(p) Citizen Scientists Capture Microplastic**
 54.10 **Pollution Around State**

54.11 \$419,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 54.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 54.13 Minnesota to develop adaptable microplastic
 54.14 sampling and detection methods, develop a
 54.15 public-access database, and leverage citizen
 54.16 scientists to survey microplastic pollution
 54.17 throughout the state to allow for data-driven
 54.18 risk management decisions and solutions.

54.19 **(q) Healthy Native Prairie Microbiomes for**
 54.20 **Cleaner Water**

54.21 \$468,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 54.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 54.23 Minnesota to identify and characterize prairie
 54.24 plant microbiomes and study the potential of
 54.25 native prairie microbes to provide nitrogen for
 54.26 agricultural crops and reduce industrial
 54.27 fertilizer use and nitrate contamination of
 54.28 water.

54.29 **(r) Wastewater Chloride Reduction through**
 54.30 **Industrial Source Reduction Assistance**

54.31 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 54.32 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 54.33 Minnesota for the Minnesota Technical
 54.34 Assistance Program to provide technical
 54.35 assistance to businesses to cost-effectively

55.1 reduce industrial and commercial chloride use
55.2 in communities with high chloride effluent
55.3 concentrations.

55.4 **(s) Pilot Water Budget Framework for**
55.5 **Managing Water Withdrawals**

55.6 \$198,000 the first year is from the trust fund
55.7 to the Board of Regents of the University of
55.8 Minnesota to develop a pilot water budget
55.9 framework to identify sensitive areas in
55.10 Minnesota where net water withdrawals have
55.11 a significant impact on surface water and
55.12 groundwater.

55.13 **(t) Biofilm Mediated Destruction of PFAS in**
55.14 **Groundwater**

55.15 \$1,336,000 the first year is from the trust fund
55.16 to the commissioner of natural resources for
55.17 an agreement with Freshwater Society to
55.18 develop biofilm treatment technology and
55.19 demonstrate field-scale removal of per- and
55.20 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from
55.21 contaminated groundwater. A fiscal
55.22 management plan must be approved in the
55.23 work plan before any trust fund money is
55.24 spent.

55.25 **(u) Impact of Microplastics on Wastewater**
55.26 **Treatment in Minnesota**

55.27 \$506,000 the first year is from the trust fund
55.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of
55.29 Minnesota to quantify the abundance of
55.30 microplastics in wastewater treatment plants
55.31 in Minnesota, determine how microplastics
55.32 affect wastewater treatment plant performance,
55.33 and evaluate how different wastewater
55.34 treatment processes alter microplastics.

56.1 **(v) Portable Arsenic and Nitrate Detector for**
 56.2 **Well Water**

56.3 \$358,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 56.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 56.5 Minnesota to develop a small, cheap, and
 56.6 easy-to-use system to detect arsenic and nitrate
 56.7 in well water and determine whether well
 56.8 water is safe to drink.

56.9 **(w) Recovering Salts from Highly Saline**
 56.10 **Wastewater**

56.11 \$272,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 56.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 56.13 Minnesota to develop a method to recover
 56.14 useful salts from concentrated saline
 56.15 wastewater to increase the economic
 56.16 sustainability of high water-recovery
 56.17 softening, sulfate removal, and industrial
 56.18 wastewater treatment.

56.19 **Subd. 5. Environmental Education**

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56.20 **(a) Eagle's Nest: Where the World Becomes**
 56.21 **Your Classroom**

56.22 \$130,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 56.23 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 56.24 an agreement with Glacial Hills Elementary
 56.25 School to create interactive natural playground
 56.26 and landscaping features for children and
 56.27 provide environmental education programming
 56.28 outside of regular school hours.

56.29 **(b) Advancing Equity in Environmental**
 56.30 **Education**

56.31 \$700,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 56.32 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 56.33 an agreement with Camp Fire Minnesota to
 56.34 provide needs-based scholarships for
 56.35 Minnesota youth to attend

57.1 state-standards-aligned environmental and
57.2 outdoor education programs.

57.3 **(c) Teacher Field School - Phase 2: Increasing**
57.4 **Impact**

57.5 \$712,000 the first year is from the trust fund
57.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
57.7 an agreement with Hamline University to
57.8 continue the teacher field school program that
57.9 trains teachers how to connect academic
57.10 content with environmental stewardship,
57.11 natural resource conservation, and outdoor
57.12 recreation. This appropriation is also to pilot
57.13 a train-the-trainer model for nature-based
57.14 education practices.

57.15 **(d) Creating Future Leaders in Outdoor and**
57.16 **Environmental Leadership**

57.17 \$330,000 the first year is from the trust fund
57.18 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota
57.19 State Colleges and Universities for North
57.20 Hennepin Community College to collaborate
57.21 with K-12 education, higher education, and
57.22 outdoor organizations to increase
57.23 environmental education, leadership,
57.24 internship, and career opportunities for
57.25 underrepresented college and high school
57.26 students.

57.27 **(e) Engaging our Diverse Public in**
57.28 **Environmental Stewardship - Phase 2**

57.29 \$249,000 the first year is from the trust fund
57.30 to the commissioner of natural resources for
57.31 an agreement with Great River Greening to
57.32 increase participation in natural resources
57.33 conservation and restoration efforts and
57.34 careers through volunteer, internship, and
57.35 youth engagement activities, with a focus on

58.1 diverse audiences that more accurately reflect
58.2 local demographic and socioeconomic
58.3 conditions in Minnesota.

58.4 **(f) Outdoor School for Minnesota K-12 Students**

58.5 \$3,992,000 the first year is from the trust fund
58.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
58.7 an agreement with Osprey Wilds
58.8 Environmental Learning Center to partner with
58.9 four other accredited residential environmental
58.10 learning centers in Minnesota to provide
58.11 needs-based scholarships to K-12 students
58.12 statewide for immersive multiday
58.13 environmental learning experiences.

58.14 **(g) Statewide Environmental Education via PBS**
58.15 **Outdoor Series**

58.16 \$415,000 the first year is from the trust fund
58.17 to the commissioner of natural resources for
58.18 an agreement with Pioneer Public
58.19 Broadcasting Service to produce, distribute,
58.20 and promote new episodes of a statewide
58.21 public television series that inspires
58.22 Minnesotans to connect with the outdoors and
58.23 to restore and protect the state's natural
58.24 resources.

58.25 **(h) Maajii-akii-gikenjigewin Conservation Crew**
58.26 **Program**

58.27 \$678,000 the first year is from the trust fund
58.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for
58.29 an agreement with Conservation Corps
58.30 Minnesota & Iowa to expand a conservation
58.31 corps program developed to provide natural
58.32 resources career development opportunities
58.33 for indigenous young adults and cultivate an
58.34 enduring action-based conservation ethic
58.35 through the integration of traditional

59.1 knowledge, nature immersion, and the
59.2 implementation of conservation and
59.3 restoration practices in the field.

59.4 **(i) Reuse for the Future: Youth Education and**
59.5 **Engagement**

59.6 \$225,000 the first year is from the trust fund
59.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for
59.8 an agreement with Reuse Minnesota to provide
59.9 curriculum-based opportunities for students
59.10 to learn about the reuse economy, reuse skills,
59.11 and other opportunities to reduce waste. This
59.12 appropriation may also be used to align
59.13 materials to state standards and translate
59.14 materials to additional languages.

59.15 **(j) River Bend Nature Center Outdoor Diversity**
59.16 **Initiative**

59.17 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
59.18 to the commissioner of natural resources for
59.19 an agreement with River Bend Nature Center
59.20 to lead a coalition of educational partners and
59.21 culturally specific organizations to expand
59.22 recognized environmental education
59.23 curriculum and provide conservation-based
59.24 career exploration and job placement
59.25 opportunities for diverse communities in
59.26 southern Minnesota.

59.27 **(k) Camp Parsons Mississippi Summer**

59.28 \$225,000 the first year is from the trust fund
59.29 to the commissioner of natural resources for
59.30 an agreement with the Phyllis Wheatley
59.31 Community Center to provide environmental
59.32 education to Minneapolis urban youth through
59.33 the Camp Parsons Mississippi Summer
59.34 program that fosters connections to nature and

60.1 encourages responsible stewardship of our
 60.2 natural resources.

60.3 **(l) Adult Outdoor Education for Minnesota's**
 60.4 **Underrepresented Communities**

60.5 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 60.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 60.7 an agreement with Baztec Fishing & Outdoors
 60.8 to create fishing and hunting education,
 60.9 training, and opportunities for underserved
 60.10 and underrepresented communities in
 60.11 Minnesota. All fishing tackle purchased with
 60.12 this appropriation must be lead-free. A fiscal
 60.13 management plan must be approved in the
 60.14 work plan before any trust fund money is
 60.15 spent.

60.16 **(m) Minnesota's Road Map for Sustainability**
 60.17 **and Climate Education**

60.18 \$491,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 60.19 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 60.20 an agreement with Climate Generation to
 60.21 convene community gatherings and partner
 60.22 with institutions and organizations across the
 60.23 education sector to develop a road map on
 60.24 how to build capacity for equitable and
 60.25 accessible sustainability and climate education
 60.26 programs that align with the Minnesota
 60.27 Climate Action Framework.

60.28 **(n) ESTEP 2.0: Earth Science Teacher**
 60.29 **Education Project**

60.30 \$643,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 60.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 60.32 an agreement with Minnesota Science
 60.33 Teachers Association to provide professional
 60.34 development for Minnesota science teachers
 60.35 statewide in environmental and earth science

61.1 content to strengthen environmental education
 61.2 in schools.

61.3 **(o) Engaging Latine Communities in**
 61.4 **Conservation and Preservation**

61.5 \$400,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 61.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 61.7 an agreement with Comunidades Organizando
 61.8 el Poder y la Accion Latina to use
 61.9 community-based partnerships and
 61.10 communications platforms to host outdoor
 61.11 events and conduct educational outreach
 61.12 focused on Latine and BIPOC communities
 61.13 about the need to protect Minnesota's
 61.14 environment and natural resources.

61.15 **(p) Inclusive Wildlife Engagement in Classrooms**
 61.16 **and Communities**

61.17 \$712,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 61.18 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 61.19 the nongame wildlife program to provide three
 61.20 wildlife conservation, action-based outdoor
 61.21 educational opportunities to engage
 61.22 needs-based schools, young adults, and
 61.23 communities underrepresented in natural
 61.24 resources through the Bird by Bird,
 61.25 Empowering Pathways into Conservation, and
 61.26 Community Science programs.

61.27 **(q) Activating Youth and Family Environmental**
 61.28 **Stewardship through Raptors**

61.29 \$228,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 61.30 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 61.31 Minnesota for the Raptor Center to deliver
 61.32 standards-based environmental education
 61.33 featuring live raptors through school programs
 61.34 and community events across Minnesota.

62.1 **(r) Moving Minnesota toward a Lead-Free**
 62.2 **Sporting Future**

62.3 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 62.4 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota
 62.5 State Colleges and Universities for Bemidji
 62.6 State University to conduct educational
 62.7 outreach directed at hunters and anglers to
 62.8 increase awareness of lead-free options for
 62.9 big-game hunting, small-game hunting, and
 62.10 fishing as a means of reducing wildlife
 62.11 exposure to lead.

62.12 **(s) Science Centers Supporting Northern Boys**
 62.13 **and Girls Clubs**

62.14 \$1,091,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 62.15 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 62.16 an agreement with the Headwaters Science
 62.17 Center to expand access to environmental
 62.18 science education in northern Minnesota and
 62.19 leverage partnerships between rural and urban
 62.20 organizations to deliver culturally relevant,
 62.21 hands-on learning experiences to underserved
 62.22 students.

62.23 **Subd. 6. Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive**
 62.24 **Species**

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62.25 **(a) Aquatic Invasive Species: From Problems to**
 62.26 **Real-World Solutions**

62.27 \$5,771,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 62.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 62.29 Minnesota for the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive
 62.30 Species Research Center to conduct
 62.31 high-priority projects aimed at solving
 62.32 Minnesota's aquatic invasive species problems
 62.33 using rigorous science and a collaborative
 62.34 process. This appropriation may also be used
 62.35 to deliver research findings to end users
 62.36 through strategic communication and outreach.

63.1 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 63.2 2029, by which time the project must be
 63.3 completed and final products delivered.

63.4 **(b) Optimizing Nonnative Cattail Treatment**
 63.5 **Effectiveness in Prairie Wetlands**

63.6 \$942,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 63.7 to the commissioner of natural resources to
 63.8 compare the effectiveness of invasive cattail
 63.9 treatment methods and provide
 63.10 recommendations for managers to maximize
 63.11 benefits of conservation money for native
 63.12 wetland plants and wildlife. This appropriation
 63.13 is available until June 30, 2031, by which time
 63.14 the project must be completed and final
 63.15 products delivered.

63.16 **Subd. 7. Air Quality, Climate Change, and**
 63.17 **Renewable Energy**

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63.18 **(a) Protecting Coldwater Fish Habitat in**
 63.19 **Minnesota Lakes**

63.20 \$561,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 63.21 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 63.22 Minnesota to identify lake-specific watershed
 63.23 protection targets and management practices
 63.24 needed to maintain coldwater fish habitat
 63.25 threatened by warming temperatures and
 63.26 increasing extreme rain events and to integrate
 63.27 this information into conservation planning
 63.28 tools.

63.29 **(b) Agrivoltaics 2.0 Building a Resilient E-Farm**

63.30 \$535,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 63.31 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 63.32 Minnesota for the West Central Research and
 63.33 Outreach Center at Morris to evaluate
 63.34 emerging solar system designs and solar
 63.35 technology integration with vegetable and

64.1 livestock production systems to maximize
64.2 energy production and benefits to farmers.

64.3 **(c) Pine Needles Reveal Past and Present**
64.4 **Airborne PFAS**

64.5 \$550,000 the first year is from the trust fund
64.6 to the commissioner of the Pollution Control
64.7 Agency to use current and historic pine
64.8 needles as a low-cost method to assess
64.9 statewide per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances
64.10 (PFAS) levels in ambient air.

64.11 **(d) Facilitated Transport Hybrid Membranes**
64.12 **for CO₂ Separation**

64.13 \$1,050,000 the first year is from the trust fund
64.14 to the Board of Regents of the University of
64.15 Minnesota to develop and test advanced
64.16 polymeric membranes for capture and reuse
64.17 of carbon dioxide at industrial sources.

64.18 **(e) Renewable Energy Conversion for Farm**
64.19 **Diesel and Ammonia**

64.20 \$726,000 the first year is from the trust fund
64.21 to the Board of Regents of the University of
64.22 Minnesota to develop a novel charge-swing
64.23 catalytic condenser that will enable the
64.24 low-cost production of hydrogen from water
64.25 using rural electricity for on-the-farm energy
64.26 storage or renewable diesel and ammonia
64.27 fertilizer.

64.28 **(f) Innovative Solution to Renewable Energy**
64.29 **from Food Waste**

64.30 \$5,167,000 the first year is from the trust fund
64.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for
64.32 an agreement with the Ramsey/Washington
64.33 Recycling and Energy Board to provide
64.34 reimbursements to offset the processing fees
64.35 for the public to divert organic materials from

65.1 landfills and produce renewable natural gas
 65.2 through anaerobic digestion and sequestration
 65.3 of carbon into biochar. Net income generated
 65.4 as part of this appropriation may be reinvested
 65.5 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is
 65.6 approved in the work plan as provided under
 65.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This
 65.8 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
 65.9 by which time the project must be completed
 65.10 and final products delivered.

65.11 **(g) Fueling the Future: Decarbonizing Regional**
 65.12 **Transportation Project**

65.13 \$3,155,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 65.14 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 65.15 an agreement with the city of St. Cloud to
 65.16 install a green hydrogen production, storage,
 65.17 and fueling station that provides a renewable,
 65.18 carbon-free, alternate fuel source to
 65.19 decarbonize community transportation and
 65.20 manufacturing sectors. This appropriation may
 65.21 also be used to convert city fleet and public
 65.22 transit vehicles to hydrogen fuel. Net income
 65.23 generated as part of this appropriation may be
 65.24 reinvested in the project if a plan for
 65.25 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as
 65.26 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
 65.27 116P.10. This appropriation is available until
 65.28 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must
 65.29 be completed and final products delivered.

