

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money for environment and natural

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

1.4 modifying prior appropriations; modifying fees and surcharges; establishing duties

1.5 regarding environment and natural resources; modifying grant programs; providing

1.6 for abandoned watercraft; modifying game and fish provisions; modifying reporting

1.7 requirements; modifying PFAS prohibitions; creating foraging task force; adding

1.8 to state park; authorizing private sales of certain state lands; providing for

1.9 environmental permitting reform; making technical changes; providing civil and

1.10 criminal penalties; providing appointments; requiring reports; amending Minnesota

1.11 Statutes 2024, sections 84.027, by adding a subdivision; 84.705, subdivisions 1,

1.12 3; 86B.415, subdivision 7; 88.82; 97A.223, subdivision 1; 97A.421, by adding a

1.13 subdivision; 97A.465, by adding a subdivision; 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 6;

1.14 97B.031, by adding a subdivision; 97B.037; 97C.395; 103G.271, subdivision 6;

1.15 103G.301, subdivision 2; 115B.421, subdivision 1; 116.03, subdivision 2b; 116.07,

1.16 subdivision 4d, by adding a subdivision; 116.943, subdivisions 1, 5; 116D.04,

1.17 subdivisions 2a, 2b; 116X.03, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 325F.072,

1.18 subdivision 3; 473.355, subdivisions 1, 3; Laws 2022, chapter 95, article 3, section

1.19 6; Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, sections 2, subdivisions 1, 2, 7, 10; 3,

1.20 subdivisions 1, 6; 4; Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivisions 3, 8; proposing

1.21 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 86B; repealing Minnesota

1.22 Statutes 2024, sections 97B.318; 103E.067.

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

1.24 **ARTICLE 1**

1.25 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS**

1.26 Section 1. **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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

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

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

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

- 3.1 with water quality standards and NPDES/SDS
3.2 permitting processes, including enhanced
3.3 economic analysis in the water quality
3.4 standards rulemaking processes, identification
3.5 of cost-effective permitting opportunities,
3.6 simplifying the variance process, and
3.7 coordinating with the Public Facilities
3.8 Authority to identify and advocate for needed
3.9 resources for municipalities to achieve permit
3.10 requirements.
- 3.11 (b) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,191,000
3.12 the second year are from the environmental
3.13 fund for an air-monitoring program under
3.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.454, including
3.15 ambient air for hazardous pollutants, and for
3.16 operating a mobile emissions regulatory
3.17 monitoring trailer.
- 3.18 (c) \$144,000 the first year and \$148,000 the
3.19 second year are from the environmental fund
3.20 for monitoring water quality and operating
3.21 assistance programs.
- 3.22 (d) \$109,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
3.23 second year are from the environmental fund
3.24 for duties related to harmful chemicals in
3.25 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,
3.26 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this
3.27 amount, \$70,000 the first year and \$70,000
3.28 the second year are transferred to the
3.29 commissioner of health.
- 3.30 (e) \$137,000 the first year and \$139,000 the
3.31 second year are from the environmental fund
3.32 for registering wastewater laboratories.
- 3.33 (f) \$1,527,000 the first year and \$1,529,000
3.34 the second year are from the environmental

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

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

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

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

4.31 (j) \$2,139,000 the first year and \$2,160,000
4.32 the second year are from the environmental
4.33 fund to develop and implement a program
4.34 related to emerging issues, including
4.35 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 Subd. 3. **Industrial** 23,794,000 27,093,000

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>257,000</u>	<u>264,000</u>
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>21,551,000</u>	<u>24,816,000</u>
<u>Remediation</u>	<u>1,986,000</u>	<u>2,013,000</u>

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

5.32 (b) \$457,000 the first year and \$457,000 the
 5.33 second year are from the environmental fund
 5.34 to further evaluate the use and reduction of

6.1 trichloroethylene around Minnesota and
 6.2 identify its potential health effects on
 6.3 communities. Of this amount, \$149,000 the
 6.4 first year and \$149,000 the second year are
 6.5 for transfer to the commissioner of health.

6.6 (c) \$257,000 the first year and \$264,000 the
 6.7 second year are from the general fund for
 6.8 implementation of the odor management
 6.9 requirements under Minnesota Statutes,
 6.10 section 116.064.

6.11 (d) \$148,000 the second year is from the
 6.12 environmental fund for the purposes of the
 6.13 public informational meeting requirements
 6.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.07,
 6.15 subdivision 4m.

6.16 (e) \$2,698,000 the first year and \$2,718,000
 6.17 the second year are from the environmental
 6.18 fund for prioritizing air regulatory program
 6.19 work in environmental justice areas.

6.20 (f) \$2,539,000 the second year is from the
 6.21 environmental fund for implementing the
 6.22 environmental justice cumulative impact
 6.23 analysis and other requirements under
 6.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.065.

6.25 (g) \$730,000 the first year and \$740,000 the
 6.26 second year are from the environmental fund
 6.27 to improve the coordination, effectiveness,
 6.28 transparency, and accountability of the
 6.29 environmental review and permitting process.

6.30 (h) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 6.31 second year are from the environmental fund
 6.32 to address backlogged permits and permitting
 6.33 efficiencies.

6.34 Subd. 4. **Municipal** 11,446,000 11,585,000

7.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
7.2	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
7.3	<u>State Government</u>	
7.4	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
7.5	<u>11,356,000</u>	<u>11,495,000</u>

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

7.19 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
7.20 second year are from the environmental fund
7.21 for transfer to the Office of Administrative
7.22 Hearings to establish sanitary districts.

7.23 (c) \$2,511,000 the first year and \$2,535,000
7.24 the second year are from the environmental
7.25 fund for subsurface sewage treatment system
7.26 (SSTS) program administration; for
7.27 community technical assistance and education,
7.28 including grants and technical assistance to
7.29 communities for water-quality protection, new
7.30 technology review, and enforcement under
7.31 Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 to 115.58;
7.32 and to complete the requirements of Laws
7.33 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 165. Of
7.34 this amount, \$350,000 each year is for
7.35 assistance to counties through grants for SSTS
7.36 program administration. A county receiving

8.1 a grant from this appropriation must submit
 8.2 the results achieved with the grant to the
 8.3 commissioner as part of its annual SSTS
 8.4 report. Any unexpended balance in the first
 8.5 year does not cancel but is available in the
 8.6 second year.

8.7 (d) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
 8.8 second year from the environmental fund are
 8.9 for environmental permitting activities.

8.10 (e) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 8.11 section 16A.28, the appropriations
 8.12 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as
 8.13 grants or contracts for subsurface sewage
 8.14 treatment systems, surface water and
 8.15 groundwater assessments, storm water, and
 8.16 water-quality protection in this subdivision
 8.17 are available until June 30, 2030.

8.18 Subd. 5. Operations 14,769,000 14,835,000

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
8.21 <u>General</u>	<u>3,404,000</u>	<u>3,300,000</u>
8.22 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,733,000</u>	<u>8,870,000</u>
8.23 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>2,632,000</u>	<u>2,665,000</u>

8.24 (a) \$1,187,000 the first year and \$1,201,000
 8.25 the second year are from the remediation fund
 8.26 for the leaking underground storage tank
 8.27 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
 8.28 future releases from underground petroleum
 8.29 storage tanks and for the petroleum
 8.30 remediation program for vapor assessment
 8.31 and remediation. These same annual amounts
 8.32 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
 8.33 to the remediation fund.

9.1 (b) \$3,204,000 the first year and \$3,300,000
 9.2 the second year are from the general fund to
 9.3 support agency information technology
 9.4 services provided at the enterprise and agency
 9.5 level.

9.6 (c) \$955,000 the first year and \$965,000 the
 9.7 second year are from the environmental fund
 9.8 to develop and maintain systems to support
 9.9 permitting and regulatory business processes
 9.10 and agency data.

9.11 (d) \$278,000 the first year and \$280,000 the
 9.12 second year are from the environmental fund
 9.13 to support current and future career pathways
 9.14 for underrepresented students.

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

9.20 (f) \$538,000 the first year and \$542,000 the
 9.21 second year are from the environmental fund
 9.22 for Operations Division legal services that
 9.23 support compliance programs.

9.24 (g) \$200,000 the first year is from the general
 9.25 fund to expand outreach under Minnesota
 9.26 Statutes, section 116.07, subdivision 13. This
 9.27 is a onetime appropriation.

9.28 Subd. 6. Remediation 17,361,000 17,568,000

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>642,000</u>	<u>646,000</u>
<u>Remediation</u>	<u>16,719,000</u>	<u>16,922,000</u>

9.33 (a) All money for environmental response,
 9.34 compensation, and compliance in the

10.1 remediation fund not otherwise appropriated
10.2 is appropriated to the commissioners of the
10.3 Pollution Control Agency and agriculture for
10.4 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section
10.5 115B.20, subdivision 2, clauses (1), (2), (3),
10.6 (6), and (7). At the beginning of each fiscal
10.7 year, the two commissioners must jointly
10.8 submit to the commissioner of management
10.9 and budget an annual spending plan that
10.10 maximizes resource use and appropriately
10.11 allocates the money between the two
10.12 departments.

10.13 (b) \$4,965,000 the first year and \$5,036,000
10.14 the second year are from the remediation fund
10.15 for the leaking underground storage tank
10.16 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
10.17 future releases from underground petroleum
10.18 storage tanks and for the petroleum
10.19 remediation program for vapor assessment
10.20 and remediation. These same annual amounts
10.21 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
10.22 to the remediation fund.

10.23 (c) \$316,000 the first year and \$316,000 the
10.24 second year are from the remediation fund for
10.25 transfer to the commissioner of health for
10.26 private water-supply monitoring and health
10.27 assessment costs in areas contaminated by
10.28 unpermitted mixed municipal solid waste
10.29 disposal facilities and drinking water
10.30 advisories and public information activities
10.31 for areas contaminated by hazardous releases.

10.32 (d) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
10.33 second year are from the remediation fund to
10.34 review and mitigate the impacts from the

11.1 backlog of high-priority sites in the Superfund
 11.2 site assessment program.

11.3 **Subd. 7. Resource Management and Assistance** 47,020,000 47,259,000

11.4 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
11.5		
11.6	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
11.7	<u>46,950,000</u>	<u>47,189,000</u>

11.8 (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000
 11.9 the second year may be transferred from the
 11.10 environmental fund to the small business
 11.11 environmental improvement loan account
 11.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

11.13 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 11.14 the second year are from the environmental
 11.15 fund for competitive recycling grants under
 11.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.565. This
 11.17 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.
 11.18 The base for fiscal year 2028 and later is
 11.19 \$154,000 from the general fund and \$846,000
 11.20 from the environmental fund.

11.21 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the
 11.22 second year are from the environmental fund
 11.23 for emission-reduction activities and grants to
 11.24 small businesses and other
 11.25 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this
 11.26 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
 11.27 the second year are to continue work with
 11.28 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner
 11.29 may enter into an agreement with
 11.30 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.

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

- 12.1 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the
12.2 second year are from the environmental fund
12.3 for environmental assistance grants or loans
12.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.
- 12.5 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
12.6 second year are from the environmental fund
12.7 for grants to develop and expand recycling
12.8 markets for Minnesota businesses. This
12.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.
- 12.10 (g) \$770,000 the first year and \$770,000 the
12.11 second year are from the environmental fund
12.12 for reducing and diverting food waste,
12.13 redirecting edible food for consumption, and
12.14 removing barriers to collecting and recovering
12.15 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each
12.16 year is for grants to increase food rescue and
12.17 waste prevention. This appropriation is
12.18 available until June 30, 2029.
- 12.19 (h) \$2,829,000 the first year and \$2,835,000
12.20 the second year are from the environmental
12.21 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
12.22 section 473.844.
- 12.23 (i) \$479,000 the first year and \$481,000 the
12.24 second year are from the environmental fund
12.25 to address chemicals in products, including to
12.26 implement and enforce flame retardant
12.27 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
12.28 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and
12.29 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging
12.30 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
12.31 325F.075. Of this amount, \$80,000 the first
12.32 year and \$80,000 the second year are
12.33 transferred to the commissioner of health.

- 13.1 (j) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
13.2 second year are from the environmental fund
13.3 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.
- 13.4 (k) \$1,143,000 the first year and \$1,152,000
13.5 the second year are from the environmental
13.6 fund for implementation of the PFAS
13.7 requirements under Minnesota Statutes,
13.8 section 116.943. Of this amount, \$468,000 the
13.9 first year and \$468,000 the second year are
13.10 for transfer to the commissioner of health.
- 13.11 (l) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
13.12 second year are from the environmental fund
13.13 to address land permitting activities.
- 13.14 (m) \$405,000 the first year and \$355,000 the
13.15 second year are from the environmental fund
13.16 to increase education of businesses,
13.17 compliance inspections, product testing, and
13.18 enforcement to reduce or eliminate
13.19 mercury-containing skin-lightening products.
- 13.20 The agency must annually meet with
13.21 community-based organizations, local health
13.22 departments, and other interested stakeholders
13.23 to seek feedback and report out aggregate
13.24 compliance and enforcement efforts.
- 13.25 (n) Any unencumbered grant and loan
13.26 balances in the first year do not cancel but are
13.27 available for grants and loans in the second
13.28 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
13.29 section 16A.28, the appropriations
13.30 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as
13.31 contracts or grants for environmental
13.32 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,
13.33 section 115A.0716; technical and research
13.34 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section
13.35 115A.152; technical assistance under

14.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and
 14.2 pollution prevention assistance under
 14.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are
 14.4 available until June 30, 2029.

14.5 **Subd. 8. Watershed** 10,768,000 10,901,000

14.6 Appropriations by Fund

14.7	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
14.8 <u>General</u>	<u>1,959,000</u>	<u>1,959,000</u>
14.9 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,403,000</u>	<u>8,533,000</u>
14.10 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>406,000</u>	<u>409,000</u>

14.11 (a) \$1,959,000 the first year and \$1,959,000
 14.12 the second year are from the general fund for
 14.13 grants to delegated counties to administer the
 14.14 county feedlot program under Minnesota
 14.15 Statutes, section 116.0711, subdivisions 2 and
 14.16 3. Money remaining after the first year is
 14.17 available for the second year.