65.30 **Subd. 8. Methods to Protect or Restore Land,**
 65.31 **Water, and Habitat**

12,188,000

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65.32 **(a) Minnesota PlantWatch: Community**
 65.33 **Scientists Conserving Rare Plants**

65.34 \$1,086,000 the first year is from the trust fund.
 65.35 Of this amount, \$518,000 is to the Board of
 65.36 Regents of the University of Minnesota for

66.1 the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and
66.2 \$568,000 is to the commissioner of natural
66.3 resources to enhance the Minnesota
66.4 PlantWatch program to improve the
66.5 conservation of Minnesota's natural resources
66.6 and support community scientist-driven rare
66.7 plant surveys and seed banking and
66.8 preservation.

66.9 **(b) Grassland Restoration for Pollinator**
66.10 **Conservation and Demonstration**

66.11 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund
66.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of
66.13 Minnesota for the Minnesota Landscape
66.14 Arboretum to restore a degraded pasture to
66.15 grassland as a model for climate-resilient
66.16 pollinator habitat; provide interpretive signage,
66.17 education, and community engagement; and
66.18 conduct species monitoring. This appropriation
66.19 is available until June 30, 2031, by which time
66.20 the project must be completed and final
66.21 products delivered.

66.22 **(c) Planning for Long-Term Natural Resources**
66.23 **Protection in Hennepin County**

66.24 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund
66.25 to the commissioner of natural resources for
66.26 an agreement with Hennepin County to
66.27 develop a publicly available interactive map
66.28 of natural systems, create a centralized
66.29 clearinghouse of data and best practices
66.30 toolkit, and provide ongoing technical
66.31 assistance for local communities with limited
66.32 resources to manage complex natural resources
66.33 challenges. Net income generated as part of
66.34 this appropriation may be reinvested in the
66.35 project if a plan for reinvestment is approved

67.1 in the work plan as provided under Minnesota
67.2 Statutes, section 116P.10.

67.3 **(d) Native Forages: Growing Drought and**
67.4 **Climate Resiliency**

67.5 \$2,254,000 the first year is from the trust fund
67.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
67.7 an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to
67.8 collaborate with livestock farmers to establish
67.9 native grassland wildlife habitat and enhance
67.10 native forages on working lands to improve
67.11 ecological, economic, and climate resiliency.

67.12 Notwithstanding subdivision 13, paragraph
67.13 (e), restoration efforts may be undertaken on
67.14 private lands but must occur on properties
67.15 enrolled in long-term agreements to protect
67.16 and maintain the restored areas in
67.17 conformance with approved restoration and
67.18 grazing plans as approved in the work plan.
67.19 This appropriation is available until June 30,
67.20 2031, by which time the project must be
67.21 completed and final products delivered.

67.22 **(e) Accelerated Genetic Migration of Bur Oak**
67.23 **- Ten-Year Data**

67.24 \$223,000 the first year is from the trust fund
67.25 to the commissioner of natural resources for
67.26 an agreement with Great River Greening to
67.27 assess the growth and survival of previously
67.28 restored bur oak ecotypes to inform techniques
67.29 for improved climate resiliency. This
67.30 appropriation may also be used to enhance the
67.31 previous plantings and disseminate results of
67.32 the study to practitioners, students,
67.33 landowners, and others. This appropriation is
67.34 available until June 30, 2029, by which time
67.35 the project must be completed and final
67.36 products delivered.

68.1 **(f) Superior Hiking Trail Bridge, Boardwalk,**
68.2 **and Trailhead Renewal**

68.3 \$532,000 the first year is from the trust fund
68.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for
68.5 an agreement with the Superior Hiking Trail
68.6 Association to renew Superior Hiking Trail
68.7 bridges, boardwalks, and trailheads to increase
68.8 user safety, improve the user experience, and
68.9 protect adjacent land and water.

68.10 **(g) Mississippi Gateway Shoreline Stabilization**
68.11 **and Fishing Improvements**

68.12 \$735,000 the first year is from the trust fund
68.13 to the commissioner of natural resources for
68.14 an agreement with Three Rivers Park District
68.15 to improve water quality and shoreline fishing
68.16 access through shoreline stabilization and
68.17 construction of accessible trails and fishing
68.18 platforms within Mississippi Gateway
68.19 Regional Park.

68.20 **(h) Phytoremediation of PFAS from Soil**

68.21 \$1,066,000 the first year is from the trust fund
68.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of
68.23 Minnesota to use interdisciplinary research in
68.24 biology, nanotechnology, chemistry, and
68.25 genetic engineering to develop technology to
68.26 remediate soils contaminated with per- and
68.27 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This
68.28 appropriation may also be used to convene
68.29 stakeholders to coordinate and advance PFAS
68.30 remediation research in Minnesota. This
68.31 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,
68.32 section 116P.10.

68.33 **(i) Removing Mercury from Minnesota Waters**

68.34 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
68.35 to the Board of Regents of the University of

69.1 Minnesota to test and refine a biotechnology
69.2 approach to remove mercury from the food
69.3 chain in Minnesota's lakes and rivers and
69.4 potentially make fish consumption in
69.5 Minnesota safer. This appropriation is subject
69.6 to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

69.7 **(j) Evaluating Native Seed Mixes for Grazing**

69.8 \$208,000 the first year is from the trust fund
69.9 to the commissioner of natural resources for
69.10 an agreement with Restoravore to assess the
69.11 use of native hay and pasture mixes to benefit
69.12 biodiversity, soil health, and Minnesota
69.13 farmers. A fiscal management plan must be
69.14 approved in the work plan before any trust
69.15 fund money is spent.

69.16 **(k) Improving Minnesota Forest Health via**
69.17 **Post-Duff-Burning Soil Analysis**

69.18 \$646,000 the first year is from the trust fund
69.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of
69.20 Minnesota to thoroughly investigate the impact
69.21 of forest floor duff fires on soil dynamics,
69.22 nutrient cycles, invasive shrubs, earthworms,
69.23 and root systems to improve fire management
69.24 for Minnesota's forest preservation. This
69.25 appropriation may also be used to develop an
69.26 outdoor lab-scale duff-burning device.

69.27 **(l) Minnesota Riverbank Protection and Parks**
69.28 **Improvements**

69.29 \$1,400,000 the first year is from the trust fund
69.30 to the commissioner of natural resources for
69.31 an agreement with the city of Shakopee to
69.32 restore Minnesota River shoreline at Huber
69.33 Park by regrading and establishing native
69.34 vegetation to protect fish and wildlife habitat,
69.35 reduce erosion, and provide public access to

70.1 the river. This appropriation is available until
70.2 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must
70.3 be completed and final products delivered.

70.4 **(m) Restoration at Wakan Tipi and Bruce Vento**
70.5 **Nature Sanctuary**

70.6 \$669,000 the first year is from the trust fund
70.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for
70.8 an agreement with the Lower Phalen Creek
70.9 Project to conduct citizen-science natural
70.10 resource data collection events, recruit and
70.11 train volunteer site stewards, and enhance
70.12 habitat at Wakan Tipi and the Bruce Vento
70.13 Nature Sanctuary.

70.14 **(n) Promoting Pollinators on Corporate**
70.15 **Campuses**

70.16 \$547,000 the first year is from the trust fund
70.17 to the commissioner of natural resources for
70.18 an agreement with the University of St.
70.19 Thomas to use experimental bee lawn
70.20 installations on corporate campuses, combined
70.21 with landscape modeling and employee
70.22 surveys, to determine potential ecological,
70.23 economic, and societal benefits of widespread
70.24 commercial lawn habitat transformation. This
70.25 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
70.26 by which time the project must be completed
70.27 and final products delivered.

70.28 **(o) Riparian Area Adaptation Strategy for**
70.29 **Southeast Minnesota**

70.30 \$243,000 the first year is from the trust fund
70.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for
70.32 an agreement with The Nature Conservancy,
70.33 in partnership with the University of
70.34 Minnesota, to assess an alternative adaptation
70.35 strategy to restore riparian areas by excavating

71.1 and planting riparian shrubs to reconnect the
71.2 floodplains. This appropriation may also be
71.3 used for outreach materials and educational
71.4 activities.

71.5 **(p) Minnehaha Park South Plateau Oak Savanna**
71.6 **Restoration**

71.7 \$242,000 the first year is from the trust fund
71.8 to the commissioner of natural resources for
71.9 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
71.10 Recreation Board to improve wildlife habitat,
71.11 enhance recreational experiences, and restore
71.12 an area of urban parkland in Minnehaha Park
71.13 to an oak savanna ecosystem. This
71.14 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
71.15 by which time the project must be completed
71.16 and final products delivered.

71.17 **(q) Tree Protection for Minnesota's Tamarack**
71.18 **Against Larch Beetle**

71.19 \$321,000 the first year is from the trust fund
71.20 to the Board of Regents of the University of
71.21 Minnesota to evaluate new insect management
71.22 techniques and key factors for predicting
71.23 future infestations to protect and preserve trees
71.24 from native eastern larch beetle infestations.

71.25 **(r) Shoreline Restoration and Enhancement at**
71.26 **Minneapolis Lakes**

71.27 \$819,000 the first year is from the trust fund
71.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for
71.29 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
71.30 Recreation Board to restore and enhance areas
71.31 of turf-dominated, eroding, and low habitat
71.32 value lakeshore that impacts the water quality
71.33 of the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes.

71.34 **(s) Developing Markets for CLC Crops**

72.1 \$450,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 72.2 to the commissioner of agriculture to provide
 72.3 grants to organizations in Minnesota to
 72.4 develop enterprises, supply chains, and
 72.5 markets for continuous living cover crops and
 72.6 cropping systems in the early stage of
 72.7 commercial development. This appropriation
 72.8 is exempt from the income repayment
 72.9 requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section
 72.10 116P.10, paragraph (c).

72.11 **Subd. 9. Land Acquisition, Habitat, and**
 72.12 **Recreation**

19,553,000

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72.13 **(a) Cannon River Preservation and Access**

72.14 \$2,717,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 72.15 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 72.16 an agreement with Dakota County to
 72.17 rehabilitate the historic Waterford Bridge for
 72.18 the Mill Towns State Trail; restore and
 72.19 enhance upland shoreline, forest, and prairie
 72.20 habitats; and develop a trailhead and
 72.21 recreational access to the Cannon River.

72.22 **(b) Mesabi Trail: Aurora to Hoyt Lakes**

72.23 \$1,325,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 72.24 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 72.25 an agreement with St. Louis and Lake
 72.26 Counties Regional Railroad Authority for
 72.27 environmental review and permitting and to
 72.28 engineer, design, and construct a segment of
 72.29 the Mesabi Trail beginning at the intersection
 72.30 of Main Street and Forestry Road in Aurora
 72.31 toward Hoyt Lakes.

72.32 **(c) RTA Maintenance Trail Stabilization Project**

72.33 \$500,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 72.34 to the commissioner of natural resources for

73.1 an agreement with the city of Eden Prairie to
73.2 construct a retaining wall and restore adjacent
73.3 remnant prairie along the maintenance trail at
73.4 Richard T. Anderson (RTA) Conservation
73.5 Area to mitigate ongoing erosion and protect
73.6 native habitat and plant communities.

73.7 **(d) Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant**
73.8 **Programs**

73.9 \$4,769,000 the first year is from the trust fund
73.10 to the commissioner of natural resources to
73.11 solicit, rank, and fund competitive matching
73.12 grants for local parks, trail connections, and
73.13 natural and scenic areas under Minnesota
73.14 Statutes, section 85.019. This appropriation is
73.15 for local nature-based recreation, connections
73.16 to regional and state natural areas, and
73.17 recreation facilities and may not be used for
73.18 athletic facilities such as sport fields, courts,
73.19 and playgrounds. This appropriation is exempt
73.20 from subdivision 13, paragraph (k).

73.21 **(e) Boardwalk Over Boggy Land for**
73.22 **Recreational Purposes**

73.23 \$148,000 the first year is from the trust fund
73.24 to the commissioner of natural resources for
73.25 an agreement with the city of Battle Lake to
73.26 design and construct a boardwalk over city
73.27 land to protect wetlands and to increase
73.28 community access to natural areas and wildlife
73.29 habitat.

73.30 **(f) Lake Zumbro Park Water Access and Site**
73.31 **Improvements**

73.32 \$1,978,000 the first year is from the trust fund
73.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for
73.34 an agreement with Olmsted County to enhance
73.35 the Lake Zumbro Park water access and the

74.1 federal Americans with Disabilities Act
74.2 (ADA) accessibility for boating, fishing, and
74.3 viewing, while creating new user-friendly and
74.4 accessible amenities for individuals and
74.5 families. This may include new fishing docks
74.6 or piers, restored shoreline, improved parking,
74.7 and ADA accessible access to an existing
74.8 kayak and canoe launch.

74.9 **(g) Scientific and Natural Area (SNA)**
74.10 **Biodiversity Protection**

74.11 \$1,104,000 the first year is from the trust fund
74.12 to the commissioner of natural resources for
74.13 the scientific and natural area program to
74.14 conserve Minnesota's most unique places and
74.15 rare species and strategically acquire lands
74.16 that meet criteria for SNAs under Minnesota
74.17 Statutes, section 86A.05. This appropriation
74.18 is available until June 30, 2029, by which time
74.19 the project must be completed and final
74.20 products delivered.

74.21 **(h) Scandia Gateway Trail Connection:**
74.22 **Recreation, Wetlands, and Environmental**
74.23 **Education**

74.24 \$907,000 the first year is from the trust fund
74.25 to the commissioner of natural resources for
74.26 an agreement with the city of Scandia to
74.27 engineer, design, and construct a bike and
74.28 pedestrian trail to connect recreational,
74.29 cultural, and environmental resources in
74.30 Scandia to the state Gateway Trail. This
74.31 appropriation is also to create and install
74.32 educational interpretive signage about
74.33 wetlands and rain gardens near the trail.

74.34 **(i) Lake Byllesby Regional Park Restoration and**
74.35 **Recreation**

75.1 \$1,120,000 the first year is from the trust fund
75.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
75.3 an agreement with Dakota County to restore
75.4 prairie, woodland, and shoreline habitat and
75.5 design and install trails, birding and picnic
75.6 areas, and other recreational amenities to
75.7 enhance the visitor experience and stewardship
75.8 at Lake Byllesby Regional Park. This
75.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
75.10 by which time the project must be completed
75.11 and final products delivered.

75.12 **(j) Thompson County Park Restoration and**
75.13 **Accessibility Improvements**

75.14 \$867,000 the first year is from the trust fund
75.15 to the commissioner of natural resources for
75.16 an agreement with Dakota County to develop
75.17 a pollinator promenade with accessible natural
75.18 surface paths, native plantings, and interpretive
75.19 signage at Thompson County Park. This
75.20 appropriation may also be used to conduct
75.21 stream restoration to enhance visitor
75.22 experience and provide stormwater storage,
75.23 sediment and nutrient reduction, and increased
75.24 habitat and species diversity within the park.
75.25 This appropriation is available until June 30,
75.26 2029, by which time the project must be
75.27 completed and final products delivered.

75.28 **(k) Thom Storm Chalet and Outdoor Recreation**
75.29 **Center**

75.30 \$2,312,000 the first year is from the trust fund
75.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for
75.32 an agreement with the city of Duluth to
75.33 construct a new building and accessible
75.34 parking for the Thom Storm Chalet and
75.35 Outdoor Recreation Center at Chester Park to
75.36 expand high-quality outdoor recreation and

76.1 environmental education opportunities that
76.2 enhance youth and family understanding of
76.3 the importance of natural resource protection,
76.4 conservation, and preservation. Net income
76.5 generated as part of this appropriation may be
76.6 reinvested in the project if a plan for
76.7 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as
76.8 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
76.9 116P.10.

76.10 **(l) Enhancing Preservation and Accessibility at**
76.11 **Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve**

76.12 \$155,000 the first year is from the trust fund
76.13 to the commissioner of natural resources for
76.14 an agreement with the city of Duluth to
76.15 develop accessible trails and remove invasive
76.16 species to enhance outdoor recreation and
76.17 education opportunities that promote
76.18 conservation of raptors and preservation of
76.19 natural resources at Hawk Ridge Nature
76.20 Reserve.

76.21 **(m) Echo Bay County Park - Phase 1**
76.22 **Construction**

76.23 \$1,122,000 the first year is from the trust fund
76.24 to the commissioner of natural resources for
76.25 an agreement with Otter Tail County to
76.26 construct, in accordance with the Echo Bay
76.27 County Park Master Plan, access roads, trails,
76.28 parking, and bathroom facilities that create
76.29 designated public access and use corridors for
76.30 outdoor recreation and limit natural resource
76.31 impacts in Echo Bay County Park.

76.32 **(n) Chaska Big Woods Property Acquisition**

76.33 \$529,000 the first year is from the trust fund
76.34 to the commissioner of natural resources for
76.35 an agreement with the city of Chaska to

77.1 acquire property that contains remnant Big
 77.2 Woods to protect Minnesota forests and
 77.3 wetlands and to increase community access
 77.4 to natural areas.

77.5 Subd. 10. **Administration, Emerging Issues, and**
 77.6 **Contract Agreement Reimbursement**

7,267,000

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77.7 (a) **Emerging Issues Account**

77.8 \$2,984,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 77.9 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on
 77.10 Minnesota Resources to an emerging issues
 77.11 account authorized in Minnesota Statutes,
 77.12 section 116P.08, subdivision 4, paragraph (d).

77.13 (b) **2025 Contract Agreement Reimbursement**

77.14 \$280,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 77.15 to the commissioner of natural resources, at
 77.16 the direction of the Legislative-Citizen
 77.17 Commission on Minnesota Resources, for
 77.18 expenses incurred in preparing and
 77.19 administering contracts, including for the
 77.20 agreements specified in this section.

77.21 (c) **LCCMR Administrative Budget**

77.22 \$4,000,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 77.23 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on
 77.24 Minnesota Resources for administration in
 77.25 fiscal years 2026 and 2027 as provided in
 77.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.09,
 77.27 subdivision 5. This appropriation is available
 77.28 until June 30, 2027. Notwithstanding
 77.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.11,
 77.30 paragraph (b), Minnesota Statutes, section
 77.31 16A.281, applies to this appropriation.

77.32 (d) **Legislative Coordinating Commission Legacy**
 77.33 **Website**

78.1 \$3,000 the first year is from the trust fund to
78.2 the Legislative Coordinating Commission for
78.3 the website required in Minnesota Statutes,
78.4 section 3.303, subdivision 10.

78.5 **Subd. 11. Availability of appropriations**

78.6 Money appropriated in this section may not
78.7 be spent on activities unless they are directly
78.8 related to and necessary for a specific
78.9 appropriation and are specified in the work
78.10 plan approved by the Legislative-Citizen
78.11 Commission on Minnesota Resources. Money
78.12 appropriated in this section must not be spent
78.13 on indirect costs or other institutional overhead
78.14 charges that are not directly related to and
78.15 necessary for a specific appropriation. Costs
78.16 that are directly related to and necessary for
78.17 an appropriation, including financial services,
78.18 human resources, information services, rent,
78.19 and utilities, are eligible only if the costs can
78.20 be clearly justified and individually
78.21 documented specific to the appropriation's
78.22 purpose and would not be generated by the
78.23 recipient but for receipt of the appropriation.
78.24 No broad allocations for costs in either dollars
78.25 or percentages are allowed. Unless otherwise
78.26 provided, the amounts in this section are
78.27 available for three years beginning July 1,
78.28 2025, and ending June 30, 2028, when projects
78.29 must be completed and final products
78.30 delivered. For acquisition of real property, the
78.31 appropriations in this section are available for
78.32 an additional fiscal year if a binding contract
78.33 for acquisition of the real property is entered
78.34 into before the expiration date of the
78.35 appropriation. If a project receives a federal

79.1 award, the period of the appropriation is
79.2 extended to equal the federal award period to
79.3 a maximum trust fund appropriation length of
79.4 six years.

79.5 **Subd. 12. Data availability requirements**

79.6 Data collected by the projects funded under
79.7 this section must conform to guidelines and
79.8 standards adopted by Minnesota IT Services.
79.9 Spatial data must also conform to additional
79.10 guidelines and standards designed to support
79.11 data coordination and distribution that have
79.12 been published by the Minnesota Geospatial
79.13 Information Office. Descriptions of spatial
79.14 data must be prepared as specified in the state's
79.15 geographic metadata guidelines and final data
79.16 must be uploaded to the Minnesota Geospatial
79.17 Commons upon project completion. All data
79.18 must be accessible and free to the public
79.19 unless made private under the Data Practices
79.20 Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13. To the
79.21 extent practicable, summary data and results
79.22 of projects funded under this section should
79.23 be readily accessible on the Internet and
79.24 identified as having received funding from the
79.25 environment and natural resources trust fund.

79.26 **Subd. 13. Project requirements**

79.27 (a) As a condition of accepting an
79.28 appropriation under this section, an agency or
79.29 entity receiving an appropriation or a party to
79.30 an agreement from an appropriation must
79.31 comply with paragraphs (b) to (m) and
79.32 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, and must
79.33 submit a work plan and annual or semiannual
79.34 progress reports in the form determined by the
79.35 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota

80.1 Resources for any project funded in whole or
80.2 in part with money from the appropriation.
80.3 Modifications to the approved work plan and
80.4 budget expenditures must be made through
80.5 the amendment process established by the
80.6 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
80.7 Resources.

80.8 (b) A recipient of money appropriated in this
80.9 section that conducts a restoration using
80.10 money appropriated in this section must use
80.11 native plant species according to the Board of
80.12 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
80.13 establishment and enhancement guidelines
80.14 and include an appropriate diversity of native
80.15 species selected to provide habitat for
80.16 pollinators throughout the growing season as
80.17 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
80.18 84.973.

80.19 (c) For all restorations conducted with money
80.20 appropriated under this section, a recipient
80.21 must prepare an ecological restoration and
80.22 management plan that, to the degree
80.23 practicable, is consistent with the
80.24 highest-quality conservation and ecological
80.25 goals for the restoration site. Consideration
80.26 should be given to soil, geology, topography,
80.27 and other relevant factors that would provide
80.28 the best chance for long-term success and
80.29 durability of the restoration project. The plan
80.30 must include the proposed timetable for
80.31 implementing the restoration, including site
80.32 preparation, establishment of diverse plant
80.33 species, maintenance, and additional
80.34 enhancement to establish the restoration;
80.35 identify long-term maintenance and

- 81.1 management needs of the restoration and how
81.2 the maintenance, management, and
81.3 enhancement will be financed; and take
81.4 advantage of the best-available science and
81.5 include innovative techniques to achieve the
81.6 best restoration.
- 81.7 (d) An entity receiving an appropriation in this
81.8 section for restoration activities must provide
81.9 an initial restoration evaluation at the
81.10 completion of the appropriation and an
81.11 evaluation three years after the completion of
81.12 the expenditure. Restorations must be
81.13 evaluated relative to the stated goals and
81.14 standards in the restoration plan, current
81.15 science, and, when applicable, the Board of
81.16 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
81.17 establishment and enhancement guidelines.
81.18 The evaluation must determine whether the
81.19 restorations are meeting planned goals,
81.20 identify any problems with implementing the
81.21 restorations, and, if necessary, give
81.22 recommendations on improving restorations.
81.23 The evaluation must be focused on improving
81.24 future restorations.
- 81.25 (e) All restoration and enhancement projects
81.26 funded with money appropriated in this section
81.27 must be on land permanently protected by a
81.28 conservation easement or public ownership.
- 81.29 (f) A recipient of money from an appropriation
81.30 under this section must give consideration to
81.31 contracting with Conservation Corps
81.32 Minnesota for contract restoration and
81.33 enhancement services.
- 81.34 (g) All conservation easements acquired with
81.35 money appropriated under this section must:

- 82.1 (1) be permanent;
- 82.2 (2) specify the parties to the easement in the
- 82.3 easement document;
- 82.4 (3) specify all provisions of an agreement that
- 82.5 are permanent;
- 82.6 (4) be sent to the Legislative-Citizen
- 82.7 Commission on Minnesota Resources in an
- 82.8 electronic format at least 20 business days
- 82.9 before closing;
- 82.10 (5) include a long-term monitoring and
- 82.11 enforcement plan and funding for monitoring
- 82.12 and enforcing the easement agreement; and
- 82.13 (6) include requirements in the easement
- 82.14 document to protect the quantity and quality
- 82.15 of groundwater and surface water through
- 82.16 specific activities, such as keeping water on
- 82.17 the landscape, reducing nutrient and
- 82.18 contaminant loading, and not permitting
- 82.19 artificial hydrological modifications.
- 82.20 (h) For any acquisition of lands or interest in
- 82.21 lands, a recipient of money appropriated under
- 82.22 this section must not agree to pay more than
- 82.23 100 percent of the appraised value for a parcel
- 82.24 of land using this money to complete the
- 82.25 purchase, in part or in whole, except that up
- 82.26 to ten percent above the appraised value may
- 82.27 be allowed to complete the purchase, in part
- 82.28 or in whole, using this money if permission is
- 82.29 received in advance of the purchase from the
- 82.30 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
- 82.31 Resources.
- 82.32 (i) For any acquisition of land or interest in
- 82.33 land, a recipient of money appropriated under
- 82.34 this section must give priority to high-quality

83.1 natural resources or conservation lands that
83.2 provide natural buffers to water resources.

83.3 (j) For new lands acquired with money
83.4 appropriated under this section, a recipient
83.5 must prepare an ecological restoration and
83.6 management plan in compliance with
83.7 paragraph (c), including sufficient funding for
83.8 implementation unless the work plan addresses
83.9 why a portion of the money is not necessary
83.10 to achieve a high-quality restoration.

83.11 (k) To ensure public accountability for using
83.12 public money, a recipient of money
83.13 appropriated under this section must, within
83.14 60 days of a land acquisition, provide to the
83.15 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
83.16 Resources documentation of the selection
83.17 process used to identify parcels acquired and
83.18 provide documentation of all related
83.19 transaction costs, including but not limited to
83.20 appraisals, legal fees, recording fees,
83.21 commissions, other similar costs, and
83.22 donations. This information must be provided
83.23 for all parties involved in the transaction. The
83.24 recipient must also report to the
83.25 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
83.26 Resources any difference between the
83.27 acquisition amount paid to the seller and the
83.28 state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal, if
83.29 a state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal
83.30 was conducted.

83.31 (l) A recipient of an appropriation from the
83.32 trust fund under this section must acknowledge
83.33 financial support from the environment and
83.34 natural resources trust fund in project
83.35 publications, signage, and other public

84.1 communications and outreach related to work
84.2 completed using the appropriation.
84.3 Acknowledgment may occur, as appropriate,
84.4 through use of the trust fund logo or inclusion
84.5 of language attributing support from the trust
84.6 fund. Each direct recipient of money
84.7 appropriated in this section, as well as each
84.8 recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this
84.9 section, must satisfy all reporting and other
84.10 requirements incumbent upon constitutionally
84.11 dedicated funding recipients as provided in
84.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
84.13 10, and chapter 116P.

84.14 (m) A recipient of an appropriation from the
84.15 trust fund under this section that is receiving
84.16 funding to conduct children's services, as
84.17 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
84.18 299C.61, subdivision 7, must certify to the
84.19 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
84.20 Resources, as part of the required work plan,
84.21 that criminal background checks for
84.22 background check crimes, as defined in
84.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.61,
84.24 subdivision 2, are performed on all employees,
84.25 contractors, and volunteers that have or may
84.26 have access to a child to whom the recipient
84.27 provides children's services using the
84.28 appropriation.

84.29 **Subd. 14. Payment conditions and capital**
84.30 **equipment expenditures**

84.31 (a) All agreements, grants, or contracts
84.32 referred to in this section must be administered
84.33 on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise
84.34 provided in this section. Notwithstanding
84.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41,

85.1 expenditures made on or after July 1, 2025,
85.2 or the date the work plan is approved,
85.3 whichever is later, are eligible for
85.4 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
85.5 this section. Periodic payments must be made
85.6 upon receiving documentation that the
85.7 deliverable items articulated in the approved
85.8 work plan have been achieved, including
85.9 partial achievements as evidenced by approved
85.10 progress reports. Reasonable amounts may be
85.11 advanced to projects to accommodate
85.12 cash-flow needs or match federal money. The
85.13 advances must be approved as part of the work
85.14 plan. No expenditures for capital equipment
85.15 are allowed unless expressly authorized in the
85.16 project work plan.

85.17 (b) Single-source contracts as specified in the
85.18 approved work plan are allowed.

85.19 **Subd. 15. Purchasing recycled and recyclable**
85.20 **materials**

85.21 A political subdivision, public or private
85.22 corporation, or other entity that receives an
85.23 appropriation under this section must use the
85.24 appropriation in compliance with Minnesota
85.25 Statutes, section 16C.0725, regarding
85.26 purchasing recycled, repairable, and durable
85.27 materials, and Minnesota Statutes, section
85.28 16C.073, regarding purchasing and using
85.29 paper stock and printing.

85.30 **Subd. 16. Accessibility**

85.31 Structural and nonstructural facilities must
85.32 meet the design standards in the Americans
85.33 with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility
85.34 guidelines.

86.1 Subd. 17. **Carryforward; extensions**

86.2 (a) The availability of the appropriations for
86.3 the following projects is extended to June 30,
86.4 2026:

86.5 (1) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
86.6 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph
86.7 (d), Foundational Hydrology Data for Wetland
86.8 Protection and Restoration;

86.9 (2) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
86.10 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 6, paragraph
86.11 (b), Protect Community Forests by Managing
86.12 Ash for Emerald Ash Borer;

86.13 (3) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
86.14 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 9, paragraph
86.15 (t), Chippewa County Acquisition, Recreation,
86.16 and Education;

86.17 (4) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
86.18 6, article 6, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph
86.19 (g), Geologic Atlases for Water Resource
86.20 Management;

86.21 (5) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
86.22 6, article 6, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph
86.23 (n), Bioacoustics for Broad-Scale Species
86.24 Monitoring and Conservation;

86.25 (6) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
86.26 subdivision 4, paragraph (f), Water and
86.27 Climate Information to Enhance Community
86.28 Resilience;

86.29 (7) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
86.30 subdivision 4, paragraph (i), Is the Tire
86.31 Chemical 6PPDq Killing Minnesota's Fish?;

- 87.1 (8) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
87.2 subdivision 7, paragraph (a), Green Solar Cells
87.3 from a Minnesota Natural Resource;
- 87.4 (9) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
87.5 subdivision 8, paragraph (d), Hastings Lake
87.6 Rebecca Park Area;
- 87.7 (10) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
87.8 subdivision 9, paragraph (a), as amended by
87.9 Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 15,
87.10 Mesabi Trail: Wahlsten Road (CR 26) to
87.11 Tower; and
- 87.12 (11) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
87.13 subdivision 9, paragraph (j), as amended by
87.14 Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 5, Silver Bay
87.15 Multimodal Trailhead Project.
- 87.16 (b) The availability of the appropriations for
87.17 the following projects is extended to June 30,
87.18 2027:
- 87.19 (1) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
87.20 subdivision 4, paragraph (g), Catch and
87.21 Reveal: Discovering Unknown Fish
87.22 Contamination Threats;
- 87.23 (2) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
87.24 subdivision 9, paragraph (e), Native Prairie
87.25 Stewardship and Prairie Bank Easement
87.26 Acquisition;
- 87.27 (3) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
87.28 subdivision 9, paragraph (h), SNA Habitat
87.29 Restoration and Public Engagement; and
- 87.30 (4) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
87.31 subdivision 9, paragraph (n), Ranier Safe
87.32 Harbor/Transient Dock - Phase 2.

87.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 17 is effective the day following final enactment.

88.1 Sec. 3. Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

88.2 Subd. 3. **Foundational Natural Resource Data**
88.3 **and Information**

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88.4 (a) **Native Plant Community Data in the City of**
88.5 **Duluth**

88.6 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust
88.7 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
88.8 for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust
88.9 to develop field-verified native plant
88.10 community data and maps for the city of
88.11 Duluth and the St. Louis River estuary to
88.12 support conservation and restoration activities.