14.18 (b) \$137,000 the first year and \$138,000 the
 14.19 second year are from the remediation fund for
 14.20 the leaking underground storage tank program
 14.21 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
 14.22 releases from underground petroleum storage
 14.23 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
 14.24 program for vapor assessment and
 14.25 remediation. These same annual amounts are
 14.26 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
 14.27 the remediation fund.

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

14.31 **Subd. 9. Environmental Quality Board** 1,545,000 1,582,000

14.32 Appropriations by Fund

14.33	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
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16.1	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>344,000</u>	<u>344,000</u>
16.2	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>227,000</u>	<u>232,000</u>

16.3 (a) \$319,000 the first year and \$319,000 the
 16.4 second year are for environmental research
 16.5 relating to mine permitting, of which \$200,000
 16.6 each year is from the minerals management
 16.7 account in the natural resources fund and
 16.8 \$119,000 each year is from the general fund.

16.9 (b) \$3,639,000 the first year and \$3,650,000
 16.10 the second year are from the minerals
 16.11 management account in the natural resources
 16.12 fund for use as provided under Minnesota
 16.13 Statutes, section 93.2236, paragraph (c), for
 16.14 mineral resource management, projects to
 16.15 enhance future mineral income, and projects
 16.16 to promote new mineral-resource
 16.17 opportunities.

16.18 (c) \$227,000 the first year and \$232,000 the
 16.19 second year are from the permanent school
 16.20 fund to secure maximum long-term economic
 16.21 return from the school trust lands consistent
 16.22 with fiduciary responsibilities and sound
 16.23 natural resources conservation and
 16.24 management principles.

16.25 (d) \$573,000 the first year and \$573,000 the
 16.26 second year are from the water management
 16.27 account in the natural resources fund for only
 16.28 the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes,
 16.29 section 103G.27, subdivision 2.

16.30	<u>Subd. 3. Ecological and Water Resources</u>		<u>46,772,000</u>	<u>48,202,000</u>
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16.31	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
16.32		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
16.33	<u>General</u>	<u>22,470,000</u>	<u>22,732,000</u>	

17.1	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>18,478,000</u>	<u>19,646,000</u>
17.2	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>
17.3	<u>(a) \$6,947,000 the first year and \$6,952,000</u>		
17.4	<u>the second year are from the invasive species</u>		
17.5	<u>account in the natural resources fund and</u>		
17.6	<u>\$1,631,000 the first year and \$1,631,000 the</u>		
17.7	<u>second year are from the general fund for</u>		
17.8	<u>management, public awareness, assessment</u>		
17.9	<u>and monitoring research, and water access</u>		
17.10	<u>inspection to prevent the spread of invasive</u>		
17.11	<u>species; management of invasive plants in</u>		
17.12	<u>public waters; and management of terrestrial</u>		
17.13	<u>invasive species on state-administered lands.</u>		
17.14	<u>(b) \$7,801,000 the first year and \$8,791,000</u>		
17.15	<u>the second year are from the water</u>		
17.16	<u>management account in the natural resources</u>		
17.17	<u>fund for only the purposes specified in</u>		
17.18	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.27,</u>		
17.19	<u>subdivision 2.</u>		
17.20	<u>(c) \$124,000 the first year and \$124,000 the</u>		
17.21	<u>second year are for a grant to the Mississippi</u>		
17.22	<u>Headwaters Board for up to 50 percent of the</u>		
17.23	<u>cost of implementing the comprehensive plan</u>		
17.24	<u>for the upper Mississippi within areas under</u>		
17.25	<u>the board's jurisdiction.</u>		
17.26	<u>(d) \$264,000 the first year and \$264,000 the</u>		
17.27	<u>second year are for grants for up to 50 percent</u>		
17.28	<u>of the cost of implementing the Red River</u>		
17.29	<u>mediation agreement.</u>		
17.30	<u>(e) \$2,598,000 the first year and \$2,598,000</u>		
17.31	<u>the second year are from the heritage</u>		
17.32	<u>enhancement account in the game and fish</u>		
17.33	<u>fund for only the purposes specified in</u>		

- 18.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
18.2 paragraph (h), clause (1).
- 18.3 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000
18.4 the second year are from the nongame wildlife
18.5 management account in the natural resources
18.6 fund for nongame wildlife management.
- 18.7 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
18.8 290.431, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
18.9 the second year may be used for nongame
18.10 wildlife information, education, and
18.11 promotion.
- 18.12 (g) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
18.13 section 84.943, \$48,000 the first year and
18.14 \$48,000 the second year from the critical
18.15 habitat private sector matching account may
18.16 be used to publicize the critical habitat license
18.17 plate match program.
- 18.18 (h) \$4,555,000 the first year and \$4,555,000
18.19 the second year are for the following activities:
- 18.20 (1) financial reimbursement and technical
18.21 support to soil and water conservation districts
18.22 or other local units of government for
18.23 groundwater-level monitoring;
- 18.24 (2) surface water monitoring and analysis,
18.25 including installing monitoring gauges;
- 18.26 (3) groundwater analysis to assist with
18.27 water-appropriation permitting decisions;
- 18.28 (4) permit application review incorporating
18.29 surface water and groundwater technical
18.30 analysis;
- 18.31 (5) precipitation data and analysis to improve
18.32 irrigation use;

19.1 (6) information technology, including
 19.2 electronic permitting and integrated data
 19.3 systems; and
 19.4 (7) compliance and monitoring.
 19.5 (i) \$410,000 the first year and \$410,000 the
 19.6 second year are from the heritage enhancement
 19.7 account in the game and fish fund, and
 19.8 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 19.9 second year are from the general fund for the
 19.10 Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research
 19.11 Center at the University of Minnesota to
 19.12 prioritize, support, and develop research-based
 19.13 solutions that can reduce the effects of aquatic
 19.14 invasive species in Minnesota by preventing
 19.15 spread, controlling populations, and managing
 19.16 ecosystems and to advance knowledge to
 19.17 inspire action by others. The money
 19.18 appropriated in this paragraph is transferred
 19.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 19.20 Minnesota for the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive
 19.21 Species Research Center at the University of
 19.22 Minnesota. For fiscal years 2028 to 2031, the
 19.23 commissioner of management and budget must
 19.24 include transfers for these amounts when
 19.25 preparing each forecast, through the February
 19.26 2027 forecast, under Minnesota Statutes,
 19.27 section 16A.103.
 19.28 (j) \$129,000 the first year is from the general
 19.29 fund for providing research, policy review,
 19.30 and assisting the Sustainable Foraging Task
 19.31 Force. This is a onetime appropriation.

19.32 **Subd. 4. Forest Management** 62,183,000 61,793,000

19.33	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
19.34	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
19.35	<u>General</u>	<u>44,360,000</u> <u>43,883,000</u>

20.1	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>16,206,000</u>	<u>16,293,000</u>
20.2	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>

20.3 (a) \$7,521,000 the first year and \$7,521,000
20.4 the second year are for prevention,
20.5 presuppression, and suppression costs of
20.6 emergency firefighting and other costs
20.7 incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section
20.8 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for
20.9 presuppression and suppression costs during
20.10 the biennium is appropriated from the general
20.11 fund. By January 15 each year, the
20.12 commissioner of natural resources must submit
20.13 a report to the chairs and ranking minority
20.14 members of the house and senate committees
20.15 and divisions having jurisdiction over
20.16 environment and natural resources finance that
20.17 identifies all firefighting costs incurred and
20.18 reimbursements received in the prior fiscal
20.19 year. These appropriations may not be
20.20 transferred. Any reimbursement of firefighting
20.21 expenditures made to the commissioner from
20.22 any source other than federal mobilizations
20.23 must be deposited into the general fund.

20.24 (b) \$15,706,000 the first year and \$15,793,000
20.25 the second year are from the forest
20.26 management investment account in the natural
20.27 resources fund for only the purposes specified
20.28 in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.039,
20.29 subdivision 2.

20.30 (c) \$1,617,000 the first year and \$1,617,000
20.31 the second year are from the heritage
20.32 enhancement account in the game and fish
20.33 fund to advance ecological classification
20.34 systems (ECS), forest habitat, and invasive
20.35 species management.

21.1 (d) \$940,000 the first year and \$947,000 the
 21.2 second year are for the Forest Resources
 21.3 Council to implement the Sustainable Forest
 21.4 Resources Act.

21.5 (e) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 21.6 second year are from the forest management
 21.7 investment account in the natural resources
 21.8 fund for forest road maintenance on state
 21.9 forest roads.

21.10 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 21.11 second year are for forest road maintenance
 21.12 on county forest roads.

21.13 (g) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
 21.14 second year are for grants to local and Tribal
 21.15 governments and nonprofit organizations to
 21.16 enhance community forest ecosystem health
 21.17 and sustainability under Minnesota Statutes,
 21.18 section 88.82. The commissioner may use a
 21.19 reasonable amount of this appropriation for
 21.20 administering ReLeaf grants.

21.21 (h) \$900,000 the first year is for community
 21.22 tree-planting grants under Minnesota Statutes,
 21.23 section 84.705. This is a onetime appropriation
 21.24 and is available until June 30, 2028.

21.25 (i) \$160,000 the first year is from the general
 21.26 fund for completing the condemnation of
 21.27 certain land in Mille Lacs County authorized
 21.28 under Laws 2024, chapter 116, article 8,
 21.29 section 13. This is a onetime appropriation
 21.30 and is available until June 30, 2027.

21.31 **Subd. 5. Parks and Trails Management** 114,097,000 113,212,000

21.32 Appropriations by Fund

21.33	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
21.34 <u>General</u>	<u>38,257,000</u>	<u>36,224,000</u>

- 22.1 Natural Resources 73,540,000 74,688,000
- 22.2 Game and Fish 2,300,000 2,300,000
- 22.3 (a) \$8,925,000 the first year and \$9,238,000
- 22.4 the second year are from the natural resources
- 22.5 fund for state trail, park, and recreation area
- 22.6 operations. This appropriation is from revenue
- 22.7 deposited in the natural resources fund under
- 22.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
- 22.9 paragraph (h), clause (2).
- 22.10 (b) \$22,078,000 the first year and \$23,865,000
- 22.11 the second year are from the state parks
- 22.12 account in the natural resources fund to
- 22.13 operate and maintain state parks and state
- 22.14 recreation areas.
- 22.15 (c) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
- 22.16 the second year are from the natural resources
- 22.17 fund for park and trail grants to local units of
- 22.18 government on land to be maintained for at
- 22.19 least 20 years for parks or trails. Priority must
- 22.20 be given for projects that are in underserved
- 22.21 communities or that increase access to persons
- 22.22 with disabilities. This appropriation is from
- 22.23 revenue deposited in the natural resources fund
- 22.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
- 22.25 paragraph (h), clause (4). Any unencumbered
- 22.26 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
- 22.27 year and is available for the second year.
- 22.28 (d) \$9,624,000 the first year and \$9,624,000
- 22.29 the second year are from the snowmobile trails
- 22.30 and enforcement account in the natural
- 22.31 resources fund for the snowmobile
- 22.32 grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered
- 22.33 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
- 22.34 year and is available for the second year.

- 23.1 (e) \$2,510,000 the first year and \$2,510,000
23.2 the second year are from the natural resources
23.3 fund for the off-highway vehicle grants-in-aid
23.4 program. Of this amount, \$1,960,000 each
23.5 year is from the all-terrain vehicle account,
23.6 \$225,000 each year is from the off-highway
23.7 motorcycle account, and \$325,000 each year
23.8 is from the off-road vehicle account. Any
23.9 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
23.10 end of the first year and is available for the
23.11 second year.
- 23.12 (f) \$2,750,000 the first year and \$2,750,000
23.13 the second year are from the state land and
23.14 water conservation account in the natural
23.15 resources fund for priorities established by the
23.16 commissioner for eligible state projects and
23.17 administrative and planning activities
23.18 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
23.19 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water
23.20 Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered
23.21 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
23.22 year and is available for the second year.
- 23.23 (g) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
23.24 second year are from the general fund for
23.25 matching grants for local parks and outdoor
23.26 recreation areas under Minnesota Statutes,
23.27 section 85.019, subdivision 2.
- 23.28 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
23.29 second year are from the general fund for
23.30 matching grants for local trail connections
23.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019,
23.32 subdivision 4c.
- 23.33 (i) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
23.34 second year are from the natural resources
23.35 fund for projects and activities that connect

24.1 diverse and underserved Minnesotans through
 24.2 expanding cultural environmental experiences,
 24.3 exploration of their environment, and outdoor
 24.4 recreational activities. This appropriation is
 24.5 from revenue deposited in the natural
 24.6 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 24.7 section 297A.94, paragraph (j).

24.8 (j) \$952,000 the first year is from the
 24.9 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural
 24.10 resources fund for grants for design,
 24.11 engineering, and construction of all-terrain
 24.12 vehicle trails and to acquire rights-of-way for
 24.13 the trails. This is a onetime appropriation and
 24.14 is available until June 30, 2028.

24.15 (k) \$300,000 the first year is for one or more
 24.16 grants to the city of Anoka for design,
 24.17 engineering, environmental analysis, and
 24.18 construction of improvements to the Rum
 24.19 River Dam in the city of Anoka and to acquire
 24.20 rights-of-way, including easements, for the
 24.21 dam. This is a onetime appropriation and is
 24.22 available until June 30, 2028.

24.23 **Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management** 98,237,000 98,171,000

24.24	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
24.25	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
24.26	<u>General</u>	<u>10,499,000</u>
24.27	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>9,437,000</u>
24.28	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>2,182,000</u>
		<u>2,424,000</u>
		<u>85,556,000</u>
		<u>86,310,000</u>

24.29 (a) \$12,125,000 the first year and \$12,097,000
 24.30 the second year are from the heritage
 24.31 enhancement account in the game and fish
 24.32 fund only for activities specified under
 24.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 24.34 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding
 24.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five

25.1 percent of this appropriation may be used for
25.2 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and
25.3 retention.

25.4 (b) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000
25.5 the second year are from the deer management
25.6 account in the game and fish fund for the
25.7 purposes identified in Minnesota Statutes,
25.8 section 97A.075, subdivision 1.

25.9 (c) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
25.10 second year are from the heritage enhancement
25.11 account in the game and fish fund for grants
25.12 for natural-resource-based education and
25.13 recreation programs serving youth under
25.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976. The
25.15 commissioner may use a reasonable amount
25.16 of this appropriation for administering grants
25.17 authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section
25.18 84.976. Priority must be given to projects
25.19 benefiting underserved communities.

25.20 (d) Up to \$2,225,000 the first year and up to
25.21 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for
25.22 transfer from the critical habitat private sector
25.23 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota
25.24 fund for wildlife management areas
25.25 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement
25.26 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
25.27 84.943, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

25.28 (e) \$3,532,000 the first year and \$3,532,000
25.29 the second year are from the general fund and
25.30 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the
25.31 second year are from the game and fish fund
25.32 for statewide response and management of
25.33 chronic wasting disease. Of this amount, up
25.34 to \$3,250,000 each year from the general fund
25.35 is for inspections, investigations, and

26.1 enforcement activities taken for the
 26.2 white-tailed deer farm program.
 26.3 (f) \$848,000 the first year is to provide grants
 26.4 to accredited learning centers to provide a
 26.5 multiday, overnight educational experience
 26.6 for students in grades 4 through 12 that is
 26.7 comprised mainly of outdoor-based learning
 26.8 activities. To be eligible for a grant, the
 26.9 outdoor education program must provide
 26.10 opportunities for students to directly
 26.11 experience nature and must employ a
 26.12 research-based environmental and natural
 26.13 resources educational curriculum that is
 26.14 integrated with local school curricula to help
 26.15 students meet academic standards. A grantee
 26.16 must address accessibility of outdoor
 26.17 educational opportunities for underserved
 26.18 students, including students with disabilities.
 26.19 This is a onetime appropriation and is
 26.20 available until June 30, 2028.

26.21 (g) \$225,000 the first year is from the general
 26.22 fund to expand outreach under Minnesota
 26.23 Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 21. This
 26.24 is a onetime appropriation.

26.25 Subd. 7. Enforcement 63,890,000 64,534,000

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
26.28 <u>General</u>	<u>14,375,000</u>	<u>14,591,000</u>
26.29 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>15,045,000</u>	<u>15,473,000</u>
26.30 <u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>34,353,000</u>	<u>34,353,000</u>
26.31 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>

26.32 (a) \$1,718,000 the first year and \$1,718,000
 26.33 the second year are from the general fund for
 26.34 enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of
 26.35 aquatic invasive species.

- 27.1 (b) \$2,980,000 the first year and \$2,980,000
27.2 the second year are from the heritage
27.3 enhancement account in the game and fish
27.4 fund for only the purposes specified under
27.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
27.6 paragraph (h), clause (1).
- 27.7 (c) \$1,442,000 the first year and \$1,442,000
27.8 the second year are from the water recreation
27.9 account in the natural resources fund for grants
27.10 to counties for boat and water safety. Any
27.11 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
27.12 end of the first year and is available for the
27.13 second year.
- 27.14 (d) \$315,000 the first year and \$315,000 the
27.15 second year are from the snowmobile trails
27.16 and enforcement account in the natural
27.17 resources fund for grants to local law
27.18 enforcement agencies for snowmobile
27.19 enforcement activities. Any unencumbered
27.20 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
27.21 year and is available for the second year.
- 27.22 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
27.23 second year are from the all-terrain vehicle
27.24 account in the natural resources fund for grants
27.25 to qualifying organizations to assist in safety
27.26 and environmental education and monitoring
27.27 trails on public lands under Minnesota
27.28 Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants issued under
27.29 this paragraph must be issued through a formal
27.30 agreement with the organization. By
27.31 December 15 each year, an organization
27.32 receiving a grant under this paragraph must
27.33 report to the commissioner with details on
27.34 expenditures and outcomes from the grant. Of
27.35 this appropriation, \$25,000 each year is for

28.1 administering these grants. Any unencumbered
28.2 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
28.3 year and is available for the second year.

28.4 (f) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the
28.5 second year are from the natural resources
28.6 fund for grants to county law enforcement
28.7 agencies for off-highway vehicle enforcement
28.8 and public education activities based on
28.9 off-highway vehicle use in the county. Of this
28.10 amount, \$498,000 each year is from the
28.11 all-terrain vehicle account, \$11,000 each year
28.12 is from the off-highway motorcycle account,
28.13 and \$1,000 each year is from the off-road
28.14 vehicle account. The county enforcement
28.15 agencies may use money received under this
28.16 appropriation to make grants to other local
28.17 enforcement agencies within the county that
28.18 have a high concentration of off-highway
28.19 vehicle use. Of this appropriation, \$25,000
28.20 each year is for administering the grants. Any
28.21 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
28.22 end of the first year and is available for the
28.23 second year.

28.24 (g) \$262,000 the first year and \$262,000 the
28.25 second year are from the water recreation
28.26 account in the natural resources fund for
28.27 investigating, notification, and removal of
28.28 abandoned watercraft on or adjacent to public
28.29 waters and public land.

28.30 (h) \$20,000 the first year and \$20,000 the
28.31 second year are from the off-highway
28.32 motorcycle account in the natural resources
28.33 fund for grants to qualifying off-highway
28.34 motorcycle organizations to assist in providing
28.35 safety and environmental education and

29.1 monitoring trails on public lands according to
 29.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants
 29.3 awarded under this paragraph must be issued
 29.4 through a formal agreement with the
 29.5 organization. By December 15 each year, an
 29.6 organization receiving a grant under this
 29.7 paragraph must report to the commissioner
 29.8 with details on how the money was expended
 29.9 and what outcomes were achieved.

29.10 **Subd. 8. Operations Support** 1,200,000 -0-

29.11 \$1,200,000 the first year is for legal costs. This
 29.12 is a onetime appropriation and is available
 29.13 through fiscal year 2029.

29.14 **Subd. 9. Pass Through Funds** 1,824,000 1,831,000

29.15	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
29.16		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
29.17	<u>General</u>	<u>221,000</u>	<u>221,000</u>
29.18	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>
29.19	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>493,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>

29.20 (a) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the
 29.21 second year are from the natural resources
 29.22 fund for grants to be divided equally between
 29.23 the city of St. Paul for the Como Park Zoo and
 29.24 Conservatory and the city of Duluth for the
 29.25 Lake Superior Zoo. This appropriation is from
 29.26 revenue deposited to the natural resources fund
 29.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 29.28 paragraph (h), clause (5).

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

29.32 (c) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
 29.33 second year are from the permanent school
 29.34 fund for transaction and project management

30.1 costs for divesting of school trust lands within
 30.2 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.
 30.3 (d) \$343,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 30.4 second year are from the permanent school
 30.5 fund for the Office of School Trust Lands.
 30.6 (e) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
 30.7 second year are from the natural resources
 30.8 fund for parks and trails of regional
 30.9 significance outside the seven-county
 30.10 metropolitan area under Minnesota Statutes,
 30.11 section 85.535, based on the recommendations
 30.12 from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks
 30.13 and Trails Commission. This appropriation is
 30.14 from revenue deposited in the natural
 30.15 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 30.16 section 297A.94, paragraph (i).

30.17 **Subd. 10. Transfers**

30.18 \$720,000 the first year and \$732,000 the
 30.19 second year are transferred from the forest
 30.20 suspense account to the permanent school
 30.21 fund. For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the
 30.22 commissioner of management and budget must
 30.23 include a transfer of \$732,000 each year from
 30.24 the forest suspense account to the permanent
 30.25 school fund when preparing each forecast from
 30.26 the effective date of this section through the
 30.27 February 2027 forecast under Minnesota
 30.28 Statutes, section 16A.103.

30.29 **Subd. 11. Extensions**

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

30.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 11 is effective the day following final enactment.

31.1 **Sec. 4. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
31.2 **RESOURCES** **\$ 16,145,000 \$ 16,102,000**

31.3 (a) \$3,116,000 the first year and \$3,116,000
31.4 the second year are for grants and payments
31.5 to soil and water conservation districts for
31.6 accomplishing the purposes of Minnesota
31.7 Statutes, chapter 103C, and for other general
31.8 purposes, nonpoint engineering, and
31.9 implementation and stewardship of the
31.10 reinvest in Minnesota reserve program.
31.11 Expenditures may be made from this
31.12 appropriation for supplies and services
31.13 benefiting soil and water conservation
31.14 districts. Any district receiving a payment
31.15 under this paragraph must maintain a website
31.16 that publishes, at a minimum, the district's
31.17 annual report, annual audit, annual budget,
31.18 and meeting notices.

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

31.21 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000
31.22 the second year are for cost-sharing programs
31.23 of soil and water conservation districts for
31.24 accomplishing projects and practices
31.25 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
31.26 103C.501, including perennially vegetated
31.27 riparian buffers, erosion control, water
31.28 retention and treatment, water quality
31.29 cost-sharing for feedlots and nutrient and
31.30 manure management projects in watersheds
31.31 where there are impaired waters, and other
31.32 high-priority conservation practices; and

31.33 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
31.34 second year are for invasive species and weed
31.35 management programs and to restore native

- 32.1 plants at selected invasive species management
32.2 sites.
- 32.3 (c) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the
32.4 second year are to provide technical assistance
32.5 to local drainage management officials and
32.6 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The
32.7 board must coordinate the activities of the
32.8 Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota
32.9 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.
- 32.10 (d) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
32.11 second year are for a grant to the Red River
32.12 Basin Commission for water quality and
32.13 floodplain management, including program
32.14 administration. This appropriation must be
32.15 matched by nonstate funds.
- 32.16 (e) \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
32.17 second year are for grants to Area II
32.18 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain
32.19 management.
- 32.20 (f) \$240,000 the first year and \$240,000 the
32.21 second year are for a grant to the Lower
32.22 Minnesota River Watershed District to defray
32.23 the annual cost of sustaining the state, national,
32.24 and international commercial and recreational
32.25 navigation on the lower Minnesota River.
- 32.26 (g) \$203,000 the first year and \$203,000 the
32.27 second year are for soil health programming
32.28 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
32.29 103F.06, and for coordination with the
32.30 University of Minnesota Office for Soil
32.31 Health.
- 32.32 (h) \$3,423,000 the first year and \$3,423,000
32.33 the second year are for natural resources block
32.34 grants to local governments to implement the

- 33.1 Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland
33.2 management program under Minnesota
33.3 Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water
33.4 management responsibilities under Minnesota
33.5 Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce
33.6 the amount of the natural resources block grant
33.7 to a county by an amount equal to any
33.8 reduction in the county's general services
33.9 allocation to a soil and water conservation
33.10 district from the county's previous year
33.11 allocation when the board determines that the
33.12 reduction was disproportionate.
- 33.13 (i) \$200,000 the first year is for agreements
33.14 with local units of government to implement
33.15 local programs to prevent water pollution due
33.16 to garbage and human waste left on the ice of
33.17 state waters during winter-use activities. This
33.18 is a onetime appropriation and is available
33.19 until June 30, 2028.
- 33.20 (j) \$6,997,000 the first year and \$7,154,000
33.21 the second year are for agency administration
33.22 and operation of the Board of Water and Soil
33.23 Resources.
- 33.24 (k) The board may shift funds in this section
33.25 and may adjust the technical and
33.26 administrative assistance portion of the funds
33.27 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or
33.28 to address accountability, oversight, local
33.29 government performance, or high-priority
33.30 needs.
- 33.31 (l) The appropriations for grants and payments
33.32 in this section are available until June 30,
33.33 2029, except returned grants and payments
33.34 are available for two years after they are
33.35 returned or regranted, whichever is later.

35.1 This is a onetime appropriation and is
 35.2 available until June 30, 2028.

35.3 (d) \$900,000 the first year is for community
 35.4 tree-planting grants under Minnesota Statutes,
 35.5 section 473.355. This is a onetime
 35.6 appropriation and is available until June 30,
 35.7 2028.

35.8 **Sec. 6. CONSERVATION CORPS**
 35.9 **MINNESOTA AND IOWA** \$ **1,070,000** \$ **1,070,000**

35.10	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
35.11	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
35.12	<u>General</u>	<u>580,000</u>
35.13	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>490,000</u>

35.14 Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa may
 35.15 receive money appropriated from the natural
 35.16 resources fund under this section only as
 35.17 provided in an agreement with the
 35.18 commissioner of natural resources.

35.19 **Sec. 7. ZOOLOGICAL BOARD** \$ **14,180,000** \$ **14,532,000**

35.20	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
35.21	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
35.22	<u>General</u>	<u>13,925,000</u>
35.23	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>255,000</u>

35.24 \$255,000 the first year and \$255,000 the
 35.25 second year are from the natural resources
 35.26 fund from revenue deposited under Minnesota
 35.27 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),
 35.28 clause (5).

35.29 **Sec. 8. SCIENCE MUSEUM** \$ **1,460,000** \$ **1,260,000**

35.30 **Sec. 9. LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING**
 35.31 **COMMISSION** \$ **198,000** \$ **-0-**

35.32 \$198,000 the first year is for the administrative
 35.33 costs of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force.
 35.34 This is a onetime appropriation.

36.1 **Sec. 10. EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC**
 36.2 **DEVELOPMENT** **\$ 444,000 \$ 444,000**

36.3 \$444,000 the first year and \$444,000 the
 36.4 second year are for additional business
 36.5 permitting assistance through the Minnesota
 36.6 Business First Stop Program. Of this amount,
 36.7 \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 36.8 second year are for the development and
 36.9 maintenance of a GIS platform to identify sites
 36.10 with the least amount of conflict for complex
 36.11 development projects. The base for this
 36.12 appropriation is \$369,000 in fiscal year 2028
 36.13 and thereafter.