88.13 (b) **Reconstructing Historical Wild Rice to**
88.14 **Understand Its Future**

88.15 \$200,000 the second year is from the trust
88.16 fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota for
88.17 the St. Croix Watershed Research Station to
88.18 characterize environmental drivers
88.19 contributing to the decline of wild rice using
88.20 lake sediment cores to reconstruct historical
88.21 wild rice abundance in relation to lake and
88.22 watershed stressors.

88.23 (c) **Characterizing Tree Cavities and Use by**
88.24 **Minnesota's Wildlife**

88.25 \$349,000 the second year is from the trust
88.26 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
88.27 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
88.28 Research Institute in Duluth to assess the
88.29 effects of forest management on Minnesota's
88.30 primary cavity engineer, the pileated
88.31 woodpecker, and on the wildlife that rely on
88.32 the cavities that pileated woodpeckers create.
88.33 This appropriation is also to develop
88.34 management guidelines.

89.1 **(d) Fate of Minnesota's Lakes in the Next**
89.2 **Century**

89.3 \$453,000 the second year is from the trust
89.4 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
89.5 of Minnesota to use new modeling techniques
89.6 to quantify how water quality of Minnesota's
89.7 lakes will change in the next century under
89.8 future land use and climate change scenarios
89.9 and to create an online web tool to display the
89.10 results. This appropriation is subject to
89.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This
89.12 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,
89.13 by which time the project must be completed
89.14 and final products delivered.

89.15 **(e) Turtle Island Skywatchers - Minnesota**
89.16 **Research and Data Visualization**

89.17 \$200,000 the second year is from the trust
89.18 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
89.19 for an agreement with Native Skywatchers
89.20 Inc. to engage youth in environmental
89.21 stewardship by collecting images and acoustic
89.22 data from turtles and other culturally
89.23 significant animals and their habitats,
89.24 evaluating the differences in these soundscapes
89.25 across landscapes, and sharing the results
89.26 through scientific storytelling and online
89.27 platforms.

89.28 **(f) Monitoring Minnesota's Insects: Connecting**
89.29 **Habitat to Insect Prey**

89.30 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust
89.31 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
89.32 of Minnesota to investigate the ecological
89.33 roles of and energy transfer by certain
89.34 Minnesota insects throughout their life cycles
89.35 and to train future insect researchers on field
89.36 techniques.

90.1 **(g) Determining Ambient Background PFAS**
90.2 **Concentrations in Minnesota Soils**

90.3 \$621,000 the second year is from the trust
90.4 fund to the commissioner of the Pollution
90.5 Control Agency to determine ambient
90.6 background per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance
90.7 (PFAS) levels in urban and nonurban soils to
90.8 help Minnesota develop management
90.9 strategies for PFAS-contaminated soils. This
90.10 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,
90.11 by which time the project must be completed
90.12 and final products delivered.

90.13 **(h) Investigating Life History Characteristics of**
90.14 **Minnesota Elk**

90.15 \$933,000 the second year is from the trust
90.16 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
90.17 to assess Minnesota elk herd health and
90.18 genetic diversity, movements, survival, and
90.19 causes of mortality and to develop a
90.20 noninvasive, safer, and more accurate method
90.21 to estimate population size. This appropriation
90.22 is available until June 30, 2028, by which time
90.23 the project must be completed and final
90.24 products delivered.

90.25 **(i) Foundational Data for Moth and Butterfly**
90.26 **Conservation**

90.27 \$195,000 the second year is from the trust
90.28 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
90.29 to perform field surveys and consolidate
90.30 existing data to create the first comprehensive
90.31 list of Minnesota moths and butterflies. This
90.32 appropriation is also to conduct outreach to
90.33 inform land managers and to facilitate public
90.34 appreciation of these species.

90.35 **(j) DNR County Groundwater Atlas**

91.1 \$3,200,000 the second year is from the trust
91.2 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
91.3 to continue producing county groundwater
91.4 atlases to inform management of surface water
91.5 and groundwater resources for drinking and
91.6 other purposes. This appropriation is for Part
91.7 B, to characterize the potential water yields of
91.8 aquifers and aquifers' sensitivity to
91.9 contamination.

91.10 **(k) Voyageurs Wolf Project - Phase III**

91.11 \$996,000 the second year is from the trust
91.12 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
91.13 of Minnesota to continue to study summertime
91.14 wolf predation on deer, moose, and other
91.15 species in the greater Voyageurs ecosystem
91.16 to inform wildlife management and to share
91.17 natural history of this species with the public.
91.18 This appropriation is available until June 30,
91.19 2028, by which time the project must be
91.20 completed and final products delivered.

91.21 **(l) Distribution and Population Status of Weasels**
91.22 **in Minnesota**

91.23 \$400,000 the second year is from the trust
91.24 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
91.25 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
91.26 Research Institute in Duluth to determine the
91.27 distribution, relative abundance, and spatial
91.28 occupancy patterns of small weasel species in
91.29 Minnesota to fill key knowledge gaps in
91.30 weasel distribution and status in Minnesota.

91.31 **(m) Improving Aquatic Plant Knowledge for**
91.32 **Healthy Waters**

91.33 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust
91.34 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
91.35 to collect foundational data on Minnesota's

92.1 native aquatic plant biodiversity through new
92.2 and enhanced lake surveys and to disseminate
92.3 results to state resource managers, scientists,
92.4 and the public.

92.5 **(n) New Small Mammal Monitoring Methods**
92.6 **for Minnesota**

92.7 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust
92.8 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
92.9 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
92.10 Research Institute in Duluth to develop camera
92.11 trapping methods as a new tool to collect
92.12 foundational data and fill key knowledge gaps
92.13 in the status of small mammal species in
92.14 Minnesota.

92.15 **(o) Status of Bats and Roost Trees after**
92.16 **White-Nose Syndrome**

92.17 \$195,000 the second year is from the trust
92.18 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
92.19 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
92.20 Research Institute in Duluth to study changes
92.21 in maternity roost trees and bat populations in
92.22 the forested areas of Minnesota and to evaluate
92.23 the effects of years of white-nose syndrome
92.24 on Minnesota bats.

92.25 **(p) Sublethal Effects of Pesticides on the**
92.26 **Invertebrate Community**

92.27 \$387,000 the second year is from the trust
92.28 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
92.29 of Minnesota to provide data on pesticide
92.30 contamination in soil and the insect
92.31 community across the state and the effect of
92.32 insecticide exposure on insect reproduction.
92.33 This appropriation is available until June 30,
92.34 2029, by which time the project must be
92.35 completed and final products delivered.

93.1 **(q) Modernizing Minnesota's Plant Community**
93.2 **Classification and Field Guides**

93.3 \$1,800,000 the second year is from the trust
93.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
93.5 to collect additional vegetation and
93.6 environmental data and update the state's
93.7 20-year-old native plant community
93.8 classification guides to incorporate new data,
93.9 streamline user application and access to
93.10 products, and include analysis of climate and
93.11 vegetation trends. Net income generated as
93.12 part of this appropriation may be reinvested
93.13 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is
93.14 approved in the work plan. This appropriation
93.15 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
93.16 116P.10.

93.17 **(r) Assessing Prairie Health to Inform Pollinator**
93.18 **Conservation**

93.19 \$297,000 the second year is from the trust
93.20 fund to the Minnesota Zoological Society to
93.21 assess habitat quality and pesticide occurrence
93.22 in Minnesota prairies to help inform
93.23 management actions, endangered species
93.24 recovery plans, and pollinator reintroduction
93.25 efforts for endangered and threatened
93.26 butterflies and other wildlife.

93.27 **(s) Understanding Native Fishes in the**
93.28 **Bowfishing Era**

93.29 \$588,000 the second year is from the trust
93.30 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
93.31 of Minnesota, Duluth, to collect foundational
93.32 biological information on a selection of native
93.33 Minnesota fish to aid in sustainable
93.34 management, improve recreational
93.35 opportunities, and educate the public about
93.36 these shared aquatic resources. This

94.1 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,
94.2 by which time the project must be completed
94.3 and final products delivered.

94.4 **(t) Preserving Minnesota Wildflower**
94.5 **Information**

94.6 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust
94.7 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
94.8 of Minnesota, Bell Museum of Natural
94.9 History, to preserve and enhance Minnesota
94.10 Wildflowers Information, an online tool for
94.11 plant identification, by integrating the content
94.12 and functionality of the website with the
94.13 Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas for public use
94.14 as required by Laws 2017, chapter 96, section
94.15 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (e).

94.16 **(u) White-Tailed Deer Movement and Disease**
94.17 **in Suburban Areas**

94.18 \$699,000 the second year is from the trust
94.19 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
94.20 of Minnesota to better understand white-tailed
94.21 deer movement, habitat use, and disease
94.22 dynamics at the suburban-agricultural interface
94.23 to inform more efficient deer management and
94.24 disease control.

94.25 **(v) Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and**
94.26 **Minnesota Raptors**

94.27 \$187,000 the second year is from the trust
94.28 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
94.29 of Minnesota for the Raptor Center to evaluate
94.30 Minnesota raptors for current or past infections
94.31 with highly pathogenic avian influenza virus
94.32 to better understand disease transmission and
94.33 outbreak impacts on raptor populations.

94.34 **(w) Geologic Atlases for Water Resource**
94.35 **Management**

95.1 \$1,236,000 the second year is from the trust
 95.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 95.3 of Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey,
 95.4 to continue producing county geologic atlases
 95.5 to inform management of surface water and
 95.6 groundwater resources. This appropriation is
 95.7 to complete Part A, which focuses on the
 95.8 properties and distribution of earth materials
 95.9 to define aquifer boundaries and the
 95.10 connection of aquifers to the land surface and
 95.11 surface water resources.

95.12 **(x) Remote Sensing for Pollinator Habitat**

95.13 \$180,000 the second year is from the trust
 95.14 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 95.15 for an agreement with Monarch Joint Venture
 95.16 to use remote sensing technology to evaluate
 95.17 pollinator habitat on energy and transportation
 95.18 corridors across Minnesota and to host
 95.19 field-day training workshops. Net income
 95.20 generated as part of this appropriation may be
 95.21 reinvested in the project if a plan for
 95.22 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as
 95.23 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
 95.24 116P.10.

95.25 **(y) Harnessing Cover Crops and Roots for**
 95.26 **Sustainable Cropping**

95.27 \$375,000 the second year is from the trust
 95.28 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 95.29 of Minnesota to determine carbon
 95.30 sequestration, nitrogen credit potential, water
 95.31 use, and performance of cover crops in
 95.32 corn-soybean and corn-soybean-wheat
 95.33 rotations in southern Minnesota.

95.34 **(z) Effects of Conservation Grazing on Solar**
 95.35 **Sites Managed for Pollinator Habitat**

96.1 \$88,000 the second year is from the trust fund
96.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
96.3 an agreement with Minnesota Native
96.4 Landscapes, in partnership with Temple
96.5 University, to analyze the effects of sheep
96.6 grazing and mowing on the vegetation and
96.7 soils of solar sites managed for pollinator
96.8 habitat and to improve understanding of the
96.9 environmental outcomes from the colocation
96.10 of solar panels; grazing; and native,
96.11 pollinator-friendly vegetation. This
96.12 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
96.13 by which time the project must be completed
96.14 and final products delivered.

96.15 **(aa) Genetic Detection of Endangered Mussels**
96.16 **in the Mississippi**

96.17 \$241,000 the second year is from the trust
96.18 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
96.19 for an agreement with the United States
96.20 Geological Survey, Ohio Water Microbiology
96.21 Lab, to create, optimize, and use eDNA assays
96.22 to detect the presence of endangered or
96.23 threatened mussel species around Buffalo
96.24 Slough near the Prairie Island Indian
96.25 Community.

96.26 **(bb) Integrated Population Modeling for**
96.27 **Trumpeter Swans**

96.28 \$180,000 the second year is from the trust
96.29 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
96.30 of Minnesota to compile and use all available
96.31 data to model historical population abundance
96.32 and estimate future population dynamics of
96.33 Minnesota trumpeter swans.

96.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2024.

97.1	Sec. 4. Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivision 8, is amended to read:		
97.2	Subd. 8. Methods to Protect or Restore Land, Water, and Habitat	-0-	10,910,000
97.3			
97.4	(a) Long-Term Preservation of Minnesota's Ball Cactus Population		
97.5			
97.6	\$100,000 the second year is from the trust		
97.7	fund to the Board of Regents of the University		
97.8	of Minnesota for the Minnesota Landscape		
97.9	Arboretum to protect Minnesota's only		
97.10	population of ball cactus by supporting		
97.11	population expansion and establishment,		
97.12	monitoring transferred plants, and training		
97.13	long-term volunteer monitors. This		
97.14	appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,		
97.15	by which time the project must be completed		
97.16	and final products delivered.		
97.17	(b) Morrison County Historical Society Streambank Stabilization and Restoration		
97.18			
97.19	\$519,000 the second year is from the trust		
97.20	fund to the commissioner of natural resources		
97.21	for an agreement with the Morrison Soil and		
97.22	Water Conservation District to stabilize and		
97.23	restore land along the Mississippi River owned		
97.24	by the Morrison County Historical Society		
97.25	within the statutory boundaries of Charles A.		
97.26	Lindbergh State Park to improve water quality		
97.27	and improve aquatic and terrestrial habit. For		
97.28	purposes of this appropriation, subdivision 13,		
97.29	paragraph (e), does not apply. The		
97.30	commissioner of natural resources may make		
97.31	reasonable amounts of this appropriation		
97.32	available on an advance basis to accommodate		
97.33	the Morrison Soil and Water Conservation		
97.34	District's cash-flow needs if a plan for the		
97.35	advances is approved as part of the work plan.		

98.1 **(c) Can Increased Tree Diversity Increase**
98.2 **Community Diversity?**

98.3 \$415,000 the second year is from the trust
98.4 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
98.5 of Minnesota to evaluate impacts of increasing
98.6 tree diversity on wildlife, plant and fungal
98.7 communities, and carbon storage within aspen
98.8 forests in northern Minnesota to develop best
98.9 management practices for mixed woodland
98.10 systems.

98.11 **(d) Restoration of Riverside Park**

98.12 \$141,000 the second year is from the trust
98.13 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
98.14 for an agreement with the city of Long Prairie
98.15 to improve water retention, increase native
98.16 habitat, and enhance footpaths for recreation
98.17 at Riverside Park in Todd County, Minnesota.
98.18 The project must create a net increase in
98.19 habitat, and this appropriation may not be used
98.20 to meet the conditions of any permits received
98.21 for the project.

98.22 **(e) Pollinator Central IV: Habitat Improvement**
98.23 **with Public Engagement**

98.24 \$698,000 the second year is from the trust
98.25 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
98.26 for an agreement with Great River Greening
98.27 to partner with municipalities, educational
98.28 organizations, and volunteers to create and
98.29 enhance pollinator habitat along public
98.30 corridors from Lakeville to St. Cloud and to
98.31 engage youth and the public through education
98.32 and monitoring the impact of habitat
98.33 improvements. This appropriation is available
98.34 until June 30, 2028, by which time the project

99.1 must be completed and final products
99.2 delivered.

99.3 **(f) Conservation Grazing for Birds, Beef, and**
99.4 **Better Soil**

99.5 \$342,000 the second year is from the trust
99.6 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
99.7 for an agreement with the National Audubon
99.8 Society, Minnesota office, to assess Audubon
99.9 Conservation Ranching as a strategic approach
99.10 to improve grassland biodiversity, soils, and
99.11 ecosystem resilience. This appropriation is
99.12 available until June 30, 2028, by which time
99.13 the project must be completed and final
99.14 products delivered.

99.15 **(g) Minnesota Microbes for Enhanced**
99.16 **Biodegradation of Microplastics**

99.17 \$524,000 the second year is from the trust
99.18 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
99.19 of Minnesota to investigate the potential of
99.20 natural and indigenous microbes to biodegrade
99.21 conventional plastics in contaminated soils
99.22 and waters across the state. This appropriation
99.23 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
99.24 116P.10.