36.14 Sec. 11. Laws 2022, chapter 95, article 3, section 6, is amended to read:

36.15 **Sec. 6. APPROPRIATIONS; DROUGHT RELIEF.**

36.16 (a) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
 36.17 of natural resources for costs associated with resolving well interferences confirmed by the
 36.18 Department of Natural Resources that occurred after April 30, 2021, and before December
 36.19 31, 2021. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

36.20 (b) ~~\$5,000,000~~ \$2,195,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to
 36.21 the commissioner of natural resources ~~to replace drought-killed seedlings on lands managed~~
 36.22 ~~by the Department of Natural Resources and to administer grants to Tribal, county, and~~
 36.23 ~~private forestland owners to replace drought-killed seedlings on their land. Seedling~~
 36.24 ~~replacement includes site prep, replanting, and tending seedlings.~~ for reforestation needs
 36.25 associated with wildfires. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30,
 36.26 ~~2027~~ 2029.

36.27 Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

36.28 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 305,345,000 \$ 229,638,000**
 36.29 **\$ 305,345,000 \$ 226,638,000**

36.30	Appropriations by Fund	
36.31	2024	2025
36.32		100,098,000
36.33	General 179,534,000	<u>97,098,000</u>

37.1	State Government		
37.2	Special Revenue	85,000	90,000
37.3	Environmental	106,055,000	109,203,000
37.4	Remediation	19,671,000	20,247,000

37.5 The amounts that may be spent for each
 37.6 purpose are specified in the following
 37.7 subdivisions.

37.8 The commissioner must present the agency's
 37.9 biennial budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027
 37.10 to the legislature in a transparent way by
 37.11 agency division, including the proposed
 37.12 budget bill and presentations of the budget to
 37.13 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 37.14 over the agency's budget.

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

37.16 Sec. 13. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

37.17			72,785,000
37.18	Subd. 2. Environmental Analysis and Outcomes	79,311,000	<u>69,785,000</u>

37.19	Appropriations by Fund		
37.20		2024	2025
37.21			53,047,000
37.22	General	60,103,000	<u>50,047,000</u>
37.23	Environmental	18,959,000	19,533,000
37.24	Remediation	249,000	205,000

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

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

37.32 (2) enhanced economic analysis in the
 37.33 rulemaking process for water quality

38.1 standards, including more-specific analysis
38.2 and identification of cost-effective permitting;
38.3 (3) developing statewide economic analyses
38.4 and templates to reduce the amount of
38.5 information and time required for
38.6 municipalities to apply for variances from
38.7 water quality standards; and
38.8 (4) coordinating with the Public Facilities
38.9 Authority to identify and advocate for the
38.10 resources needed for urban, suburban, and
38.11 Greater Minnesota municipalities to achieve
38.12 permit requirements.
38.13 (b) \$216,000 the first year and \$219,000 the
38.14 second year are from the environmental fund
38.15 for a monitoring program under Minnesota
38.16 Statutes, section 116.454.
38.17 (c) \$132,000 the first year and \$137,000 the
38.18 second year are for monitoring water quality
38.19 and operating assistance programs.
38.20 (d) \$390,000 the first year and \$399,000 the
38.21 second year are from the environmental fund
38.22 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous
38.23 pollutants.
38.24 (e) \$106,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
38.25 second year are from the environmental fund
38.26 for duties related to harmful chemicals in
38.27 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,
38.28 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this
38.29 amount, \$68,000 the first year and \$70,000
38.30 the second year are transferred to the
38.31 commissioner of health.
38.32 (f) \$128,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
38.33 second year are from the environmental fund
38.34 for registering wastewater laboratories.

39.1 (g) \$1,492,000 the first year and \$1,519,000
39.2 the second year are from the environmental
39.3 fund to continue perfluorochemical
39.4 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan
39.5 communities, as recommended by the
39.6 Environmental Health Tracking and
39.7 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address
39.8 other environmental health risks, including air
39.9 quality. The communities must include Hmong
39.10 and other immigrant farming communities.
39.11 Of this amount, up to \$1,226,000 the first year
39.12 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer
39.13 to the commissioner of health.

39.14 (h) \$61,000 the first year and \$62,000 the
39.15 second year are from the environmental fund
39.16 for the listing procedures for impaired waters
39.17 required under this act.

39.18 (i) \$72,000 the first year and \$74,000 the
39.19 second year are from the remediation fund for
39.20 the leaking underground storage tank program
39.21 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
39.22 releases from underground petroleum storage
39.23 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
39.24 program for vapor assessment and
39.25 remediation. These same annual amounts are
39.26 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
39.27 the remediation fund.

39.28 (j) \$500,000 the first year is to facilitate the
39.29 collaboration and modeling of greenhouse gas
39.30 impacts, costs, and benefits of strategies to
39.31 reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.
39.32 This is a onetime appropriation.

39.33 (k) \$50,266,000 the first year and ~~\$50,270,000~~
39.34 \$47,270,000 the second year are to establish
39.35 and implement a local government climate

40.1 resiliency and water infrastructure grant
40.2 program for local governmental units and
40.3 Tribal governments. Of this amount,
40.4 \$49,100,000 ~~each~~ the first year is and
40.5 \$46,100,000 the second year are for grants to
40.6 support communities in planning and
40.7 implementing projects that will allow for
40.8 adaptation for a changing climate. At least 40
40.9 percent of the money granted under this
40.10 paragraph must be for projects in areas that
40.11 meet environmental justice criteria. By
40.12 December 30, 2027, the commissioner must
40.13 submit a report on the use of grant money to
40.14 the chairs and ranking minority members of
40.15 the legislative committees with jurisdiction
40.16 over environment and natural resources
40.17 finance. This appropriation is available until
40.18 June 30, 2027. The base for this appropriation
40.19 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$270,000.

40.20 (l) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to the
40.21 city of Fergus Falls to address water-quality
40.22 concerns at Lake Alice. This appropriation is
40.23 available until June 30, 2026.

40.24 (m) \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to
40.25 Rice County to address water-quality concerns
40.26 at French Lake. This appropriation is available
40.27 until June 30, 2026.

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

40.31 (o) Recipients of money appropriated in
40.32 paragraphs (l), (m), and (n) may use the grants
40.33 to contract for water-quality improvement
40.34 services, testing, necessary infrastructure,
40.35 training, and maintenance.

- 41.1 (p) \$2,070,000 the first year and \$2,070,000
41.2 the second year are from the environmental
41.3 fund to develop and implement a program
41.4 related to emerging issues, including
41.5 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint.
- 41.6 (q) \$1,820,000 the first year and \$1,820,000
41.7 the second year are from the environmental
41.8 fund to support improved management of data
41.9 collected by the agency and its partners and
41.10 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making
41.11 and public access.
- 41.12 (r) \$500,000 the first year is from the general
41.13 fund for the report on firefighter turnout gear
41.14 and biomonitoring required under this act. Of
41.15 this amount, up to ~~\$250,000~~ \$425,000 may be
41.16 transferred to the commissioner of health for
41.17 biomonitoring of firefighters. This
41.18 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.
- 41.19 (s) \$500,000 the first year is to develop
41.20 protocols to be used by agencies and
41.21 departments for sampling and testing
41.22 groundwater, surface water, public drinking
41.23 water, and private wells for microplastics and
41.24 nanoplastics and to begin implementation. The
41.25 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency
41.26 may transfer money appropriated under this
41.27 paragraph to the commissioners of agriculture,
41.28 natural resources, and health to implement the
41.29 protocols developed. This is a onetime
41.30 appropriation and is available until June 30,
41.31 2025.
- 41.32 (t) \$50,000 the first year is from the
41.33 remediation fund for the work group on PFAS
41.34 manufacturer fees and report required under
41.35 this act.

42.1 (u) \$387,000 the first year and \$90,000 the
42.2 second year are to develop and implement the
42.3 requirements for fish kills under Minnesota
42.4 Statutes, sections 103G.216 and 103G.2165.
42.5 Of this amount, up to \$331,000 the first year
42.6 and \$90,000 the second year may be
42.7 transferred to the commissioners of health,
42.8 natural resources, agriculture, and public
42.9 safety and to the Board of Regents of the
42.10 University of Minnesota as necessary to
42.11 implement those sections. The base for this
42.12 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and beyond
42.13 is \$7,000.

42.14 (v) \$63,000 the first year and \$92,000 the
42.15 second year are for transfer to the
42.16 commissioner of health for amending the
42.17 health risk limit for PFOS. This is a onetime
42.18 appropriation and is available until June 30,
42.19 2026.

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

42.24 (x) \$2,333,000 the first year and \$2,333,000
42.25 the second year are to adopt rules and
42.26 implement air toxics emissions requirements
42.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.
42.28 The general fund appropriations are onetime
42.29 and are available until June 30, 2027. The base
42.30 for this appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2026
42.31 and \$1,400,000 from the environmental fund
42.32 in fiscal year 2027 and beyond.

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

43.1 Sec. 14. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

43.2 Subd. 7. **Resource Management and Assistance** 82,000,000 57,974,000

43.3 Appropriations by Fund

43.4		2024	2025
43.5	General	38,464,000	13,850,000
43.6	Environmental	43,536,000	44,124,000

43.7 (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000
43.8 the second year may be transferred from the
43.9 environmental fund to the small business
43.10 environmental improvement loan account
43.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

43.12 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
43.13 the second year are for competitive recycling
43.14 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
43.15 115A.565. Of this amount, \$300,000 the first
43.16 year and \$300,000 the second year are from
43.17 the general fund, and \$700,000 the first year
43.18 and \$700,000 the second year are from the
43.19 environmental fund. This appropriation is
43.20 available until June 30, 2027.

43.21 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the
43.22 second year are from the environmental fund
43.23 for emission-reduction activities and grants to
43.24 small businesses and other
43.25 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this
43.26 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
43.27 the second year are to continue work with
43.28 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner
43.29 may enter into an agreement with
43.30 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.

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

44.1 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the
44.2 second year are from the environmental fund
44.3 for environmental assistance grants or loans
44.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.

44.5 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
44.6 second year are from the environmental fund
44.7 for grants to develop and expand recycling
44.8 markets for Minnesota businesses. This
44.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

44.10 (g) \$767,000 the first year and \$770,000 the
44.11 second year are from the environmental fund
44.12 for reducing and diverting food waste,
44.13 redirecting edible food for consumption, and
44.14 removing barriers to collecting and recovering
44.15 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each
44.16 year is for grants to increase food rescue and
44.17 waste prevention. This appropriation is
44.18 available until June 30, 2027.

44.19 (h) \$2,797,000 the first year and \$2,811,000
44.20 the second year are from the environmental
44.21 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
44.22 section 473.844.

44.23 (i) \$318,000 the first year and \$324,000 the
44.24 second year are from the environmental fund
44.25 to address chemicals in products, including to
44.26 implement and enforce flame retardant
44.27 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
44.28 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and
44.29 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging
44.30 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
44.31 325F.075. Of this amount, \$78,000 the first
44.32 year and \$80,000 the second year are
44.33 transferred to the commissioner of health.

45.1 (j) \$180,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
45.2 second year are for quantifying climate-related
45.3 impacts from projects for environmental
45.4 review. This is a onetime appropriation. This
45.5 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

45.6 (k) \$1,790,000 the first year and \$70,000 the
45.7 second year are for accelerating pollution
45.8 prevention at small businesses. Of this amount,
45.9 \$1,720,000 the first year is for transfer to the
45.10 environmental fund for zero-interest loans
45.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993, to
45.12 phase out high-polluting equipment, products,
45.13 and processes and replace with new options.
45.14 This appropriation is available until June 30,
45.15 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

45.16 (l) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the
45.17 second year are to support the Greenstep Cities
45.18 program. This is a onetime appropriation. This
45.19 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

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

45.24 (n) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
45.25 second year are from the environmental fund
45.26 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.

45.27 (o) \$4,210,000 the first year and \$210,000 the
45.28 second year are for PFAS reduction grants.
45.29 Of this amount, \$4,000,000 the first year is
45.30 for grants to industry and public entities to
45.31 identify sources of PFAS entering facilities
45.32 and to develop pollution prevention and
45.33 reduction initiatives to reduce PFAS entering
45.34 facilities, prevent releases, and monitor the

46.1 effectiveness of these projects. Priority must
46.2 be given to projects in underserved
46.3 communities. This is a onetime appropriation
46.4 and is available until June 30, 2027.

46.5 (p) \$12,940,000 the first year and \$12,940,000
46.6 the second year are for a waste prevention and
46.7 reduction grants and loan program. This is a
46.8 onetime appropriation and is available until
46.9 June 30, 2027. Of this amount in the first year,
46.10 \$7,950,000 is for waste prevention and
46.11 reduction grants and loans and \$3,000,000 is
46.12 for a grant to the owner of a biomass energy
46.13 generation plant in Shakopee that uses waste
46.14 heat from the generation of electricity in the
46.15 malting process to purchase a wood dehydrator
46.16 to facilitate disposal of wood that is infested
46.17 by the emerald ash borer. Of this amount in
46.18 the second year, \$10,950,000 is for waste
46.19 prevention and reduction grants and loans,
46.20 including \$1,000,000 for transfer to the
46.21 environmental fund for the purposes of
46.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716. By
46.23 October 1, 2024, the commissioner of the
46.24 Pollution Control Agency must report to the
46.25 chairs and ranking minority members of the
46.26 legislative committees and divisions with
46.27 jurisdiction over environment and natural
46.28 resources on the use of money appropriated
46.29 for the wood dehydrator under this paragraph.

46.30 (q) \$16,562,000 the first year is for grants to
46.31 a Minnesota nonprofit corporation that owns
46.32 a cogeneration facility that serves a St. Paul
46.33 district heating and cooling system to preserve
46.34 existing biomass energy infrastructure for
46.35 purposes of local and regional emerald ash

47.1 borer response efforts. The commissioner of
47.2 the Pollution Control Agency may require the
47.3 nonprofit corporation to charge a fee per ton
47.4 of wood waste delivered to the facility. This
47.5 is a onetime appropriation and is available
47.6 until June 30, 2030.

47.7 (r) \$1,163,000 the first year and \$1,115,000
47.8 the second year are from the environmental
47.9 fund for rulemaking and implementation of
47.10 the new PFAS requirements under Minnesota
47.11 Statutes, section 116.943. Of this amount,
47.12 \$312,000 the first year and \$468,000 the
47.13 second year are for transfer to the
47.14 commissioner of health.

47.15 (s) \$680,000 the first year is for the resource
47.16 management report required in this act. This
47.17 is a onetime appropriation and is available
47.18 until June 30, 2026.

47.19 (t) \$35,000 the second year is from the
47.20 environmental fund for the compostable
47.21 labeling requirements under Minnesota
47.22 Statutes, section 325E.046. The base for this
47.23 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond
47.24 is \$68,000 from the environmental fund.

47.25 (u) \$175,000 the first year is for the
47.26 rulemaking required under this act providing
47.27 for the safe and lawful disposal of waste
47.28 treated seed. This appropriation is available
47.29 until June 30, 2025.

47.30 (v) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a lead tackle
47.31 reduction program that provides outreach,
47.32 education, and opportunities to safely dispose
47.33 of and exchange lead tackle throughout the

48.1 state. This is a onetime appropriation and is
48.2 available until June 30, 2027.

48.3 (w) \$17,000 the first year is for rulemaking
48.4 for the capital assistance program. This is a
48.5 onetime appropriation.

48.6 (x) Any unencumbered grant and loan
48.7 balances in the first year do not cancel but are
48.8 available for grants and loans in the second
48.9 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
48.10 section 16A.28, the appropriations
48.11 encumbered on or before June 30, 2025, as
48.12 contracts or grants for environmental
48.13 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,
48.14 section 115A.0716; technical and research
48.15 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section
48.16 115A.152; technical assistance under
48.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and
48.18 pollution prevention assistance under
48.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are
48.20 available until June 30, 2027.

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

48.22 Sec. 15. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

48.23 **Subd. 10. Transfers**

48.24 (a) The commissioner must transfer up to
48.25 \$24,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000
48.26 the second year from the environmental fund
48.27 to the remediation fund for purposes of the
48.28 remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
48.29 section 116.155, subdivision 2. The base for
48.30 this transfer is \$24,000,000 in fiscal year 2026
48.31 and beyond.

48.32 (b) By June 30, 2024, the commissioner of
48.33 management and budget must transfer

49.1 \$27,397,000 from the general fund to the
 49.2 metropolitan landfill contingency action trust
 49.3 account in the remediation fund to restore the
 49.4 money transferred from the account as
 49.5 intended under Laws 2003, chapter 128, article
 49.6 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and Laws 2005,
 49.7 First Special Session chapter 1, article 3,
 49.8 section 17, and to compensate the account for
 49.9 the estimated lost investment income.

49.10 ~~(e) Beginning in fiscal year 2024, the~~
 49.11 ~~commissioner of management and budget must~~
 49.12 ~~transfer \$100,000 each year from the general~~
 49.13 ~~fund to the metropolitan landfill contingency~~
 49.14 ~~action trust account in the remediation fund~~
 49.15 ~~to restore the money transferred from the~~
 49.16 ~~account as intended under Laws 2003, chapter~~
 49.17 ~~128, article 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and~~
 49.18 ~~Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1,~~
 49.19 ~~article 3, section 17.~~

49.20 Sec. 16. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

49.21 **535,868,000**
 49.22 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** **\$ 530,368,000 \$ 403,116,000**

49.23	Appropriations by Fund		
49.24		2024	2025
49.25		<u>281,054,000</u>	
49.26	General	<u>275,554,000</u>	150,078,000
49.27	Natural Resources	123,986,000	123,706,000
49.28	Game and Fish	129,920,000	128,513,000
49.29	Remediation	117,000	117,000
49.30	Permanent School	791,000	702,000

49.31 The amounts that may be spent for each
 49.32 purpose are specified in the following
 49.33 subdivisions.

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

50.1 Sec. 17. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

50.2		111,125,000	
50.3	Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management	<u>105,625,000</u>	96,963,000

50.4 Appropriations by Fund

50.5		2024	2025
50.6		23,643,000	
50.7	General	<u>18,143,000</u>	9,888,000
50.8	Natural Resources	2,082,000	2,082,000
50.9	Game and Fish	85,400,000	84,993,000

50.10 (a) \$11,158,000 the first year and \$11,158,000
50.11 the second year are from the heritage
50.12 enhancement account in the game and fish
50.13 fund only for activities specified under
50.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
50.15 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding
50.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five
50.17 percent of this appropriation may be used for
50.18 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and
50.19 retention.

50.20 (b) \$982,000 the first year and \$982,000 the
50.21 second year are from the general fund and
50.22 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the
50.23 second year are from the game and fish fund
50.24 for statewide response and management of
50.25 chronic wasting disease. The commissioner
50.26 and the Board of Animal Health must each
50.27 submit annual reports on chronic wasting
50.28 disease activities funded in this biennium to
50.29 the chairs and ranking minority members of
50.30 the legislative committees and divisions with
50.31 jurisdiction over environment and natural
50.32 resources and agriculture. The general fund
50.33 base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026
50.34 and beyond is \$282,000.

51.1 (c) \$5,150,000 the first year and \$3,250,000
51.2 the second year are for inspections,
51.3 investigations, and enforcement activities
51.4 taken for the white-tailed deer farm program
51.5 and for statewide response and management
51.6 of chronic wasting disease. This appropriation
51.7 is available until June 30, 2029.

51.8 (d) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000
51.9 the second year are from the deer management
51.10 account for the purposes identified in
51.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.075,
51.12 subdivision 1.

51.13 (e) \$268,000 the first year and \$268,000 the
51.14 second year are for increased capacity for
51.15 broadband utility licensing for state lands and
51.16 public waters. This is a onetime appropriation
51.17 and is available until June 30, 2028.

51.18 (f) ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$4,500,000 the first year is
51.19 for enhancing prairies and grasslands and
51.20 restoring wetlands on state-owned wildlife
51.21 management areas to sequester more carbon
51.22 and enhance climate resiliency. This is a
51.23 onetime appropriation and is available until
51.24 June 30, 2027.

51.25 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
51.26 second year are from the general fund and
51.27 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
51.28 second year are from the heritage enhancement
51.29 account in the game and fish fund for grants
51.30 for natural-resource-based education and
51.31 recreation programs serving youth under
51.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976, and for
51.33 grant administration. Priority must be given
51.34 to projects benefiting underserved
51.35 communities. The base for this appropriation

52.1 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$500,000
52.2 from the heritage enhancement account in the
52.3 game and fish fund. The general fund
52.4 appropriation is onetime.

52.5 (h) \$2,300,000 the first year is for a grant to
52.6 the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior
52.7 Chippewa to expand Minnesota's wild elk
52.8 population and range. Consideration must be
52.9 given to moving elk from existing herds in
52.10 northwest Minnesota to the area of the Fond
52.11 du Lac State Forest and the Fond du Lac
52.12 Reservation in Carlton and southern St. Louis
52.13 Counties. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake
52.14 Superior Chippewa's elk reintroduction efforts
52.15 must undergo thorough planning with the
52.16 Department of Natural Resources to develop
52.17 necessary capture and handling protocols,
52.18 including protocols related to cervid disease
52.19 management, and to produce postrelease state
52.20 and Tribal elk comanagement plans. Of this
52.21 amount, \$300,000 is for the department for
52.22 the purposes of this paragraph. This is a
52.23 onetime appropriation and is available until
52.24 June 30, 2026.

52.25 (i) \$767,000 the first year is from the heritage
52.26 enhancement account in the game and fish
52.27 fund to examine the effects of neonicotinoid
52.28 exposure on the reproduction and survival of
52.29 Minnesota's game species, including deer and
52.30 prairie chicken. This is a onetime
52.31 appropriation and is available until June 30,
52.32 2027.

52.33 (j) \$134,000 the first year and \$134,000 the
52.34 second year are from the heritage enhancement

53.1 account in the game and fish fund for native
 53.2 fish conservation and classification.

53.3 (k) \$82,000 the first year is for the native fish
 53.4 reports required under this act. This is a
 53.5 onetime appropriation.

53.6 (l) \$65,000 the first year is for preparing the
 53.7 report on feral pigs and mink required under
 53.8 this act and holding at least one public meeting
 53.9 on the topic.

53.10 (m) Up to \$5,750,000 the first year and up to
 53.11 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for
 53.12 transfer from the critical habitat private sector
 53.13 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota
 53.14 fund for wildlife management areas
 53.15 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement
 53.16 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
 53.17 84.943, subdivision 5b.

53.18 (n) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 53.19 section 297A.94, \$300,000 the first year and
 53.20 \$300,000 the second year are from the heritage
 53.21 enhancement account in the game and fish
 53.22 fund for shooting sports facility grants under
 53.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10, including
 53.24 grants for archery facilities. Grants must be
 53.25 matched with a nonstate match, which may
 53.26 include in-kind contributions. This is a
 53.27 onetime appropriation and is available until
 53.28 June 30, ~~2026~~ 2028. ~~This appropriation must~~
 53.29 ~~be allocated as follows:~~

53.30 ~~(1) \$200,000 each fiscal year is for grants of~~
 53.31 ~~\$25,000 or less; and~~

53.32 ~~(2) \$100,000 each fiscal year is for grants in~~
 53.33 ~~excess of \$25,000.~~

54.1 (o) \$75,000 the first year is from the heritage
 54.2 enhancement account in the game and fish
 54.3 fund for enhanced fish stocking of white bass
 54.4 and crappies in lakes in the metropolitan area
 54.5 that have pier and shore fishing opportunities
 54.6 where communities are currently underserved.

54.7 (p) \$1,633,000 the first year is for a grant to
 54.8 the Board of Regents of the University of
 54.9 Minnesota for chronic wasting disease
 54.10 contingency plans developed by the Center
 54.11 for Infectious Disease Research and Policy.
 54.12 This is a onetime appropriation.

54.13 (q) \$900,000 the first year is to create new or
 54.14 expand existing outreach and education
 54.15 programs for non-native English-speaking
 54.16 communities. Of this amount, \$250,000 is for
 54.17 the commissioner of the Pollution Control
 54.18 Agency and \$250,000 is for the Board of
 54.19 Water and Soil Resources for this purpose. Up
 54.20 to \$400,000 may be used to expand the
 54.21 Fishing in the Neighborhood program for
 54.22 outreach to new and underserved audiences.
 54.23 This appropriation may be used for community
 54.24 outreach consultants for reaching new
 54.25 audiences. This is a onetime appropriation and
 54.26 is available until June 30, 2027.

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

54.28 Sec. 18. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

54.29	Sec. 4. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL			58,131,000
54.30	RESOURCES	\$	61,943,000	\$ <u>54,701,000</u>

54.31 (a) \$3,116,000 the first year and ~~\$3,116,000~~
 54.32 \$2,534,000 the second year are for grants and
 54.33 payments to soil and water conservation
 54.34 districts for accomplishing the purposes of

55.1 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103C, and for
55.2 other general purposes, nonpoint engineering,
55.3 and implementation and stewardship of the
55.4 reinvest in Minnesota reserve program.
55.5 Expenditures may be made from this
55.6 appropriation for supplies and services
55.7 benefiting soil and water conservation
55.8 districts. Any district receiving a payment
55.9 under this paragraph must maintain a website
55.10 that publishes, at a minimum, the district's
55.11 annual report, annual audit, annual budget,
55.12 and meeting notices.

55.13 (b) \$761,000 the first year and \$761,000 the
55.14 second year are to implement, enforce, and
55.15 provide oversight for the Wetland
55.16 Conservation Act, including administering the
55.17 wetland banking program and in-lieu fee
55.18 mechanism.

55.19 (c) \$1,560,000 the first year and \$1,560,000
55.20 the second year are for the following:

55.21 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000
55.22 the second year are for cost-sharing programs
55.23 of soil and water conservation districts for
55.24 accomplishing projects and practices
55.25 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
55.26 103C.501, including perennially vegetated
55.27 riparian buffers, erosion control, water
55.28 retention and treatment, water quality
55.29 cost-sharing for feedlots under 500 animal
55.30 units and nutrient and manure management
55.31 projects in watersheds where there are
55.32 impaired waters, and other high-priority
55.33 conservation practices; and

55.34 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
55.35 second year are for county cooperative weed

56.1 management programs and to restore native
56.2 plants at selected invasive species management
56.3 sites.

56.4 (d) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the
56.5 second year are to provide technical assistance
56.6 to local drainage management officials and
56.7 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The
56.8 board must coordinate the activities of the
56.9 Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota
56.10 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.

56.11 The Drainage Work Group must review a
56.12 drainage authority's power under Minnesota
56.13 Statutes, chapter 103E, to consider the
56.14 abandonment or dismantling of drainage
56.15 systems; to re-meander, restore, or reconstruct
56.16 a natural waterway that has been modified by
56.17 drainage; or to deconstruct dikes, dams, or
56.18 other water-control structures.

56.19 (e) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
56.20 second year are for a grant to the Red River
56.21 Basin Commission for water quality and
56.22 floodplain management, including program
56.23 administration. This appropriation must be
56.24 matched by nonstate funds.

56.25 (f) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the
56.26 second year are for grants to Area II
56.27 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain
56.28 management. The base for fiscal year 2026
56.29 and later is \$140,000.

56.30 (g) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
56.31 second year are for conservation easement
56.32 stewardship.

56.33 (h) \$240,000 the first year and \$240,000 the
56.34 second year are for a grant to the Lower

57.1 Minnesota River Watershed District to defray
57.2 the annual cost of operating and maintaining
57.3 sites for dredge spoil to sustain the state,
57.4 national, and international commercial and
57.5 recreational navigation on the lower Minnesota
57.6 River.

57.7 (i) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
57.8 the second year are for the lawns to legumes
57.9 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
57.10 103B.104. The board may enter into
57.11 agreements with local governments, Metro
57.12 Blooms, and other organizations to support
57.13 this effort. This is a onetime appropriation and
57.14 is available until June 30, 2027.

57.15 (j) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
57.16 the second year are for the habitat
57.17 enhancement landscape program under
57.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.106. This is
57.19 a onetime appropriation and is available until
57.20 June 30, 2027.