99.25 **(h) Completing the Mississippi River Greenway:**
99.26 **Dakota County**

99.27 \$657,000 the second year is from the trust
99.28 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
99.29 for an agreement with Dakota County to
99.30 restore and enhance habitat on public lands,
99.31 establish linear native plantings, and install
99.32 electric-vehicle charging stations within and
99.33 along the 27-mile Mississippi River Greenway
99.34 in Dakota County. Net income generated as
99.35 part of this appropriation may be reinvested

100.1 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is
100.2 approved in the work plan. This appropriation
100.3 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
100.4 116P.10, and is available until June 30, 2028,
100.5 by which time the project must be completed
100.6 and final products delivered.

100.7 **(i) Enabling Nature to Destroy Environmental**
100.8 **PFAS Contaminants**

100.9 \$378,000 the second year is from the trust
100.10 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
100.11 of Minnesota to identify enzymes and
100.12 microbes that can break down soil-based per-
100.13 and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into
100.14 nontoxic elements. This appropriation is
100.15 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

100.16 **(j) Bioacoustics for Species Monitoring and**
100.17 **Conservation - Phase 2**

100.18 \$568,000 the second year is from the trust
100.19 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
100.20 of Minnesota to assess avian diversity at the
100.21 statewide scale by developing a citizen science
100.22 bioacoustics monitoring program with an
100.23 initial focus on private lands.

100.24 **(k) Preventing PFAS and Microplastics**
100.25 **Contaminants Across Minnesota**

100.26 \$656,000 the second year is from the trust
100.27 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
100.28 of Minnesota to help stop the flow of per- and
100.29 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and
100.30 microplastics contaminants into Minnesota's
100.31 environment by developing strategies and
100.32 technologies to manage solid waste streams
100.33 on site. This appropriation is subject to
100.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

101.1 **(l) Shingle Creek Aquatic and Shoreline Habitat**
101.2 **Enhancement**

101.3 \$1,100,000 the second year is from the trust
101.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
101.5 for an agreement with the Minneapolis Park
101.6 and Recreation Board to plan and restore a
101.7 section of Shingle Creek in north Minneapolis
101.8 with native aquatic and shoreline vegetation,
101.9 channel and bank modification, and natural
101.10 stream features. This appropriation is also to
101.11 monitor plant and animal health following
101.12 construction to ensure that the ecological
101.13 functioning of the creek corridor is restored.
101.14 This appropriation is available until June 30,
101.15 2030, by which time the project must be
101.16 completed and final products delivered.

101.17 **(m) LiDAR Technology to Help Prevent Wildlife**
101.18 **Fatalities from Wind Turbines**

101.19 \$525,000 the second year is from the trust
101.20 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
101.21 of Minnesota to create a low-cost and
101.22 advanced LiDAR system to detect bats and
101.23 birds approaching wind turbines that may be
101.24 used in concert with deterrence or impact
101.25 avoidance methods to prevent collisions. This
101.26 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,
101.27 section 116P.10.

101.28 **(n) Road Salt Pollution of Surface Waters from**
101.29 **Groundwater**

101.30 \$622,000 the second year is from the trust
101.31 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
101.32 of Minnesota to inform source-reduction
101.33 efforts by developing a model to identify hot
101.34 spots where road-salt-contaminated
101.35 groundwater leads to chloride pollution of
101.36 surface waters.

102.1 **(o) Growing the Minnesota Bison Conservation**
102.2 **Herd**

102.3 \$1,775,000 the second year is from the trust
102.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
102.5 to reintroduce bison to Camden State Park as
102.6 part of a statewide effort to preserve the
102.7 American Plains bison genome.
102.8 Reintroduction includes the design,
102.9 construction, and installation of fencing, a
102.10 handling facility, signage, exhibits, and other
102.11 site improvements. This appropriation is
102.12 available until June 30, 2030, by which time
102.13 the project must be completed and final
102.14 products delivered.

102.15 **(p) Priority Lakes: Meeting Protection Goals**
102.16 **and Multiplying Benefits**

102.17 \$1,890,000 the second year is from the trust
102.18 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
102.19 for an agreement with the Hubbard County
102.20 Soil and Water Conservation District, in
102.21 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to
102.22 protect habitat, forest health, and water quality
102.23 in the best fishing lakes by creating lake
102.24 implementation action plans, conducting
102.25 community-based habitat restorations and
102.26 improvements, and protecting forest lands with
102.27 conservation easements and Sustainable Forest
102.28 Incentive Act (SFIA) enrollments within
102.29 prioritized areas of the upper Mississippi River
102.30 basin ~~in Hubbard County~~. Of this amount, up
102.31 to \$168,000 is for deposit in a monitoring fund
102.32 to be used by Minnesota Land Trust as
102.33 approved in the work plan and subject to
102.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.20.

102.35 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2024.

103.1 **ARTICLE 3**

103.2 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND COMMUNITY**
103.3 **GRANTS APPROPRIATIONS**

103.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; ENRTF COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

103.5 \$28,180,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$28,180,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated
103.6 from the environment and natural resources trust fund to the commissioner of natural
103.7 resources to make grants under the environment and natural resources trust fund community
103.8 grant program established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116X.03. These are onetime
103.9 appropriations and are available until June 30, 2029.

103.10 **ARTICLE 4**

103.11 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY**

103.12 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.027, is amended by adding a subdivision
103.13 to read:

103.14 Subd. 21. **Outreach to culturally diverse communities.** The commissioner must ensure
103.15 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the commissioner's work and the work of the
103.16 department are carried out in a manner that facilitates outreach to and communication with
103.17 Minnesotans of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and languages. To the maximum extent
103.18 practicable, public hearings, solicitations for grant proposals, and other interactions with
103.19 the public must include audiovisual communication components and must not rely exclusively
103.20 on written forms of communication.

103.21 Sec. 2. **[84.9766] OUTDOOR SCHOOL FOR ALL; GRANT PROGRAM.**

103.22 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of natural resources must establish
103.23 and administer a program to provide grants to learning centers eligible under subdivision
103.24 2 for outdoor education programs serving students in grades 4 through 12.

103.25 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** (a) The commissioner may award grants under this section to
103.26 overnight outdoor school experience providers accredited by a state-recognized school
103.27 accrediting agency and to other outdoor school experience accredited providers offering
103.28 similar programming.

103.29 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this section, the outdoor education program must:

103.30 (1) provide a multiday, overnight educational experience that is comprised mainly of
103.31 outdoor-based learning activities;

- 104.1 (2) provide students with opportunities to directly experience and understand nature and
104.2 the natural world, including field study opportunities for student learning;
- 104.3 (3) use a research-based environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other
104.4 natural-resource-based educational curriculum;
- 104.5 (4) be integrated with local school curricula to help students meet academic standards;
- 104.6 (5) provide students with opportunities to develop:
- 104.7 (i) leadership;
- 104.8 (ii) critical thinking;
- 104.9 (iii) self-sufficiency;
- 104.10 (iv) decision-making skills; and
- 104.11 (v) social and emotional skills; and
- 104.12 (6) address accessibility of outdoor educational opportunities for underserved students,
104.13 including students with disabilities.

104.14 Sec. 3. **[86B.109] ABANDONED WATERCRAFT.**

104.15 Subdivision 1. **Tagging authority; notice to owner.** (a) A peace officer or an employee
104.16 designated by the commissioner under section 84.0835 may place a tag on a watercraft
104.17 unlawfully located on public accesses, public lands, and waters of this state or unlawfully
104.18 located on property adjacent to waters of this state. A watercraft is unlawfully located if the
104.19 watercraft appears to be:

- 104.20 (1) inoperative and neglected, wrecked, stranded, or substantially dismantled;
- 104.21 (2) in immediate danger of sinking; or
- 104.22 (3) unmoored and unattended.

104.23 (b) A peace officer or employee who places a tag on a watercraft under this subdivision
104.24 must notify the commissioner of placing the tag within 48 hours. The notification must
104.25 include a statement of the basis for the decision to place a tag on the watercraft.

104.26 (c) Upon receiving notification under paragraph (b), the commissioner must send a notice
104.27 by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the registered owner of the watercraft. The
104.28 notice must state that:

- 104.29 (1) the watercraft has been tagged and the condition that resulted in the watercraft being
104.30 tagged must be remedied immediately; and

105.1 (2) failure to remedy within 14 days of the notice being sent is a criminal violation that
105.2 may result in civil and criminal penalties and the forfeiture of the watercraft.

105.3 Subd. 2. **Failure to remedy.** The registered owner of a watercraft who knowingly fails
105.4 to remedy the condition that resulted in the watercraft being tagged within 14 days of the
105.5 commissioner sending the notice required by subdivision 1, paragraph (c), is guilty of a
105.6 misdemeanor. In addition, the owner is liable to the Department of Natural Resources for
105.7 all costs incurred by the commissioner in enforcing this section against the owner and is
105.8 subject to a civil penalty of not less than two times nor more than five times the costs incurred
105.9 by the commissioner to remove, process, and dispose of the watercraft. Civil penalties
105.10 imposed under this subdivision may be enforced and distributed as provided in section
105.11 115A.99.

105.12 Subd. 3. **Seizure of abandoned watercraft.** Fourteen days after the commissioner sends
105.13 the notice required by subdivision 1, paragraph (c), to the registered owner, or concludes
105.14 that there is no registered owner, the commissioner must investigate the watercraft. If, upon
105.15 inspection, the watercraft has not been removed and the condition that prompted the peace
105.16 officer or employee to tag it has not been substantially remedied, the watercraft is considered
105.17 abandoned and the commissioner must seize and forfeit the watercraft according to section
105.18 97A.223.

105.19 Subd. 4. **Relation to other law.** An abandoned watercraft that becomes submerged and
105.20 subject to section 86B.107 must be removed and disposed of in accordance with that section.

105.21 Subd. 5. **Exceptions.** This section does not apply to previously sunk watercraft of
105.22 historical significance or that are currently a destination for scuba divers or commercial
105.23 tourism that do not pose an ongoing environmental or public safety risk.

105.24 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

105.25 Subd. 7. **Watercraft surcharge.** A ~~\$10.60~~ surcharge is placed on each watercraft licensed
105.26 under subdivisions 1 to 5 for control, public awareness, law enforcement, monitoring, and
105.27 research of aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussel, purple loosestrife, and Eurasian
105.28 watermilfoil in public waters and public wetlands. The surcharge is:

105.29 (1) for a watercraft 19 feet or less in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses (2)
105.30 to (8), \$29;

105.31 (2) for a watercraft, other than personal watercraft, 19 feet in length or less that is offered
105.32 for rent or lease, \$25;

105.33 (3) for a sailboat 19 feet in length or less, \$20;

- 106.1 (4) for a watercraft used by a nonprofit corporation for teaching boat and water safety,
106.2 \$14;
- 106.3 (5) for a watercraft owned by a dealer under a dealer's license, \$50;
- 106.4 (6) for a personal watercraft, including one offered for rent or lease, \$25;
- 106.5 (7) for a watercraft less than 17 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses
106.6 (2) to (6), \$25;
- 106.7 (8) for a canoe, kayak, sailboard, paddleboard, paddleboat, or rowing shell over ten feet
106.8 in length, \$20;
- 106.9 (9) for a watercraft more than 19 feet but less than 26 feet in length, other than a
106.10 watercraft listed in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$38;
- 106.11 (10) for a watercraft 26 feet but less than 40 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed
106.12 in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$50;
- 106.13 (11) for a watercraft 40 feet in length or longer, other than a watercraft listed in clauses
106.14 (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$62; and
- 106.15 (12) for a watercraft used primarily for charter fishing, commercial fishing, commercial
106.16 passenger carrying, or other commercial operation, \$50.

106.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

106.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.223, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

106.19 Subdivision 1. **Property subject to seizure and forfeiture.** (a) An enforcement officer
106.20 must seize:

106.21 (1) firearms possessed in violation of state or federal law or court order; ~~and~~

106.22 (2) property described in section 97A.221, subdivision 1, where no owner can be
106.23 determined; and

106.24 (3) a watercraft that is abandoned according to section 86B.109, subdivision 3.

106.25 (b) Property seized under this section is subject to administrative forfeiture.

106.26 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.421, is amended by adding a subdivision to
106.27 read:

106.28 Subd. 3c. **Restrictions after conviction; abandoned watercraft.** (a) After a conviction
106.29 under section 86B.109, subdivision 2, the following license and registration restrictions

107.1 remain in effect until the person reimburses the Department of Natural Resources for all
107.2 the department's costs under section 86B.109, subdivision 2:

107.3 (1) all the person's annual game and fish licenses are void;

107.4 (2) the person may not act under any lifetime game and fish license;

107.5 (3) all the person's watercraft licenses and registrations that are required to operate
107.6 watercraft in the state are void;

107.7 (4) all the person's off-highway vehicle and snowmobile licenses and registrations that
107.8 are required to operate those vehicles in the state are void; and

107.9 (5) the person may not obtain any of the licenses or registrations described in clauses
107.10 (1) to (4).

107.11 (b) If a conviction under section 86B.109, subdivision 2, was for abandoning a watercraft
107.12 in a boundary water of the state, the commissioner must coordinate with neighboring
107.13 jurisdictions to ensure that, to the maximum extent practicable, the person is subject to
107.14 similar consequences in the neighboring jurisdiction as those imposed under paragraph (a).

107.15 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.465, is amended by adding a subdivision to
107.16 read:

107.17 Subd. 9. **Resident disabled veterans; reduced fee licenses.** A person authorized to
107.18 issue licenses must issue the following licenses for the reduced fee specified under section
107.19 97A.475 to a resident who is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, and who has a 50 to
107.20 99 percent service-connected disability as defined by the United States Department of
107.21 Veterans Affairs upon being furnished satisfactory evidence:

107.22 (1) a license to take deer by firearms, archery, or muzzleloader;

107.23 (2) a license to take small game; and

107.24 (3) a license to take fish by angling.

107.25 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

107.26 Subd. 2. **Resident hunting.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents
107.27 only, are:

107.28 (1) for persons age 18 or over and under age 65 to take small game, \$15.50;

107.29 (2) for persons age 65 or over, \$7 to take small game;

107.30 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take turkey, \$26;

- 108.1 (4) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, \$5;
- 108.2 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms
108.3 season, \$34;
- 108.4 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, \$34;
- 108.5 (7) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader
108.6 season, \$34;
- 108.7 (8) to take moose, for a party of not more than six persons, \$356;
- 108.8 (9) for persons age 18 or over to take bear, \$44;
- 108.9 (10) to take elk, for a party of not more than two persons, \$287;
- 108.10 (11) to take light geese during the light goose conservation order, \$2.50;
- 108.11 (12) to take sandhill crane during the sandhill crane season, \$3;
- 108.12 (13) to take prairie chickens, \$23;
- 108.13 (14) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during the
108.14 regular firearms season, \$5;
- 108.15 (15) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, \$5;
- 108.16 (16) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by muzzleloader during
108.17 the muzzleloader season, \$5;
- 108.18 (17) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take bear, no fee;
- 108.19 (18) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take bear, \$5;
- 108.20 (19) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour period
108.21 selected by the licensee, \$19, of which an amount equal to one-half of the fee for the
108.22 migratory-waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the
108.23 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half of
108.24 the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in the
108.25 pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and one-half
108.26 of the small-game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited in the wildlife acquisition
108.27 account;
- 108.28 (20) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take small game, \$5;
- 108.29 (21) to take wolf, \$30;
- 108.30 (22) for persons age 12 and under to take turkey, no fee;

109.1 (23) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by firearm, no fee;

109.2 (24) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by archery, no fee; ~~and~~

109.3 (25) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader
109.4 season, no fee; and

109.5 (26) for disabled veterans to take deer or small game under section 97A.465, subdivision
109.6 9, \$5.

109.7 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

109.8 Subd. 6. **Resident fishing.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents only,
109.9 are:

109.10 (1) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, \$25;

109.11 (2) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, for a combined license for a married
109.12 couple, \$40;

109.13 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by spearing from a dark house, \$6, and the
109.14 person must possess an angling license;

109.15 (4) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected by
109.16 the licensee, \$12;

109.17 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a consecutive 72-hour period
109.18 selected by the licensee, \$14;

109.19 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for three consecutive years, \$71;
109.20 ~~and~~

109.21 (7) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take fish by angling, \$5; and

109.22 (8) for disabled veterans to take fish by angling under section 97A.465, subdivision 9,
109.23 \$5.