57.21 (k) \$10,557,000 the first year and \$10,557,000
57.22 the second year are for soil health activities to
57.23 achieve water quality, soil productivity,
57.24 climate change resiliency, or carbon
57.25 sequestration benefits consistent with
57.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.06. This is
57.27 a onetime appropriation and is available until
57.28 June 30, 2027. The board may use grants to
57.29 local governments, including soil and water
57.30 conservation districts, and agreements with
57.31 the United States Department of Agriculture;
57.32 the University of Minnesota, Office for Soil
57.33 Health; AgCentric, Minnesota State Northern
57.34 Center of Excellence; and other practitioners
57.35 and partners to accomplish this work.

58.1 (l) \$203,000 the first year and \$203,000 the
58.2 second year are for soil health practice
58.3 adoption purposes consistent with the
58.4 cost-sharing provisions of Minnesota Statutes,
58.5 section 103C.501, and for soil health program
58.6 responsibilities in consultation with the
58.7 University of Minnesota Office for Soil
58.8 Health.

58.9 (m) \$10,500,000 the first year and
58.10 ~~\$10,500,000~~ \$7,652,000 the second year are
58.11 for conservation easements and to restore and
58.12 enhance grasslands and adjacent lands
58.13 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, sections
58.14 103F.501 to 103F.531, for the purposes of
58.15 climate resiliency, adaptation, carbon
58.16 sequestration, and related benefits. Of this
58.17 amount, up to \$423,000 is for deposit in the
58.18 water and soil conservation easement
58.19 stewardship account established under
58.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This is
58.21 a onetime appropriation and is available until
58.22 June 30, 2029. The board must give priority
58.23 to leveraging nonstate funding, including
58.24 practices, programs, and projects funded by
58.25 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the
58.26 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,
58.27 the Conservation Reserve Program, the
58.28 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal
58.29 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities
58.30 Program.

58.31 (n) \$4,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000
58.32 the second year are to acquire conservation
58.33 easements and to restore and enhance
58.34 peatlands and adjacent lands consistent with
58.35 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to

59.1 103F.531, for the purposes of climate
59.2 resiliency, adaptation, carbon sequestration,
59.3 and related benefits. Of this amount, up to
59.4 \$299,000 is for deposit in the water and soil
59.5 conservation easement stewardship account
59.6 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
59.7 103B.103. This is a onetime appropriation and
59.8 is available until June 30, 2029. The board
59.9 must give priority to leveraging nonstate
59.10 funding, including practices, programs, and
59.11 projects funded by the U.S. Department of
59.12 Agriculture via the Conservation Reserve
59.13 Enhancement Program, the Conservation
59.14 Reserve Program, the Federal Inflation
59.15 Reduction Act, the Federal Farm Bill, or the
59.16 Climate-Smart Commodities Program.

59.17 (o) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
59.18 the second year are to enhance existing
59.19 easements established under Minnesota
59.20 Statutes, sections 103F.501 to 103F.531.
59.21 Enhancements are for the purposes of climate
59.22 resiliency, adaptation, and carbon
59.23 sequestration and include but are not limited
59.24 to increasing biodiversity and mitigating the
59.25 effects of rainfall and runoff events. This is a
59.26 onetime appropriation and is available until
59.27 June 30, 2029. The board must give priority
59.28 to leveraging nonstate funding, including
59.29 practices, programs, and projects funded by
59.30 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the
59.31 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,
59.32 the Conservation Reserve Program, the
59.33 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal
59.34 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities
59.35 Program.

60.1 (p) \$8,500,000 the first year and \$8,500,000
60.2 the second year are for water quality and
60.3 storage practices and projects to protect
60.4 infrastructure, improve water quality and
60.5 related public benefits, and mitigate climate
60.6 change impacts consistent with Minnesota
60.7 Statutes, section 103F.05. This is a onetime
60.8 appropriation and is available until June 30,
60.9 2029. The board must give priority to
60.10 leveraging nonstate funding, including
60.11 practices, programs, and projects funded by
60.12 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the
60.13 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,
60.14 the Conservation Reserve Program, the
60.15 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal
60.16 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities
60.17 Program.

60.18 (q) \$4,673,000 the first year and \$4,673,000
60.19 the second year are for natural resources block
60.20 grants to local governments to implement the
60.21 Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland
60.22 management program under Minnesota
60.23 Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water
60.24 management responsibilities under Minnesota
60.25 Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce
60.26 the amount of the natural resources block grant
60.27 to a county by an amount equal to any
60.28 reduction in the county's general services
60.29 allocation to a soil and water conservation
60.30 district from the county's previous year
60.31 allocation when the board determines that the
60.32 reduction was disproportionate. The base for
60.33 this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and
60.34 beyond is \$3,423,000.

61.1 (r) \$129,000 the first year and \$136,000 the
61.2 second year are to accomplish the objectives
61.3 of Minnesota Statutes, section 10.65, and
61.4 related Tribal government coordination. The
61.5 base for fiscal year 2026 and each year
61.6 thereafter is \$144,000.

61.7 (s) \$3,000,000 the first year is to provide
61.8 onetime state incentive payments to enrollees
61.9 in the federal Conservation Reserve Program
61.10 (CRP) during the continuous enrollment
61.11 period and to enroll complementary areas in
61.12 conservation easements consistent with
61.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515. The
61.14 board may establish payment rates based on
61.15 land valuation and on environmental benefit
61.16 criteria, including but not limited to surface
61.17 water or groundwater pollution reduction,
61.18 drinking water protection, soil health,
61.19 pollinator and wildlife habitat, and other
61.20 conservation enhancements. The board may
61.21 use state funds to implement the program and
61.22 to provide technical assistance to landowners
61.23 or their agents to fulfill enrollment and
61.24 contract provisions. The board must consult
61.25 with the commissioners of agriculture, health,
61.26 natural resources, and the Pollution Control
61.27 Agency and the United States Department of
61.28 Agriculture in establishing program criteria.
61.29 This is a onetime appropriation and is
61.30 available until June 30, 2027.

61.31 (t) \$2,000,000 the first year is to acquire
61.32 conservation easements from landowners to
61.33 preserve, restore, create, and enhance wetlands
61.34 and associated uplands of prairie and
61.35 grasslands and to restore and enhance rivers

62.1 and streams, riparian lands, and associated
62.2 uplands of prairie and grasslands, in order to
62.3 protect soil and water quality, support fish and
62.4 wildlife habitat, reduce flood damage, and
62.5 provide other public benefits. Minnesota
62.6 Statutes, section 103F.515, applies to this
62.7 program. The board must give priority to
62.8 leveraging federal money by enrolling targeted
62.9 new lands or enrolling environmentally
62.10 sensitive lands that have expiring federal
62.11 conservation agreements. The board is
62.12 authorized to enter into new agreements and
62.13 amend past agreements with landowners as
62.14 required by Minnesota Statutes, section
62.15 103F.515, subdivision 5, to allow for
62.16 restoration. Up to five percent of this
62.17 appropriation may be used for restoration and
62.18 enhancement.

62.19 (u) \$5,623,000 the first year and \$5,804,000
62.20 the second year are for agency administration
62.21 and operation of the Board of Water and Soil
62.22 Resources.

62.23 (v) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
62.24 second year are for the habitat-friendly utilities
62.25 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
62.26 103B.105. This is a onetime appropriation and
62.27 is available until June 30, 2027.

62.28 (w) The board may shift money in this section
62.29 and may adjust the technical and
62.30 administrative assistance portion of the funds
62.31 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or
62.32 to address accountability, oversight, local
62.33 government performance, or high-priority
62.34 needs.

63.1 (x) Returned grants and payments are available
 63.2 for two years after they are returned or
 63.3 regranted, whichever is later. Funds must be
 63.4 regranted consistent with the purposes of this
 63.5 section. If an appropriation for grants in either
 63.6 year is insufficient, the appropriation in the
 63.7 other year is available for it.

63.8 (y) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 63.9 section 16B.97, grants awarded from
 63.10 appropriations in this section are exempt from
 63.11 the Department of Administration, Office of
 63.12 Grants Management Policy 08-08 Grant
 63.13 Payments and 08-10 Grant Monitoring.

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

63.15 **ARTICLE 2**

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

63.17 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

63.18 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
 63.19 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the environment
 63.20 and natural resources trust fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal
 63.21 years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean
 63.22 that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 63.23 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year"
 63.24 is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Any unencumbered
 63.25 balance remaining in the first year does not cancel and is available for the second year or
 63.26 until the end of the appropriation. These are onetime appropriations.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
<u>Available for the Year</u>	
<u>Ending June 30</u>	
<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

63.31 Sec. 2. **MINNESOTA RESOURCES**

63.32 <u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>103,326,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>
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63.33 This appropriation is from the environment
 63.34 and natural resources trust fund. The amounts

64.1 that may be spent for each purpose are
64.2 specified in the following subdivisions.

64.3 **Subd. 2. Definition**

64.4 "Trust fund" means the Minnesota
64.5 environment and natural resources trust fund
64.6 established under the Minnesota Constitution,
64.7 article XI, section 14.

64.8 **Subd. 3. Foundational Natural Resource Data**
64.9 **and Information**

22,084,000

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

64.11 \$1,441,000 the first year is from the trust fund
64.12 to the Minnesota State Colleges and
64.13 Universities for Bemidji State University to
64.14 collect baseline deer demographic, movement,
64.15 and habitat-use data before elk restoration to
64.16 better inform management of both elk and deer
64.17 populations on the Fond du Lac Reservation
64.18 and surrounding areas.

64.19 **(b) Are All Walleye Created Equal? Probably**
64.20 **Not.**

64.21 \$298,000 the first year is from the trust fund
64.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of
64.23 Minnesota to investigate Minnesota walleye
64.24 strain physiology and disease responses to
64.25 warming water and to build a tool to guide
64.26 adaptive management of walleye in a warming
64.27 climate.

64.28 **(c) Deer Survival Within Minnesota's Densest**
64.29 **Wolf Population**

64.30 \$809,000 the first year is from the trust fund
64.31 to the Board of Regents of the University of
64.32 Minnesota to evaluate how wolves, winter
64.33 severity, and habitat affect deer mortality and

65.1 survival across space and time within the
65.2 Voyageurs region.

65.3 **(d) Evaluating Anticoagulant Rodenticide**
65.4 **Exposure in Minnesota's Carnivores**

65.5 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
65.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of
65.7 Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research
65.8 Institute in Duluth to determine anticoagulant
65.9 rodenticide exposure rates and concentrations
65.10 in Minnesota bobcats and fishers, factors
65.11 influencing exposure risk, and negative effects
65.12 of rodenticide exposure on carnivore health.

65.13 **(e) Digitizing the Science Museum of**
65.14 **Minnesota's Mollusk Specimens**

65.15 \$386,000 the first year is from the trust fund
65.16 to the Science Museum of Minnesota to make
65.17 the museum's Minnesota mollusk specimen
65.18 collection available for research and education
65.19 by identifying and organizing all relevant
65.20 specimens and digitizing the museum's data.

65.21 **(f) Integrating Wildlife Objectives in Long-Term**
65.22 **Forest Management Planning**

65.23 \$316,000 the first year is from the trust fund
65.24 to the Board of Regents of the University of
65.25 Minnesota to develop a harvest-scheduling
65.26 model that integrates wildlife habitat metrics
65.27 with timber production objectives in the
65.28 forest-planning process for more sustainable
65.29 forest landscape-level outcomes.

65.30 **(g) Surveying Minnesota's Secretive Marsh**
65.31 **Birds**

65.32 \$413,000 the first year is from the trust fund
65.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for
65.34 an agreement with the National Audubon
65.35 Society, Upper Mississippi River office, to

66.1 conduct a breeding marsh bird survey and
66.2 provide state and federal agencies with an
66.3 assessment of marsh bird population status
66.4 and wetland habitat. This appropriation is
66.5 available until June 30, 2029, by which time
66.6 the project must be completed and final
66.7 products delivered.

66.8 **(h) Improving Conservation Outcomes for**
66.9 **Imperiled Wood Turtles**

66.10 \$242,000 the first year is from the trust fund
66.11 to the Minnesota Zoological Society to restore
66.12 imperiled wood turtles by increasing remnant
66.13 populations, quantifying effectiveness of
66.14 habitat management strategies, establishing
66.15 baseline information on disease prevalence,
66.16 and creating a new decision-support tool for
66.17 prioritizing future conservation actions.

66.18 **(i) Maximizing the Impact of Wildlife Movement**
66.19 **Data**

66.20 \$216,000 the first year is from the trust fund
66.21 to the Board of Regents of the University of
66.22 Minnesota to create a centralized and
66.23 accessible database of wildlife movement data
66.24 from prior trust fund-supported studies and
66.25 demonstrate tools biologists can use to analyze
66.26 these data to benefit Minnesota wildlife.

66.27 **(j) Expanding the Statewide Motus Wildlife**
66.28 **Tracking Network**

66.29 \$234,000 the first year is from the trust fund
66.30 to the Minnesota Zoological Society to expand
66.31 the statewide Motus Wildlife Tracking System
66.32 network into southwestern Minnesota and the
66.33 North Shore to guide the conservation of
66.34 imperiled grassland and boreal migratory birds
66.35 and other wildlife. This appropriation may

67.1 also be used to develop outreach and
67.2 interpretive materials for Motus sites.

67.3 **(k) Updating and Sharing Information on**
67.4 **Minnesota's Tick Biodiversity**

67.5 \$186,000 the first year is from the trust fund
67.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of
67.7 Minnesota to collaborate with wildlife
67.8 organizations and community scientists to
67.9 survey the biodiversity and distribution of
67.10 ticks in Minnesota and create a publicly
67.11 accessible GIS dashboard to share results and
67.12 potential disease implications with the public
67.13 and wildlife managers.

67.14 **(l) Small Mammals and Hunter Participation:**
67.15 **Expanded Offal Wildlife Watching**

67.16 \$563,000 the first year is from the trust fund
67.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of
67.18 Minnesota to expand and assess hunter
67.19 participation in monitoring scavenger use of
67.20 deer gut piles, assess small mammal
67.21 occurrence and contaminant and disease
67.22 exposure risk at offal sites, and study how
67.23 messaging impacts hunters' use of lead
67.24 ammunition.

67.25 **(m) Green Heron as an Indicator of**
67.26 **Wetland-Dependent Species**

67.27 \$424,000 the first year is from the trust fund
67.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of
67.29 Minnesota to collect data on the year-round
67.30 habitat use and migratory movements of green
67.31 herons, assess potential factors leading to
67.32 population decline, and identify conservation
67.33 strategies to benefit the green heron and other
67.34 wetland-dependent bird species.

68.1 **(n) Visualizing Minnesota's Natural Resources**
68.2 **with CT Scanning**

68.3 \$955,000 the first year is from the trust fund
68.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of
68.5 Minnesota, Bell Museum of Natural History,
68.6 to acquire a CT scanner, scan Bell Museum
68.7 organismal specimens, create 3D prints from
68.8 the scans, and share the data and prints through
68.9 environmental education and research
68.10 programs. The CT scanner purchased with this
68.11 appropriation must prioritize use by and be
68.12 made available cost-free to other
68.13 Minnesota-focused researchers for the duration
68.14 of this appropriation. This appropriation may
68.15 also be used for equipment, tools, and supplies
68.16 needed to acquire, install, and use the scanner
68.17 and print 3D models of scanned organisms.
68.18 Net income generated as part of this
68.19 appropriation may be reinvested in the project
68.20 if a plan for reinvestment is approved in the
68.21 work plan as provided under Minnesota
68.22 Statutes, section 116P.10.

68.23 **(o) Mapping Human-Carnivore Conflicts in**
68.24 **Human-Dominated Landscapes**

68.25 \$563,000 the first year is from the trust fund
68.26 to the Board of Regents of the University of
68.27 Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research
68.28 Institute in Duluth to evaluate bear, bobcat,
68.29 and coyote habitat use, activity, and diet in
68.30 Duluth and surrounding areas to map hotspots
68.31 for human-carnivore conflicts and fill
68.32 knowledge gaps to reduce conflicts. This
68.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
68.34 by which time the project must be completed
68.35 and final products delivered.

69.1 **(p) Geologic Atlases for Water Resource**
 69.2 **Management**

69.3 \$1,260,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 69.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 69.5 Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey, to
 69.6 continue to produce geologic atlas maps and
 69.7 databases to inform management of
 69.8 groundwater and surface water. This
 69.9 appropriation is to complete Part A, which
 69.10 focuses on the properties and distribution of
 69.11 earth materials to define aquifer boundaries
 69.12 and the connection of aquifers to the land
 69.13 surface and surface water resources.

69.14 **(q) Leveraging Statewide Datasets for Native**
 69.15 **Rough Fish**

69.16 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 69.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 69.18 Minnesota to construct species distribution
 69.19 models that predict presence and abundance
 69.20 of native rough fish species and identify
 69.21 potential areas for protection, additional
 69.22 monitoring, or restoration across the state. This
 69.23 appropriation may also be used to build an
 69.24 interactive mapping tool and share results.

69.25 **(r) The Impacts of Climate Change on**
 69.26 **Northeastern Minnesota**

69.27 \$772,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 69.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 69.29 an agreement with Friends of the Boundary
 69.30 Waters Wilderness to work with collaborators
 69.31 to aggregate research, data, and other
 69.32 information about the impacts of climate
 69.33 change on the habitat and wildlife of
 69.34 northeastern Minnesota into a publicly
 69.35 available, web-based database. This
 69.36 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,

70.1 by which time the project must be completed
70.2 and final products delivered.

70.3 **(s) Health and Disease Monitoring in Minnesota**
70.4 **Wildlife**

70.5 \$750,000 the first year is from the trust fund
70.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of
70.7 Minnesota, Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic
70.8 Laboratory, to collaborate with wildlife
70.9 rehabilitation organizations and other wildlife
70.10 health professionals throughout Minnesota to
70.11 enhance the state's health and disease
70.12 surveillance, preparedness, and response
70.13 efforts.

70.14 **(t) Affordable Statewide Tracking of Forestry**
70.15 **Fragmentation and Degradation**

70.16 \$331,000 the first year is from the trust fund
70.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of
70.18 Minnesota to merge aircraft and satellite
70.19 LiDAR data to build a model and an
70.20 interactive real-time web dashboard of forest
70.21 boundaries that provides business-ready
70.22 information about statewide forest
70.23 fragmentation and degradation due to human
70.24 activities and natural disasters.

70.25 **(u) Safeguarding Bees While Monitoring**
70.26 **Pollinators and Nesting Habitats**

70.27 \$590,000 the first year is from the trust fund
70.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of
70.29 Minnesota to pioneer low-mortality methods
70.30 for monitoring bee populations and to
70.31 investigate nest habitat materials and
70.32 antimicrobial properties in cooperation with
70.33 community scientists and management
70.34 agencies. This appropriation is available until

71.1 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must
 71.2 be completed and final products delivered.

71.3 **(v) Expanding the Application of Minnesota's**
 71.4 **Wetland Monitoring Data**

71.5 \$312,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 71.6 to the commissioner of natural resources to
 71.7 use existing LiDAR and recurring aerial
 71.8 photographs to determine state grassland
 71.9 acreage and change over the last twenty years,
 71.10 evaluate key drivers of wetland change, and
 71.11 use technology to improve Minnesota's
 71.12 wetland monitoring.

71.13 **(w) Enhancing the Value of Minnesota Public**
 71.14 **Grasslands**

71.15 \$390,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 71.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 71.17 Minnesota to evaluate a combination of
 71.18 prescribed fire, brush mowing, and targeted
 71.19 conservation grazing to develop ready-to-use
 71.20 management strategies for public land
 71.21 managers to mitigate woody species
 71.22 encroachment and increase biodiversity and
 71.23 carbon sequestration in public grasslands.

71.24 **(x) Foundational Precision Agriculture Data to**
 71.25 **Reduce Environmental Impacts**

71.26 \$1,255,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 71.27 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 71.28 Minnesota for the West Central Research and
 71.29 Outreach Center at Morris to establish data
 71.30 collection systems and methods at sentinel
 71.31 farm sites, develop and evaluate best
 71.32 management practices, and provide outreach
 71.33 and training to farmers to encourage adoption
 71.34 of precision agriculture technologies that

72.1 reduce fertilizer and chemical use and improve
 72.2 water and air quality.

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

72.4 \$621,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 72.5 to the commissioner of natural resources to
 72.6 map the aggregate resource potential in the
 72.7 state of Minnesota and to make the
 72.8 information available in print and electronic
 72.9 format to local units of government to support
 72.10 informed land-use decisions and resource
 72.11 conservation.

72.12 **(z) Advancing Collaborative Wild Rice**
 72.13 **Monitoring Program Technologies**

72.14 \$900,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 72.15 to the commissioner of natural resources to
 72.16 continue efforts to create a framework for
 72.17 long-term wild rice monitoring for
 72.18 conservation and collaborate with Tribal and
 72.19 nongovernmental organizations to collect
 72.20 additional data, improve collection and
 72.21 analysis methods, and develop a statewide
 72.22 estimate of wild rice abundance and coverage.

72.23 **(aa) Conserving Natural Resources by**
 72.24 **Advancing Forever Green Agriculture**

72.25 \$2,146,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 72.26 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 72.27 Minnesota for the Forever Green Initiative to
 72.28 fund research projects to develop new
 72.29 perennial and winter-annual crops to protect
 72.30 water, wildlife, soil, other natural resources,
 72.31 and the climate. This appropriation is available
 72.32 until June 30, 2030, by which time the project
 72.33 must be completed and final products
 72.34 delivered.

73.1 **(bb) Minnesota's Priority Native Rough Fish:**
 73.2 **Gars and Bowfin**

73.3 \$568,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 73.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 73.5 Minnesota to develop population dynamics,
 73.6 habitat use, and food web models for
 73.7 Minnesota gars and bowfins and conduct
 73.8 outreach to inform conservation and
 73.9 management and serve as a template for study
 73.10 of Minnesota's other native rough fish species.

73.11 **(cc) Understanding to Improve Minnesota's**
 73.12 **Future Lake Water Quality**

73.13 \$595,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 73.14 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 73.15 Minnesota to use decade-long comprehensive
 73.16 lake, watershed, and weather data and
 73.17 high-resolution climate models to understand
 73.18 lake-specific drivers of water quality and
 73.19 predict the effects of future warming on
 73.20 harmful algal blooms across Minnesota.

73.21 **(dd) Operationalizing State Zooplankton Data**
 73.22 **to Support Lake Health**

73.23 \$423,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 73.24 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 73.25 Minnesota to use long-term monitoring data
 73.26 to determine the relationship between
 73.27 zooplankton communities and ecosystem
 73.28 services, like fisheries health and water
 73.29 quality, and develop biotic indices for lake
 73.30 health.

73.31 **(ee) Trialing Climate-Ready Woodland Trees**
 73.32 **in Urban Areas**

73.33 \$255,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 73.34 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 73.35 Minnesota to demonstrate performance of

74.1 climate-adaptive tree species and study land
 74.2 manager and public perceptions of these
 74.3 species to identify the best species and risk
 74.4 tolerance for future plantings in metropolitan
 74.5 areas of Minnesota.

74.6 **(ff) Superior Shores: Protecting Our Great**
 74.7 **Lakes Coastal Habitats**

74.8 \$675,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 74.9 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the
 74.10 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to map
 74.11 the locations and survey the biological
 74.12 diversity and water quality of Lake Superior
 74.13 coastal rock pools. This appropriation may
 74.14 also be used to develop outreach materials and
 74.15 host programs on rock pool understanding and
 74.16 conservation.

74.17 **(gg) Recruitment and Fecundity of Minnesota**
 74.18 **Moose**

74.19 \$2,007,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 74.20 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 74.21 state and Tribal biologists to work
 74.22 collaboratively to estimate survival and
 74.23 fecundity of yearling and 2-year-old moose in
 74.24 northeast Minnesota to inform future
 74.25 management efforts. Of this amount, \$841,000
 74.26 is for an agreement with the 1854 Treaty
 74.27 Authority. This appropriation is available until
 74.28 June 30, 2031, by which time the project must
 74.29 be completed and final products delivered.

74.30 **(hh) Fighting Insect Decline: Minnesota**
 74.31 **Bumblebees to the Rescue**

74.32 \$249,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 74.33 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 74.34 Minnesota to map historical and current
 74.35 bumblebee distribution and develop an

75.1 identification tool using molecular barcodes
 75.2 and an online resource hub to improve
 75.3 conservation of Minnesota's native
 75.4 bumblebees.

75.5 **(ii) Trace Metals in Municipal Yard Waste and**
 75.6 **Compost**

75.7 \$120,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 75.8 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 75.9 Minnesota to assess trace metal contamination
 75.10 from collected residential yard waste, finished
 75.11 compost, and compost leachate in municipal
 75.12 yard waste recycling programs.

75.13 **(jj) Chronic Wasting Disease Prions in**
 75.14 **Minnesota Waters**

75.15 \$322,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 75.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 75.17 Minnesota to evaluate the movement of
 75.18 chronic wasting disease in Minnesota waters,
 75.19 assess the risk of spread, and share results with
 75.20 wildlife and watershed managers.

75.21 **Subd. 4. Water Resources**

11,812,000

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75.22 **(a) Enhancing Our Resources - Rural Health**
 75.23 **and Drinking Water**

75.24 \$994,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 75.25 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 75.26 an agreement with Freshwater Society to
 75.27 partner with the Mayo Clinic to educate well
 75.28 owners and family health providers about the
 75.29 geologic occurrence and risk of arsenic in
 75.30 drinking water. This appropriation is also to
 75.31 provide free arsenic testing to well owners in
 75.32 southeast Minnesota.

75.33 **(b) Restoration and Outreach for Minnesota's**
 75.34 **Native Mussels**

76.1 \$1,258,000 the first year is from the trust fund
76.2 to the commissioner of natural resources to
76.3 propagate, rear, and restore native freshwater
76.4 mussel populations and the ecosystem services
76.5 they provide to Minnesota waters; to evaluate
76.6 reintroduction success; and to inform the
76.7 public on mussels and mussel conservation.

76.8 **(c) Pristine to Green: Toxic Blooms Threaten**
76.9 **Northern Lakes**

76.10 \$1,362,000 the first year is from the trust fund
76.11 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the
76.12 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to
76.13 evaluate drivers that contribute to the
76.14 formation of nuisance and toxic algal blooms
76.15 in relatively pristine and protected lakes across
76.16 Minnesota.

76.17 **(d) Training Lake Communities to Track**
76.18 **Chloride and Algae**

76.19 \$274,000 the first year is from the trust fund
76.20 to the Board of Regents of the University of
76.21 Minnesota for the Minnesota Sea Grant
76.22 college program in Duluth to develop and train
76.23 a network of community-based volunteers to
76.24 track chloride and harmful algal blooms in
76.25 rural Minnesota lakes.

76.26 **(e) Clean Sweep Solution to Nonpoint Source**
76.27 **Pollution**

76.28 \$386,000 the first year is from the trust fund
76.29 to the Board of Regents of the University of
76.30 Minnesota for the Water Resources Center to
76.31 enhance Clean Sweep programs, identify the
76.32 pollutants present in street-sweeping materials,
76.33 explore material reuse options, and quantify
76.34 benefits of enhanced street sweeping. This
76.35 appropriation may also be used to coordinate

77.1 county and regional collaborations, develop
 77.2 resources, and provide training to increase
 77.3 targeted street-sweeping practices to reduce
 77.4 nonpoint source pollution to Minnesota's water
 77.5 resources.

77.6 **(f) Cyanotoxins in Minnesota Lakes: The Role**
 77.7 **of Sunlight**

77.8 \$220,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 77.9 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 77.10 Minnesota to quantify degradation of
 77.11 cyanobacterial toxins by sunlight to understand
 77.12 how increasing frequency of harmful algal
 77.13 blooms and changing environmental
 77.14 conditions influence toxin persistence in
 77.15 natural waters.

77.16 **(g) Enhancing Degradation of Emerging**
 77.17 **Contaminants via Microbial Starvation**

77.18 \$390,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 77.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 77.20 Minnesota to study how wastewater treatment
 77.21 systems can be improved to more effectively
 77.22 biodegrade mixtures of pharmaceuticals,
 77.23 pesticides, and other contaminants of emerging
 77.24 concern and protect Minnesota's water
 77.25 resources.