109.24 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.271, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

109.25 Subd. 6. **Water-use permit; processing fee.** (a) Except as described in paragraphs (b)
109.26 to (g), a water-use permit processing fee must be prescribed by the commissioner in
109.27 accordance with the schedule of fees in this subdivision for each water-use permit in force
109.28 at any time during the year. Fees collected under this paragraph are credited to the water
109.29 management account in the natural resources fund. The schedule is as follows, with the
109.30 stated fee in each clause applied to the total amount appropriated:

- 110.1 (1) ~~\$140~~ \$200 for amounts not exceeding 50,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.2 (2) ~~\$3.50~~ \$6 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 50,000,000 gallons but less
- 110.3 than 100,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.4 (3) ~~\$4~~ \$7 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 100,000,000 gallons but less
- 110.5 than 150,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.6 (4) ~~\$4.50~~ \$8 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 150,000,000 gallons but
- 110.7 less than 200,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.8 (5) ~~\$5~~ \$9 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 200,000,000 gallons but less
- 110.9 than 250,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.10 (6) ~~\$5.50~~ \$10 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 250,000,000 gallons but
- 110.11 less than 300,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.12 (7) ~~\$6~~ \$11 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 300,000,000 gallons but less
- 110.13 than 350,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.14 (8) ~~\$6.50~~ \$12 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 350,000,000 gallons but
- 110.15 less than 400,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.16 (9) ~~\$7~~ \$13 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 400,000,000 gallons but less
- 110.17 than 450,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.18 (10) ~~\$7.50~~ \$14 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 450,000,000 gallons but
- 110.19 less than 500,000,000 gallons per year; and
- 110.20 (11) ~~\$8~~ \$15 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 500,000,000 gallons per
- 110.21 year.
- 110.22 (b) For once-through cooling systems, a water-use processing fee must be prescribed
- 110.23 by the commissioner in accordance with the following schedule of fees for each water-use
- 110.24 permit in force at any time during the year:
- 110.25 (1) for nonprofit corporations and school districts, \$200 per 1,000,000 gallons; and
- 110.26 (2) for all other users, \$420 per 1,000,000 gallons.
- 110.27 (c) The fee is payable based on the amount of water appropriated during the year and;
- 110.28 ~~except as provided in paragraph (f),~~ the minimum fee is \$100.
- 110.29 (d) For water-use processing fees other than once-through cooling systems:
- 110.30 (1) the fee for a city of the first class may not exceed ~~\$250,000~~ \$325,000 per year;

- 111.1 (2) the fee for other entities for any permitted use may not exceed:
- 111.2 (i) ~~\$60,000~~ \$75,000 per year for an entity holding three or fewer permits;
- 111.3 (ii) ~~\$90,000~~ \$125,000 per year for an entity holding four or five permits; or
- 111.4 (iii) ~~\$300,000~~ \$400,000 per year for an entity holding more than five permits;
- 111.5 (3) the fee for agricultural irrigation may not exceed ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 per year;
- 111.6 (4) the fee for a municipality that furnishes electric service and cogenerates steam for
- 111.7 home heating may not exceed \$10,000 for its permit for water use related to the cogeneration
- 111.8 of electricity and steam;
- 111.9 (5) the fee for a facility that temporarily diverts a water of the state from its natural
- 111.10 channel to produce hydroelectric or hydromechanical power may not exceed \$5,000 per
- 111.11 year. A permit for such a facility does not count toward the number of permits held by an
- 111.12 entity as described in this paragraph; and
- 111.13 (6) no fee is required for a project involving the appropriation of surface water to prevent
- 111.14 flood damage or to remove floodwaters during a period of flooding, as determined by the
- 111.15 commissioner.
- 111.16 (e) Failure to pay the fee is sufficient cause for revoking a permit. A penalty of ten
- 111.17 percent per month calculated from the original due date must be imposed on the unpaid
- 111.18 balance of fees remaining 30 days after the sending of a second notice of fees due. A fee
- 111.19 may not be imposed on an agency, as defined in section 16B.01, subdivision 2, or federal
- 111.20 governmental agency holding a water appropriation permit.
- 111.21 (f) The minimum water-use processing fee for a permit issued for irrigation of agricultural
- 111.22 land is ~~\$20~~ \$100 for years in which:
- 111.23 (1) there is no appropriation of water under the permit; or
- 111.24 (2) the permit is suspended for more than seven consecutive days between May 1 and
- 111.25 October 1.
- 111.26 (g) The commissioner shall waive the water-use permit fee for installations and projects
- 111.27 that use stormwater runoff or where public entities are diverting water to treat a water quality
- 111.28 issue and returning the water to its source without using the water for any other purpose,
- 111.29 unless the commissioner determines that the proposed use adversely affects surface water
- 111.30 or groundwater.
- 111.31 (h) A surcharge of \$50 per million gallons in addition to the fee prescribed in paragraph
- 111.32 (a) ~~shall be~~ is applied to the volume of water used in each of the months of May, June, July,

August, and September that exceeds the volume of water used in January for municipal water use, irrigation of golf courses, and landscape irrigation. The surcharge for municipalities with more than one permit ~~shall be~~ is determined based on the total appropriations from all permits that supply a common distribution system.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2026.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.301, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Permit application and notification fees. (a) A fee to defray the costs of receiving, recording, and processing must be paid for a permit application authorized under this chapter, except for a general permit application, for each request to amend or transfer an existing permit, and for a notification to request authorization to conduct a project under a general permit. Fees established under this subdivision, unless specified in paragraph (c), must comply with section 16A.1285.

(b) Proposed projects that require water in excess of 100 million gallons per year must be assessed fees to recover the costs incurred to evaluate the project and the costs incurred for environmental review. Fees collected under this paragraph must be credited to an account in the natural resources fund and are appropriated to the commissioner.

(c) The fee to apply for a permit to appropriate water, in addition to any fee under paragraph (b), is ~~\$150~~ \$600. The application fee for a permit to construct or repair a dam that is subject to a dam safety inspection, to work in public waters, or to divert waters for mining must be at least \$1,200, but not more than \$12,000. The fee for a notification to request authorization to conduct a project under a general permit is \$400, except that the fee for a notification to request authorization to appropriate water under a general permit is \$100.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2026.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115B.421, is amended to read:

115B.421 CLOSED LANDFILL INVESTMENT FUND.

Subdivision 1. Establishment. ~~(a)~~ The closed landfill investment fund is established in the state treasury. The fund consists of money credited to the fund and interest and other earnings on money in the fund. Funds must be deposited as described in section 115B.445. The fund must be managed to maximize long-term gain through the State Board of Investment.

113.1 ~~(b) Each fiscal year, up to \$4,500,000 is appropriated from the closed landfill investment~~
 113.2 ~~fund to the commissioner for the purposes of sections 115B.39 to 115B.444.~~

113.3 ~~(c) If the commissioner determines that a release or threatened release from a qualified~~
 113.4 ~~facility for which the commissioner has assumed obligations for environmental response~~
 113.5 ~~actions under section 115B.40 or 115B.406 constitutes an emergency requiring immediate~~
 113.6 ~~action to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage either to the public health or welfare or the~~
 113.7 ~~environment or to a system designed to protect the public health or welfare or the~~
 113.8 ~~environment, up to \$9,000,000 in addition to the amount appropriated under paragraph (b)~~
 113.9 ~~is appropriated to the commissioner in the first year of the biennium and may be spent by~~
 113.10 ~~the commissioner to take reasonable and necessary emergency response actions. Money~~
 113.11 ~~not spent in the first year of the biennium may be spent in the second year. If money is~~
 113.12 ~~appropriated under this paragraph, the commissioner must notify the chairs of the senate~~
 113.13 ~~and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over environment policy and~~
 113.14 ~~finance as soon as possible. The commissioner must maintain the fund balance to ensure~~
 113.15 ~~long-term viability of the fund and reflect the responsibility of the landfill cleanup program~~
 113.16 ~~in perpetuity.~~

113.17 ~~(d) Paragraphs (b) and (c) expire June 30, 2025.~~

113.18 Subd. 2. **Local notification.** If money in the closed landfill investment fund is spent or
 113.19 transferred for purposes other than the purposes provided under sections 115B.39 to
 113.20 115B.444, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must provide written
 113.21 notification to each county with a qualified facility within 30 days of the transfer or
 113.22 expenditure that includes the amount, purpose, and authority used to spend or transfer the
 113.23 money.

113.24 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 113.25 read:

113.26 Subd. 13. **Outreach to culturally diverse communities.** The commissioner must ensure
 113.27 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the commissioner's work and the work of the agency
 113.28 are carried out in a manner that facilitates outreach to and communication with Minnesotans
 113.29 of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and languages. To the maximum extent practicable, public
 113.30 hearings, solicitations for grant proposals, and other interactions with the public must include
 113.31 audiovisual communication components and must not rely exclusively on written forms of
 113.32 communication.

114.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.073, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

114.2 Subdivision 1. **Authority to issue.** (a) Pollution Control Agency staff designated by the
114.3 commissioner and Department of Natural Resources conservation officers may issue citations
114.4 to a person who:

114.5 (1) disposes of solid waste as defined in section 116.06, subdivision 22, at a location
114.6 not authorized by law for the disposal of solid waste without permission of the owner of
114.7 the property;

114.8 (2) fails to report or recover discharges as required under section 115.061;

114.9 (3) fails to take discharge preventive or preparedness measures required under chapter
114.10 115E;

114.11 (4) fails to install or use vapor recovery equipment during the transfer of gasoline from
114.12 a transport delivery vehicle to an underground storage tank as required in section 116.49,
114.13 subdivisions 3 and 4;

114.14 (5) performs labor or services designing, installing, constructing, inspecting, servicing,
114.15 repairing, or operating a subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) as defined in chapter
114.16 115 and has violated rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 in any of the following
114.17 categories:

114.18 (i) failure to acquire or maintain a current state-issued SSTS license;

114.19 (ii) failure to acquire or maintain a current surety bond for SSTS activities;

114.20 (iii) failure to acquire or maintain a required local permit for SSTS activities; or

114.21 (iv) failure to submit SSTS as-built plans or compliance inspection forms to the local
114.22 governmental unit; ~~or~~

114.23 (6) performs labor or services pumping, hauling, treating, spreading, dumping,
114.24 discharging, or land applying septage as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 7080.1100, subpart
114.25 69, and has violated rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 or Code of Federal
114.26 Regulations, title 40, section 503, in any of the following categories:

114.27 (i) failure to acquire or maintain a current state-issued SSTS license;

114.28 (ii) failure to acquire or maintain a current surety bond for SSTS activities;

114.29 (iii) failure to provide control measures to prevent the pollution of underground waters
114.30 from the discharge of septage into the saturated or unsaturated zone;

115.1 (iv) failure to produce records or maintain records in accordance with Code of Federal
115.2 Regulations, title 40, section 503; or

115.3 (v) failure to treat septage for pathogens and vectors in accordance with Code of Federal
115.4 Regulations, title 40, section 503; or

115.5 (7) fails to self-certify that they have received the skin-lightener notice and will comply
115.6 with the law, as required by section 325F.998.

115.7 (b) Agency staff designated by the commissioner may issue citations to facility owners
115.8 and operators who fail to produce, within 30 days or within a reasonable alternative time
115.9 frame as determined and required by the commissioner, information or reports necessary
115.10 for developing and reissuing permits and permit amendments under chapters 114C and 115
115.11 to 116. If the owner or operator cannot produce the information or reports within 30 days
115.12 or according to an alternative time frame required by the commissioner, the owner or operator
115.13 may request an extension within 30 days of the request for information or reports. The
115.14 commissioner must keep records of citations issued under this paragraph that identify the
115.15 facility, the owner or operator, and any person hired by or representing the owner or operator
115.16 to prepare or assist in preparing the permit application or other information or report requested
115.17 by the commissioner.

115.18 ~~(b)~~ (c) In addition, Pollution Control Agency staff designated by the commissioner may
115.19 issue citations to owners and operators of facilities who violate sections 116.46 to 116.50
115.20 and Minnesota Rules, chapters 7150 and 7151 and parts 7001.4200 to 7001.4300. A citation
115.21 issued under this subdivision must include a requirement that the person cited remove and
115.22 properly dispose of or otherwise manage the waste or discharged oil or hazardous substance,
115.23 reimburse any government agency that has disposed of the waste or discharged oil or
115.24 hazardous substance and contaminated debris for the reasonable costs of disposal, or correct
115.25 any storage tank violations.

115.26 ~~(e)~~ (d) Citations for violations of sections 115E.045 and 116.46 to 116.50 and Minnesota
115.27 Rules, chapters 7150 and 7151, may be issued only after the owners and operators have had
115.28 a 60-day period to correct violations stated in writing by Pollution Control Agency staff,
115.29 unless there is a discharge associated with the violation or the violation is a repeat violation
115.30 from a previous inspection.

115.31 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.073, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

115.32 Subd. 2. **Penalty amount.** The citation must impose the following penalty amounts:

116.1 (1) \$100 per major appliance, as defined in section 115A.03, subdivision 17a, up to a
116.2 maximum of \$2,000;

116.3 (2) \$25 per waste tire, as defined in section 115A.90, subdivision 11, up to a maximum
116.4 of \$2,000;

116.5 (3) \$25 per lead acid battery governed by section 115A.915, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.6 (4) \$1 per pound of other solid waste or \$20 per cubic foot up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.7 (5) up to \$200 for any amount of waste that escapes from a vehicle used for the
116.8 transportation of solid waste if, after receiving actual notice that waste has escaped the
116.9 vehicle, the person or company transporting the waste fails to immediately collect the waste;

116.10 (6) \$50 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to underground
116.11 storage tank system design, construction, installation, and notification requirements, up to
116.12 a maximum of \$2,000;

116.13 (7) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to upgrading of
116.14 existing underground storage tank systems, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per tank system;

116.15 (8) \$250 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to underground
116.16 storage tank system general operating requirements, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.17 (9) \$250 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to underground
116.18 storage tank system release detection requirements, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.19 (10) \$50 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to out-of-service
116.20 underground storage tank systems and closure, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.21 (11) \$50 per violation of sections 116.48 to 116.491 relating to underground storage
116.22 tank system notification, monitoring, environmental protection, and tank installers training
116.23 and certification requirements, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.24 (12) \$25 per gallon of oil or hazardous substance discharged which is not reported or
116.25 recovered under section 115.061, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.26 (13) \$1 per gallon of oil or hazardous substance being stored, transported, or otherwise
116.27 handled without the prevention or preparedness measures required under chapter 115E, up
116.28 to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.29 (14) \$250 per violation of Minnesota Rules, parts 7001.4200 to 7001.4300 or chapter
116.30 7151, related to aboveground storage tank systems, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.1 (15) \$250 per delivery made in violation of section 116.49, subdivision 3 or 4, levied
117.2 against:

117.3 (i) the retail location if vapor recovery equipment is not installed or maintained properly;

117.4 (ii) the carrier if the transport delivery vehicle is not equipped with vapor recovery
117.5 equipment; or

117.6 (iii) the driver for failure to use supplied vapor recovery equipment;

117.7 (16) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 relating to failure
117.8 to comply with state subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) license requirements, up
117.9 to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.10 (17) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 relating to failure
117.11 to comply with SSTS surety bond requirements, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.12 (18) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 relating to failure
117.13 to provide control measures to prevent the pollution of underground waters from the discharge
117.14 of septage into the saturated or unsaturated zone, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.15 (19) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 or Code of Federal
117.16 Regulations, title 40, section 503, relating to failure to treat septage for pathogens and
117.17 vectors, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.18 (20) \$250 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 or Code of Federal
117.19 Regulations, title 40, section 503, relating to failure to produce records or maintain records,
117.20 up to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.21 (21) \$250 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 or Code of Federal
117.22 Regulations, title 40, section 503, relating to failure to submit as-built plans or compliance
117.23 inspection forms to the local governmental unit, up to a maximum of \$2,000; ~~and~~

117.24 (22) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 relating to failure
117.25 to obtain required local permits, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.26 (23) \$100 per violation of section 325F.998, relating to certification that businesses will
117.27 comply with skin-lightener requirements; and

117.28 (24) \$50 per day under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), for each information item or report
117.29 requested for the first 30 days delinquent and \$500 per day thereafter, up to a maximum of
117.30 \$20,000 for each information item or report requested, until the commissioner determines
117.31 the request for information or report is complete.

Sec. 16. **[325F.998] SKIN-LIGHTENER NOTICE REQUIRED.**

Subdivision 1. Notice required. After August 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must send a notice to retailers who sell skin-lightening products that states that selling skin-lightening products that contain mercury is illegal and subject to penalties. Additionally, the commissioner must engage in outreach to retailers who sell skin-lightening products in order to convey the dangers of using skin-lightening products that contain mercury.

Subd. 2. Certification. Businesses who receive notice from the commissioner must self-certify on a form prescribed by the commissioner that they have received the notice and will comply with the law.

Sec. 17. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Environmental Analysis and Outcomes	79,311,000	72,785,000
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Appropriations by Fund		
	2024	2025
General	60,103,000	53,047,000
Environmental	18,959,000	19,533,000
Remediation	249,000	205,000

(a) \$122,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year are from the general fund for:

(1) a municipal liaison to assist municipalities in implementing and participating in the rulemaking process for water quality standards and navigating the NPDES/SDS permitting process;

(2) enhanced economic analysis in the rulemaking process for water quality standards, including more-specific analysis and identification of cost-effective permitting;

(3) developing statewide economic analyses and templates to reduce the amount of information and time required for municipalities to apply for variances from water quality standards; and

119.1 (4) coordinating with the Public Facilities
119.2 Authority to identify and advocate for the
119.3 resources needed for urban, suburban, and
119.4 Greater Minnesota municipalities to achieve
119.5 permit requirements.

119.6 (b) \$216,000 the first year and \$219,000 the
119.7 second year are from the environmental fund
119.8 for a monitoring program under Minnesota
119.9 Statutes, section 116.454.

119.10 (c) \$132,000 the first year and \$137,000 the
119.11 second year are for monitoring water quality
119.12 and operating assistance programs.

119.13 (d) \$390,000 the first year and \$399,000 the
119.14 second year are from the environmental fund
119.15 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous
119.16 pollutants.

119.17 (e) \$106,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
119.18 second year are from the environmental fund
119.19 for duties related to harmful chemicals in
119.20 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,
119.21 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this
119.22 amount, \$68,000 the first year and \$70,000
119.23 the second year are transferred to the
119.24 commissioner of health.

119.25 (f) \$128,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
119.26 second year are from the environmental fund
119.27 for registering wastewater laboratories.

119.28 (g) \$1,492,000 the first year and \$1,519,000
119.29 the second year are from the environmental
119.30 fund to continue perfluorochemical
119.31 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan
119.32 communities, as recommended by the
119.33 Environmental Health Tracking and
119.34 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address

120.1 other environmental health risks, including air
120.2 quality. The communities must include Hmong
120.3 and other immigrant farming communities.
120.4 Of this amount, up to \$1,226,000 the first year
120.5 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer
120.6 to the commissioner of health.

120.7 (h) \$61,000 the first year and \$62,000 the
120.8 second year are from the environmental fund
120.9 for the listing procedures for impaired waters
120.10 required under this act.

120.11 (i) \$72,000 the first year and \$74,000 the
120.12 second year are from the remediation fund for
120.13 the leaking underground storage tank program
120.14 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
120.15 releases from underground petroleum storage
120.16 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
120.17 program for vapor assessment and
120.18 remediation. These same annual amounts are
120.19 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
120.20 the remediation fund.

120.21 (j) \$500,000 the first year is to facilitate the
120.22 collaboration and modeling of greenhouse gas
120.23 impacts, costs, and benefits of strategies to
120.24 reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.
120.25 This is a onetime appropriation.

120.26 (k) \$50,266,000 the first year and \$50,270,000
120.27 the second year are to establish and implement
120.28 a local government climate resiliency and
120.29 water infrastructure grant program for local
120.30 governmental units and Tribal governments.
120.31 Of this amount, \$49,100,000 each year is for
120.32 grants to support communities in planning and
120.33 implementing projects that will allow for
120.34 adaptation for a changing climate. At least 40
120.35 percent of the money granted under this

121.1 paragraph must be for projects in areas that
121.2 meet environmental justice criteria. By
121.3 December 30, 2027, the commissioner must
121.4 submit a report on the use of grant money to
121.5 the chairs and ranking minority members of
121.6 the legislative committees with jurisdiction
121.7 over environment and natural resources
121.8 finance. This appropriation is available until
121.9 June 30, 2027. The base for this appropriation
121.10 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$270,000.

121.11 (l) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to the
121.12 city of Fergus Falls to address water-quality
121.13 concerns at Lake Alice.

121.14 (m) \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to
121.15 Rice County to address water-quality concerns
121.16 at French Lake.

121.17 (n) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to
121.18 Ramsey County to address water-quality
121.19 concerns at Round Lake.

121.20 (o) Recipients of money appropriated in
121.21 paragraphs (l), (m), and (n) may use the grants
121.22 to contract for water-quality improvement
121.23 services, testing, necessary infrastructure,
121.24 training, and maintenance.

121.25 (p) \$2,070,000 the first year and \$2,070,000
121.26 the second year are from the environmental
121.27 fund to develop and implement a program
121.28 related to emerging issues, including
121.29 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint.

121.30 (q) \$1,820,000 the first year and \$1,820,000
121.31 the second year are from the environmental
121.32 fund to support improved management of data
121.33 collected by the agency and its partners and

122.1 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making
122.2 and public access.

122.3 (r) \$500,000 the first year is from the general
122.4 fund for the report on firefighter turnout gear
122.5 and biomonitoring required under this act. Of
122.6 this amount, up to ~~\$250,000~~ \$425,000 may be
122.7 transferred to the commissioner of health for
122.8 biomonitoring of firefighters. This
122.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

122.10 (s) \$500,000 the first year is to develop
122.11 protocols to be used by agencies and
122.12 departments for sampling and testing
122.13 groundwater, surface water, public drinking
122.14 water, and private wells for microplastics and
122.15 nanoplastics and to begin implementation. The
122.16 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency
122.17 may transfer money appropriated under this
122.18 paragraph to the commissioners of agriculture,
122.19 natural resources, and health to implement the
122.20 protocols developed. This is a onetime
122.21 appropriation and is available until June 30,
122.22 2025.

122.23 (t) \$50,000 the first year is from the
122.24 remediation fund for the work group on PFAS
122.25 manufacturer fees and report required under
122.26 this act.

122.27 (u) \$387,000 the first year and \$90,000 the
122.28 second year are to develop and implement the
122.29 requirements for fish kills under Minnesota
122.30 Statutes, sections 103G.216 and 103G.2165.
122.31 Of this amount, up to \$331,000 the first year
122.32 and \$90,000 the second year may be
122.33 transferred to the commissioners of health,
122.34 natural resources, agriculture, and public
122.35 safety and to the Board of Regents of the

123.1 University of Minnesota as necessary to
123.2 implement those sections. The base for this
123.3 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and beyond
123.4 is \$7,000.

123.5 (v) \$63,000 the first year and \$92,000 the
123.6 second year are for transfer to the
123.7 commissioner of health for amending the
123.8 health risk limit for PFOS. This is a onetime
123.9 appropriation and is available until June 30,
123.10 2026.

123.11 (w) \$5,000,000 the first year is for community
123.12 air-monitoring grants as provided in this act.
123.13 This is a onetime appropriation and is
123.14 available until June 30, 2027.

123.15 (x) \$2,333,000 the first year and \$2,333,000
123.16 the second year are to adopt rules and
123.17 implement air toxics emissions requirements
123.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.
123.19 The general fund appropriations are onetime
123.20 and are available until June 30, 2027. The base
123.21 for this appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2026
123.22 and \$1,400,000 from the environmental fund
123.23 in fiscal year 2027 and beyond.

123.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.

123.25 Sec. 18. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

123.26	Subd. 7. Resource Management and Assistance	82,000,000	57,974,000
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123.27	Appropriations by Fund		
123.28		2024	2025
123.29	General	38,464,000	13,850,000
123.30	Environmental	43,536,000	44,124,000

123.31 (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000
123.32 the second year may be transferred from the
123.33 environmental fund to the small business

124.1 environmental improvement loan account
124.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

124.3 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
124.4 the second year are for competitive recycling
124.5 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
124.6 115A.565. Of this amount, \$300,000 the first
124.7 year and \$300,000 the second year are from
124.8 the general fund, and \$700,000 the first year
124.9 and \$700,000 the second year are from the
124.10 environmental fund. This appropriation is
124.11 available until June 30, 2027.

124.12 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the
124.13 second year are from the environmental fund
124.14 for emission-reduction activities and grants to
124.15 small businesses and other
124.16 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this
124.17 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
124.18 the second year are to continue work with
124.19 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner
124.20 may enter into an agreement with
124.21 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.

124.22 (d) \$18,450,000 the first year and \$18,450,000
124.23 the second year are from the environmental
124.24 fund for SCORE block grants to counties.

124.25 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the
124.26 second year are from the environmental fund
124.27 for environmental assistance grants or loans
124.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.

124.29 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
124.30 second year are from the environmental fund
124.31 for grants to develop and expand recycling
124.32 markets for Minnesota businesses. This
124.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

125.1 (g) \$767,000 the first year and \$770,000 the
125.2 second year are from the environmental fund
125.3 for reducing and diverting food waste,
125.4 redirecting edible food for consumption, and
125.5 removing barriers to collecting and recovering
125.6 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each
125.7 year is for grants to increase food rescue and
125.8 waste prevention. This appropriation is
125.9 available until June 30, 2027.

125.10 (h) \$2,797,000 the first year and \$2,811,000
125.11 the second year are from the environmental
125.12 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
125.13 section 473.844.

125.14 (i) \$318,000 the first year and \$324,000 the
125.15 second year are from the environmental fund
125.16 to address chemicals in products, including to
125.17 implement and enforce flame retardant
125.18 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
125.19 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and
125.20 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging
125.21 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
125.22 325F.075. Of this amount, \$78,000 the first
125.23 year and \$80,000 the second year are
125.24 transferred to the commissioner of health.

125.25 (j) \$180,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
125.26 second year are for quantifying climate-related
125.27 impacts from projects for environmental
125.28 review. This is a onetime appropriation. This
125.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

125.30 (k) \$1,790,000 the first year and \$70,000 the
125.31 second year are for accelerating pollution
125.32 prevention at small businesses. Of this amount,
125.33 \$1,720,000 the first year is for transfer to the
125.34 environmental fund for zero-interest loans
125.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993, to

126.1 phase out high-polluting equipment, products,
126.2 and processes and replace with new options.
126.3 This appropriation is available until June 30,
126.4 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

126.5 (l) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the
126.6 second year are to support the Greenstep Cities
126.7 program. This is a onetime appropriation. This
126.8 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

126.9 (m) \$420,000 the first year is to complete a
126.10 study on the viability of recycling solar energy
126.11 equipment. This is a onetime appropriation
126.12 and is available until June 30, 2026.

126.13 (n) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
126.14 second year are from the environmental fund
126.15 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.

126.16 (o) \$4,210,000 the first year and \$210,000 the
126.17 second year are for PFAS reduction grants.
126.18 Of this amount, \$4,000,000 the first year is
126.19 for grants to industry and public entities to
126.20 identify sources of PFAS entering facilities
126.21 and to develop pollution prevention and
126.22 reduction initiatives to reduce PFAS entering
126.23 facilities, prevent releases, and monitor the
126.24 effectiveness of these projects. Priority must
126.25 be given to projects in underserved
126.26 communities. This is a onetime appropriation
126.27 and is available until June 30, 2027.

126.28 (p) \$12,940,000 the first year and \$12,940,000
126.29 the second year are for a waste prevention and
126.30 reduction grants and loan program. This is a
126.31 onetime appropriation and is available until
126.32 June 30, 2027. Of this amount in the first year,
126.33 \$7,950,000 is for waste prevention and
126.34 reduction grants and loans and \$3,000,000 is

127.1 for a grant to the owner of a biomass energy
127.2 generation plant in Shakopee that uses waste
127.3 heat from the generation of electricity in the
127.4 malting process to purchase a wood dehydrator
127.5 to facilitate disposal of wood that is infested
127.6 by the emerald ash borer. Of this amount in
127.7 the second year, \$10,950,000 is for waste
127.8 prevention and reduction grants and loans,
127.9 including \$1,000,000 for transfer to the
127.10 environmental fund for the purposes of
127.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716. By
127.12 October 1, 2024, the commissioner of the
127.13 Pollution Control Agency must report to the
127.14 chairs and ranking minority members of the
127.15 legislative committees and divisions with
127.16 jurisdiction over environment and natural
127.17 resources on the use of money appropriated
127.18 for the wood dehydrator under this paragraph.

127.19 (q) \$16,562,000 the first year is for grants to
127.20 a Minnesota nonprofit corporation that owns
127.21 a cogeneration facility that serves a St. Paul
127.22 district heating and cooling system to preserve
127.23 existing biomass energy infrastructure for
127.24 purposes of local and regional emerald ash
127.25 borer response efforts. The commissioner of
127.26 the Pollution Control Agency may require the
127.27 nonprofit corporation to charge a fee per ton
127.28 of wood waste delivered to the facility. This
127.29 is a onetime appropriation and is available
127.30 until June 30, 2030.

127.31 (r) \$1,163,000 the first year and \$1,115,000
127.32 the second year are from the environmental
127.33 fund for rulemaking and implementation of
127.34 the new PFAS requirements under Minnesota
127.35 Statutes, section 116.943. Of this amount,

128.1 \$312,000 the first year and \$468,000 the
128.2 second year are for transfer to the
128.3 commissioner of health.

128.4 (s) \$680,000 the first year is for the resource
128.5 management report required in this act. This
128.6 is a onetime appropriation and is available
128.7 until June 30, 2026.

128.8 (t) \$35,000 the second year is from the
128.9 environmental fund for the compostable
128.10 labeling requirements under Minnesota
128.11 Statutes, section 325E.046. The base for this
128.12 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond
128.13 is \$68,000 from the environmental fund.

128.14 (u) \$175,000 the first year is for the
128.15 rulemaking required under this act providing
128.16 for the safe and lawful disposal of waste
128.17 treated seed. This appropriation is available
128.18 until June 30, 2025.

128.19 (v) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a lead tackle
128.20 reduction program that provides outreach,
128.21 education, and opportunities to safely dispose
128.22 of and exchange lead tackle throughout the
128.23 state. This is a onetime appropriation and is
128.24 available until June 30, 2027.

128.25 (w) \$17,000 the first year is for rulemaking
128.26 for the capital assistance program. This is a
128.27 onetime appropriation.

128.28 (x) Any unencumbered grant and loan
128.29 balances in the first year do not cancel but are
128.30 available for grants and loans in the second
128.31 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
128.32 section 16A.28, the appropriations
128.33 encumbered on or before June 30, 2025, as
128.34 contracts or grants for environmental

129.1 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,
129.2 section 115A.0716; technical and research
129.3 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section
129.4 115A.152; technical assistance under
129.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and
129.6 pollution prevention assistance under
129.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are
129.8 available until June 30, 2027.

129.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.

129.10 Sec. 19. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

129.11	Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management	111,125,000	96,963,000
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129.12	Appropriations by Fund		
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129.13		2024	2025
129.14	General	23,643,000	9,888,000
129.15	Natural Resources	2,082,000	2,082,000
129.16	Game and Fish	85,400,000	84,993,000

129.17 (a) \$11,158,000 the first year and \$11,158,000
129.18 the second year are from the heritage
129.19 enhancement account in the game and fish
129.20 fund only for activities specified under
129.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
129.22 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding
129.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five
129.24 percent of this appropriation may be used for
129.25 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and
129.26 retention.

129.27 (b) \$982,000 the first year and \$982,000 the
129.28 second year are from the general fund and
129.29 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the
129.30 second year are from the game and fish fund
129.31 for statewide response and management of
129.32 chronic wasting disease. The commissioner
129.33 and the Board of Animal Health must each
129.34 submit annual reports on chronic wasting

130.1 disease activities funded in this biennium to
130.2 the chairs and ranking minority members of
130.3 the legislative committees and divisions with
130.4 jurisdiction over environment and natural
130.5 resources and agriculture. The general fund
130.6 base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026
130.7 and beyond is \$282,000.

130.8 (c) \$5,150,000 the first year and \$3,250,000
130.9 the second year are for inspections,
130.10 investigations, and enforcement activities
130.11 taken for the white-tailed deer farm program
130.12 and for statewide response and management
130.13 of chronic wasting disease. This appropriation
130.14 is available until June 30, 2029.

130.15 (d) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000
130.16 the second year are from the deer management
130.17 account for the purposes identified in
130.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.075,
130.19 subdivision 1.

130.20 (e) \$268,000 the first year and \$268,000 the
130.21 second year are for increased capacity for
130.22 broadband utility licensing for state lands and
130.23 public waters. This is a onetime appropriation
130.24 and is available until June 30, 2028.

130.25 (f) \$10,000,000 the first year is for enhancing
130.26 prairies and grasslands and restoring wetlands
130.27 on state-owned wildlife management areas to
130.28 sequester more carbon and enhance climate
130.29 resiliency. This is a onetime appropriation and
130.30 is available until June 30, 2027.

130.31 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
130.32 second year are from the general fund and
130.33 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
130.34 second year are from the heritage enhancement

131.1 account in the game and fish fund for grants
131.2 for natural-resource-based education and
131.3 recreation programs serving youth under
131.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976, and for
131.5 grant administration. Priority must be given
131.6 to projects benefiting underserved
131.7 communities. The base for this appropriation
131.8 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$500,000
131.9 from the heritage enhancement account in the
131.10 game and fish fund. The general fund
131.11 appropriation is onetime.

131.12 (h) \$2,300,000 the first year is for a grant to
131.13 the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior
131.14 Chippewa to expand Minnesota's wild elk
131.15 population and range. Consideration must be
131.16 given to moving elk from existing herds in
131.17 northwest Minnesota to the area of the Fond
131.18 du Lac State Forest and the Fond du Lac
131.19 Reservation in Carlton and southern St. Louis
131.20 Counties. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake
131.21 Superior Chippewa's elk reintroduction efforts
131.22 must undergo thorough planning with the
131.23 Department of Natural Resources to develop
131.24 necessary capture and handling protocols,
131.25 including protocols related to cervid disease
131.26 management, and to produce postrelease state
131.27 and Tribal elk comanagement plans. Of this
131.28 amount, \$300,000 is for the department for
131.29 the purposes of this paragraph. This is a
131.30 onetime appropriation and is available until
131.31 June 30, 2026.

131.32 (i) \$767,000 the first year is from the heritage
131.33 enhancement account in the game and fish
131.34 fund to examine the effects of neonicotinoid
131.35 exposure on the reproduction and survival of

132.1 Minnesota's game species, including deer and
132.2 prairie chicken. This is a onetime
132.3 appropriation and is available until June 30,
132.4 2027.

132.5 (j) \$134,000 the first year and \$134,000 the
132.6 second year are from the heritage enhancement
132.7 account in the game and fish fund for native
132.8 fish conservation and classification.

132.9 (k) \$82,000 the first year is for the native fish
132.10 reports required under this act. This is a
132.11 onetime appropriation.

132.12 (l) \$65,000 the first year is for preparing the
132.13 report on feral pigs and mink required under
132.14 this act and holding at least one public meeting
132.15 on the topic.

132.16 (m) Up to \$5,750,000 the first year and up to
132.17 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for
132.18 transfer from the critical habitat private sector
132.19 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota
132.20 fund for wildlife management areas
132.21 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement
132.22 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
132.23 84.943, subdivision 5b.

132.24 (n) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
132.25 section 297A.94, \$300,000 the first year and
132.26 \$300,000 the second year are from the heritage
132.27 enhancement account in the game and fish
132.28 fund for shooting sports facility grants under
132.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10, including
132.30 grants for archery facilities. Grants must be
132.31 matched with a nonstate match, which may
132.32 include in-kind contributions. This is a
132.33 onetime appropriation and is available until

133.1 June 30, 2026 2028. ~~This appropriation must~~
133.2 ~~be allocated as follows:~~

133.3 ~~(1) \$200,000 each fiscal year is for grants of~~
133.4 ~~\$25,000 or less; and~~

133.5 ~~(2) \$100,000 each fiscal year is for grants in~~
133.6 ~~excess of \$25,000.~~

133.7 (o) \$75,000 the first year is from the heritage
133.8 enhancement account in the game and fish
133.9 fund for enhanced fish stocking of white bass
133.10 and crappies in lakes in the metropolitan area
133.11 that have pier and shore fishing opportunities
133.12 where communities are currently underserved.

133.13 (p) \$1,633,000 the first year is for a grant to
133.14 the Board of Regents of the University of
133.15 Minnesota for chronic wasting disease
133.16 contingency plans developed by the Center
133.17 for Infectious Disease Research and Policy.
133.18 This is a onetime appropriation.

133.19 (q) \$900,000 the first year is to create new or
133.20 expand existing outreach and education
133.21 programs for non-native English-speaking
133.22 communities. Of this amount, \$250,000 is for
133.23 the commissioner of the Pollution Control
133.24 Agency and \$250,000 is for the Board of
133.25 Water and Soil Resources for this purpose. Up
133.26 to \$400,000 may be used to expand the
133.27 Fishing in the Neighborhood program for
133.28 outreach to new and underserved audiences.
133.29 This appropriation may be used for community
133.30 outreach consultants for reaching new
133.31 audiences. This is a onetime appropriation and
133.32 is available until June 30, 2027.

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

134.1 Sec. 20. MINNESOTA SUSTAINABLE FORAGING TASK FORCE.

134.2 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The task force shall consist of the following members:

134.3 (1) two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority leader of the senate and
134.4 one appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

134.5 (2) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
134.6 house of representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of the house of
134.7 representatives;

134.8 (3) two members appointed by the Minnesota Mycological Society, of which one member
134.9 must be an owner of a small business;

134.10 (4) two members appointed by the Minnesota Foraging Alliance, of which one member
134.11 must be from an underrepresented cultural group;

134.12 (5) two scientists with expertise in botany, ecology, and environmental science appointed
134.13 by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

134.14 (6) three representatives of the Department of Natural Resources involved with managing
134.15 state parks, forestry, fish and wildlife, and public lands appointed by the commissioner of
134.16 natural resources;

134.17 (7) one member of the Minnesota Ojibwe Tribe appointed by the Minnesota Indian
134.18 Affairs Council;

134.19 (8) one member of the Minnesota Dakota Tribe appointed by the Minnesota Indian
134.20 Affairs Council; and

134.21 (9) two representatives with expertise on local ecosystems, species recovery, and
134.22 sustainable harvesting appointed by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota
134.23 Extension.

134.24 (b) A member appointed under paragraph (a) may not be a registered lobbyist.

134.25 (c) The appointing authorities must make the appointments by August 1, 2025.

134.26 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The task force must:

134.27 (1) gather and review data and information, including traditional ecological knowledge,
134.28 on the impact of foraging on species resilience, ecosystem health, and other aspects of
134.29 Minnesota's diverse biomes;

134.30 (2) review existing regulations governing foraging activities on state lands;

135.1 (3) develop recommendations for science-based, including traditional ecological
135.2 knowledge, foraging guidelines for state lands that balance public access with conservation
135.3 needs, setting limits on foraging activities only where supported by data. The
135.4 recommendations must be in the form of draft statutory or rule language and must be
135.5 consistent with Indigenous and other cultural practices and traditions;

135.6 (4) develop recommendations for increasing public understanding of sustainable foraging
135.7 practices that include safety and ecological considerations;

135.8 (5) solicit public input, when appropriate; and

135.9 (6) develop recommendations for reduced-priced foraging permits.

135.10 Subd. 3. **Administrative support; meetings.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating
135.11 Commission must provide administrative support and convene the first meeting by September
135.12 1, 2025.

135.13 (b) The commissioner of natural resources must provide subject matter resources and
135.14 expertise, including information on the management of, and flora and fauna on, state lands,
135.15 as requested by the task force.

135.16 (c) The task force must meet at regular intervals as often as necessary to accomplish the
135.17 goals enumerated under subdivision 2. Meetings of the task force are subject to the Minnesota
135.18 Open Meeting Law under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

135.19 Subd. 4. **Chair.** The task force must elect a chair at its first meeting from among the
135.20 legislative members.

135.21 Subd. 5. **Legislative recommendations; expiration.** By February 28, 2026, the task
135.22 force must submit a written report containing its findings and recommendations to the
135.23 commissioner of natural resources and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
135.24 legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over natural resources policy. The
135.25 recommendations in the report must be specific and actionable. The report must detail the
135.26 proposals for changes or additions to statute or rules to effectuate the task force's
135.27 recommendations. The task force expires March 15, 2026, or upon submission of the report
135.28 required by this subdivision, whichever occurs later.

135.29 Subd. 6. **Compensation; expense reimbursement.** Members of the task force appointed
135.30 under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), may receive per diem and
135.31 reimbursement for expenses as provided in the rules of their respective bodies. Other
135.32 members of the task force may be compensated and have expenses reimbursed as provided
135.33 in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

Sec. 21. **MORATORIUM ON FORAGING RULES.**

The commissioner of natural resources shall not commence or complete any rulemaking on foraging before July 1, 2027.

ARTICLE 5

STATE LANDS

Section 1. **ADDITION TO STATE PARK.**

[85.012] [Subd. 11] Carley State Park, Wabasha County. The following area is added to Carley State Park: That part of Section 32, Township 108 North, Range 11 West, Wabasha County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the South Quarter corner stake of said Section 32; thence North 15-1/2 degrees East along road 425 feet; thence North 17 degrees East 290 feet; thence North 53 degrees East 280 feet; thence North 17 degrees East 115 feet; thence North 6-1/2 degrees West 643 feet; thence North 72-1/2 degrees West 720 feet; thence North across river 690 feet; thence South 62 degrees East 263 feet along northerly bank of river; thence North 250 feet to center of said Section 32; thence East 1,320 feet; thence North 440 feet to river; thence North 54-1/2 degrees East 224 feet along center of river; thence North 75 degrees East 192 feet; thence South 49 degrees East 115 feet; thence North 79 degrees East 155 feet; thence North 62 degrees East 232 feet; thence North 86 degrees East 293 feet; thence North 64 degrees East 255 feet; thence South 3,368 feet, more or less to the southeast corner of Section 32; thence West 2,643.13 feet to the place of beginning.

EXCEPTING therefrom that portion lying West of the centerline of Wabasha County Road No. 4 owned by the State of Minnesota and A. M. Christenson.

ALSO EXCEPTING that part of the East Half of Section 32, Township 108 North, Range 11 West, Wabasha County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the South Quarter corner stake of said Section 32; thence North 15-1/2 degrees East along road 425 feet; thence North 17 degrees East 290 feet; thence North 53 degrees East 280 feet; thence South 80 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds East 304.46 feet; thence North 6 degrees 12 minutes 49 seconds West 483.31 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 25 seconds East 386.31 feet; thence North 1 degree 39 minutes 32 seconds East 358.66 feet; thence North 36 degrees 14 minutes 35 seconds East 693.46 feet; thence North 81 degrees 03 minutes 15 seconds East 349.81 feet; thence North 1 degree 49 minutes 43 seconds West 298.16 feet; thence North 79 degrees 04 minutes 47 seconds East 529.39 feet; thence South 35 degrees 46 minutes 01 seconds East to the east line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32; thence

137.1 southerly along the east line of said Southeast Quarter to the southeast corner of said
137.2 Southeast Quarter of Section 32; thence on a bearing of West along the south line of said
137.3 Southeast Quarter 2,643.13 feet to the point of beginning.

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

137.5 Sec. 2. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; AITKIN COUNTY.**

137.6 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or
137.7 other law to the contrary, Aitkin County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land
137.8 described in paragraph (c).

137.9 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
137.10 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

137.11 (c) The land to be sold is located in Aitkin County and is described as: the West 20 feet
137.12 of the East 932 feet of the South 208 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,
137.13 as in DOC 203542, Section 32, Township 46 North, Range 25 West (0.1 acres) (parcel
137.14 number 09-0-054803).

137.15 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
137.16 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

137.17 Sec. 3. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; AITKIN COUNTY.**

137.18 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or
137.19 other law to the contrary, Aitkin County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands
137.20 described in paragraph (c).

137.21 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
137.22 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

137.23 (c) The land to be sold is located in Aitkin County and is described as: the East 32 feet
137.24 of the West 250 feet of Lot 5 and the East 32 feet of the West 250 feet of the North 10 feet
137.25 of Lot 3, Hill City Realty Cos Fourth Addition, Section 14, Township 52 North, Range 26
137.26 West, Aitkin County, Minnesota (0.1 acres) (parcel number 57-1-073003).

137.27 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
137.28 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

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

138.1 Sec. 4. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ITASCA COUNTY.**

138.2 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or
138.3 other law to the contrary, Itasca County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands
138.4 described in paragraph (c).

138.5 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
138.6 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

138.7 (c) The lands to be sold are located in Itasca County and are described as: That part of
138.8 the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 15, Township 59 North, Range 24
138.9 west of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Itasca County, Minnesota, further described as
138.10 follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast
138.11 Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds East, assigned bearing, along the
138.12 north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 255.80 feet to
138.13 the point of beginning; thence South 10 degrees 50 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of
138.14 604.37 feet; thence North 55 degrees 26 minutes 17 seconds East a distance of 672.63 feet,
138.15 more or less to the centerline of County Road 52; thence North 51 degrees 32 minutes 12
138.16 seconds West along said centerline a distance of 351.56 feet to said north line of the
138.17 Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds
138.18 West along said north line a distance of 392.39 feet to the point of beginning.

138.19 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
138.20 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

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

138.22 Sec. 5. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
138.23 **WATER; SIBLEY COUNTY.**

138.24 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1, and
138.25 the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, Sibley County may sell by
138.26 private sale the tax-forfeited land bordering public water that is described in paragraph (c),
138.27 under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

138.28 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
138.29 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

138.30 (c) The land to be sold is located in Sibley County and is described as: that part of
138.31 Government Lot 3, Section 27, Township 114 North, Range 28 West, described as follows:
138.32 commencing at the center of said Section 27; thence due South along the north-south quarter
138.33 line of said Section 27, 559.30 feet; thence South 86 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West,

139.1 572.20 feet; thence South 30 degrees 04 minutes 33 seconds West, 541.52 feet; thence South
139.2 12 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds West, 163.17 feet more or less to a point on the high
139.3 bank line of High Island Lake, said point being the point of beginning; thence North 12
139.4 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East, 163.17 feet; thence South 71 degrees 05 minutes 30
139.5 seconds West, 199.05 feet to a point on the high bank line of High Island Lake; thence
139.6 southeasterly along said high bank line to the point of beginning (0.35 acres) (parcel number
139.7 20.2712.000).

139.8 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
139.9 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

139.10 **Sec. 6. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

139.11 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or
139.12 other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land
139.13 described in paragraph (c).

139.14 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
139.15 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

139.16 (c) The land to be sold is located in St. Louis County and is described as:

139.17 (1) the easterly 15 feet of Lot 5, Block 47, West Duluth 6th Division, Section 7, Township
139.18 49, Range 14 (parcel number 010-4520-06505); and

139.19 (2) that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter described as follows:
139.20 beginning at the northwest corner continue due East parallel with the north boundary line
139.21 a distance of 330 feet to a point of beginning; thence due South parallel with the west
139.22 boundary line a distance of 400 feet to a point; thence due East parallel with the north
139.23 boundary line a distance of 190 feet to a point; thence due North parallel with the west
139.24 boundary a distance of 60 feet to a point; thence due East parallel with the north boundary
139.25 line a distance of 140 feet to a point; thence due North parallel with the west boundary line
139.26 a distance of 340 feet to a point; thence due West parallel with the north boundary line a
139.27 distance of 330 feet to the point of beginning, Section 14, Township 54, Range 20 (parcel
139.28 number 550-0020-02294).

139.29 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
139.30 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

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