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

77.27 \$454,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 77.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 77.29 Minnesota for the Water Resources Center to
 77.30 conduct on-farm and model-based research
 77.31 and develop guidance for watershed planners
 77.32 and land managers to effectively use soil
 77.33 health management to achieve water storage
 77.34 and water quality goals.

78.1 **(i) Predicting Contaminant Movement in**
 78.2 **Minnesota's Fractured Aquifers**

78.3 \$650,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 78.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 78.5 Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, to
 78.6 develop a software program that predicts the
 78.7 fate and movement of contaminants, such as
 78.8 PFAS, chloride, nitrate, and pathogens, in
 78.9 Minnesota's fractured aquifers.

78.10 **(j) Documentation and Toxicity of Microplastics**
 78.11 **in Urban Ecosystems**

78.12 \$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 78.13 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 78.14 Minnesota to research how land use and
 78.15 toxicity affect the accumulation of
 78.16 microplastics and associated contaminants of
 78.17 concern in stormwater ponds and the wildlife
 78.18 that use stormwater ponds.

78.19 **(k) Terminating PFAS-Type Pesticides via**
 78.20 **Enzyme Cocktails**

78.21 \$297,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 78.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 78.23 Minnesota to evaluate the ability of selected
 78.24 enzymes and combinations of enzymes to
 78.25 biodegrade per- and polyfluoroalkyl
 78.26 substances (PFAS) found in pesticides and to
 78.27 design a pilot-scale biofilter for effective
 78.28 elimination of PFAS from water.

78.29 **(l) Addressing 21st Century Challenges for the**
 78.30 **St. Croix**

78.31 \$243,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 78.32 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the
 78.33 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to
 78.34 develop a watershed model to identify
 78.35 potential hydrologic and water quality impacts

79.1 to the lower St. Croix River over the next 75
 79.2 years and inform future planning and
 79.3 management in the watershed.

79.4 **(m) Impact of Statewide Conservation Practices**
 79.5 **on Stream Biodiversity**

79.6 \$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 79.7 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 79.8 Minnesota to use existing monitoring data to
 79.9 evaluate the effects of wetlands and riparian
 79.10 buffers on stream and river biodiversity and
 79.11 biological condition and develop tools and
 79.12 materials to inform the public and natural
 79.13 resource managers.

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

79.15 \$427,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 79.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 79.17 Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, to
 79.18 construct a reduced-scale physical model of
 79.19 Mississippi River Pool 1, Lock & Dam 1, and
 79.20 adjacent upstream and downstream reaches;
 79.21 analyze water flow and sediment movement
 79.22 under various pool management strategies;
 79.23 and share results with the public to inform
 79.24 decisions on the future management of the
 79.25 lock and dam.

79.26 **(o) Highly Efficient Nutrient Removal**
 79.27 **Technology for Agricultural Drainage**

79.28 \$453,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 79.29 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 79.30 Minnesota to conduct lab- and field-scale tests
 79.31 of a novel bioreactor technology for removing
 79.32 nutrients from agricultural drainage and
 79.33 disseminate results to farmers and the public.

79.34 **(p) Citizen Scientists Capture Microplastic**
 79.35 **Pollution Around State**

80.1 \$419,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 80.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 80.3 Minnesota to develop adaptable microplastic
 80.4 sampling and detection methods, develop a
 80.5 public-access database, and leverage citizen
 80.6 scientists to survey microplastic pollution
 80.7 throughout the state to allow for data-driven
 80.8 risk management decisions and solutions.

80.9 **(q) Healthy Native Prairie Microbiomes for**
 80.10 **Cleaner Water**

80.11 \$468,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 80.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 80.13 Minnesota to identify and characterize prairie
 80.14 plant microbiomes and study the potential of
 80.15 native prairie microbes to provide nitrogen for
 80.16 agricultural crops and reduce industrial
 80.17 fertilizer use and nitrate contamination of
 80.18 water.

80.19 **(r) Wastewater Chloride Reduction through**
 80.20 **Industrial Source Reduction Assistance**

80.21 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 80.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 80.23 Minnesota for the Minnesota Technical
 80.24 Assistance Program to provide technical
 80.25 assistance to businesses to cost-effectively
 80.26 reduce industrial and commercial chloride use
 80.27 in communities with high chloride effluent
 80.28 concentrations.

80.29 **(s) Pilot Water Budget Framework for**
 80.30 **Managing Water Withdrawals**

80.31 \$198,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 80.32 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 80.33 Minnesota to develop a pilot water budget
 80.34 framework to identify sensitive areas in
 80.35 Minnesota where net water withdrawals have

81.1 a significant impact on surface water and
81.2 groundwater.

81.3 **(t) Biofilm Mediated Destruction of PFAS in**
81.4 **Groundwater**

81.5 \$1,336,000 the first year is from the trust fund
81.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
81.7 an agreement with Freshwater Society to
81.8 develop biofilm treatment technology and
81.9 demonstrate field-scale removal of per- and
81.10 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from
81.11 contaminated groundwater. A fiscal
81.12 management plan must be approved in the
81.13 work plan before any trust fund money is
81.14 spent.

81.15 **(u) Impact of Microplastics on Wastewater**
81.16 **Treatment in Minnesota**

81.17 \$506,000 the first year is from the trust fund
81.18 to the Board of Regents of the University of
81.19 Minnesota to quantify the abundance of
81.20 microplastics in wastewater treatment plants
81.21 in Minnesota, determine how microplastics
81.22 affect wastewater treatment plant performance,
81.23 and evaluate how different wastewater
81.24 treatment processes alter microplastics.

81.25 **(v) Portable Arsenic and Nitrate Detector for**
81.26 **Well Water**

81.27 \$358,000 the first year is from the trust fund
81.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of
81.29 Minnesota to develop a small, cheap, and
81.30 easy-to-use system to detect arsenic and nitrate
81.31 in well water and determine whether well
81.32 water is safe to drink.

81.33 **(w) Recovering Salts from Highly Saline**
81.34 **Wastewater**

- 82.1 \$272,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 82.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 82.3 Minnesota to develop a method to recover
 82.4 useful salts from concentrated saline
 82.5 wastewater to increase the economic
 82.6 sustainability of high water-recovery
 82.7 softening, sulfate removal, and industrial
 82.8 wastewater treatment.
- 82.9 **Subd. 5. Environmental Education** 11,965,000 -0-
- 82.10 **(a) Eagle's Nest: Where the World Becomes**
 82.11 **Your Classroom**
- 82.12 \$130,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 82.13 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 82.14 an agreement with Glacial Hills Elementary
 82.15 School to create interactive natural playground
 82.16 and landscaping features for children and
 82.17 provide environmental education programming
 82.18 outside of regular school hours.
- 82.19 **(b) Advancing Equity in Environmental**
 82.20 **Education**
- 82.21 \$700,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 82.22 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 82.23 an agreement with Camp Fire Minnesota to
 82.24 provide needs-based scholarships for
 82.25 Minnesota youth to attend
 82.26 state-standards-aligned environmental and
 82.27 outdoor education programs.
- 82.28 **(c) Teacher Field School - Phase 2: Increasing**
 82.29 **Impact**
- 82.30 \$712,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 82.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 82.32 an agreement with Hamline University to
 82.33 continue the teacher field school program that
 82.34 trains teachers how to connect academic
 82.35 content with environmental stewardship,

83.1 natural resource conservation, and outdoor
 83.2 recreation. This appropriation is also to pilot
 83.3 a train-the-trainer model for nature-based
 83.4 education practices.

83.5 **(d) Creating Future Leaders in Outdoor and**
 83.6 **Environmental Leadership**

83.7 \$330,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 83.8 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota
 83.9 State Colleges and Universities for North
 83.10 Hennepin Community College to collaborate
 83.11 with K-12 education, higher education, and
 83.12 outdoor organizations to increase
 83.13 environmental education, leadership,
 83.14 internship, and career opportunities for
 83.15 underrepresented college and high school
 83.16 students.

83.17 **(e) Engaging our Diverse Public in**
 83.18 **Environmental Stewardship - Phase 2**

83.19 \$249,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 83.20 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 83.21 an agreement with Great River Greening to
 83.22 increase participation in natural resources
 83.23 conservation and restoration efforts and
 83.24 careers through volunteer, internship, and
 83.25 youth engagement activities, with a focus on
 83.26 diverse audiences that more accurately reflect
 83.27 local demographic and socioeconomic
 83.28 conditions in Minnesota.

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

83.30 \$3,992,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 83.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 83.32 an agreement with Osprey Wilds
 83.33 Environmental Learning Center to partner with
 83.34 four other accredited residential environmental
 83.35 learning centers in Minnesota to provide

84.1 needs-based scholarships to K-12 students
 84.2 statewide for immersive multiday
 84.3 environmental learning experiences.

84.4 **(g) Statewide Environmental Education via PBS**
 84.5 **Outdoor Series**

84.6 \$415,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 84.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 84.8 an agreement with Pioneer Public
 84.9 Broadcasting Service to produce, distribute,
 84.10 and promote new episodes of a statewide
 84.11 public television series that inspires
 84.12 Minnesotans to connect with the outdoors and
 84.13 to restore and protect the state's natural
 84.14 resources.

84.15 **(h) Maajii-akii-gikenjigewin Conservation Crew**
 84.16 **Program**

84.17 \$678,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 84.18 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 84.19 an agreement with Conservation Corps
 84.20 Minnesota & Iowa to expand a conservation
 84.21 corps program developed to provide natural
 84.22 resources career development opportunities
 84.23 for indigenous young adults and cultivate an
 84.24 enduring action-based conservation ethic
 84.25 through the integration of traditional
 84.26 knowledge, nature immersion, and the
 84.27 implementation of conservation and
 84.28 restoration practices in the field.

84.29 **(i) Reuse for the Future: Youth Education and**
 84.30 **Engagement**

84.31 \$225,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 84.32 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 84.33 an agreement with Reuse Minnesota to provide
 84.34 curriculum-based opportunities for students
 84.35 to learn about the reuse economy, reuse skills,

85.1 and other opportunities to reduce waste. This
 85.2 appropriation may also be used to align
 85.3 materials to state standards and translate
 85.4 materials to additional languages.

85.5 **(j) River Bend Nature Center Outdoor Diversity**
 85.6 **Initiative**

85.7 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 85.8 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 85.9 an agreement with River Bend Nature Center
 85.10 to lead a coalition of educational partners and
 85.11 culturally specific organizations to expand
 85.12 recognized environmental education
 85.13 curriculum and provide conservation-based
 85.14 career exploration and job placement
 85.15 opportunities for diverse communities in
 85.16 southern Minnesota.

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

85.18 \$225,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 85.19 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 85.20 an agreement with the Phyllis Wheatley
 85.21 Community Center to provide environmental
 85.22 education to Minneapolis urban youth through
 85.23 the Camp Parsons Mississippi Summer
 85.24 program that fosters connections to nature and
 85.25 encourages responsible stewardship of our
 85.26 natural resources.

85.27 **(l) Adult Outdoor Education for Minnesota's**
 85.28 **Underrepresented Communities**

85.29 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 85.30 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 85.31 an agreement with Baztec Fishing & Outdoors
 85.32 to create fishing and hunting education,
 85.33 training, and opportunities for underserved
 85.34 and underrepresented communities in
 85.35 Minnesota. All fishing tackle purchased with

86.1 this appropriation must be lead-free. A fiscal
 86.2 management plan must be approved in the
 86.3 work plan before any trust fund money is
 86.4 spent.

86.5 **(m) Minnesota's Road Map for Sustainability**
 86.6 **and Climate Education**

86.7 \$491,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 86.8 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 86.9 an agreement with Climate Generation to
 86.10 convene community gatherings and partner
 86.11 with institutions and organizations across the
 86.12 education sector to develop a road map on
 86.13 how to build capacity for equitable and
 86.14 accessible sustainability and climate education
 86.15 programs that align with the Minnesota
 86.16 Climate Action Framework.

86.17 **(n) ESTEP 2.0: Earth Science Teacher**
 86.18 **Education Project**

86.19 \$643,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 86.20 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 86.21 an agreement with Minnesota Science
 86.22 Teachers Association to provide professional
 86.23 development for Minnesota science teachers
 86.24 statewide in environmental and earth science
 86.25 content to strengthen environmental education
 86.26 in schools.

86.27 **(o) Engaging Latine Communities in**
 86.28 **Conservation and Preservation**

86.29 \$400,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 86.30 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 86.31 an agreement with Comunidades Organizando
 86.32 el Poder y la Accion Latina to use
 86.33 community-based partnerships and
 86.34 communications platforms to host outdoor
 86.35 events and conduct educational outreach

87.1 focused on Latine and BIPOC communities
 87.2 about the need to protect Minnesota's
 87.3 environment and natural resources.

87.4 **(p) Inclusive Wildlife Engagement in Classrooms**
 87.5 **and Communities**

87.6 \$712,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 87.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 87.8 the nongame wildlife program to provide three
 87.9 wildlife conservation, action-based outdoor
 87.10 educational opportunities to engage
 87.11 needs-based schools, young adults, and
 87.12 communities underrepresented in natural
 87.13 resources through the Bird by Bird,
 87.14 Empowering Pathways into Conservation, and
 87.15 Community Science programs.

87.16 **(q) Activating Youth and Family Environmental**
 87.17 **Stewardship through Raptors**

87.18 \$228,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 87.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 87.20 Minnesota for the Raptor Center to deliver
 87.21 standards-based environmental education
 87.22 featuring live raptors through school programs
 87.23 and community events across Minnesota.

87.24 **(r) Moving Minnesota toward a Lead-Free**
 87.25 **Sporting Future**

87.26 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 87.27 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota
 87.28 State Colleges and Universities for Bemidji
 87.29 State University to conduct educational
 87.30 outreach directed at hunters and anglers to
 87.31 increase awareness of lead-free options for
 87.32 big-game hunting, small-game hunting, and
 87.33 fishing as a means of reducing wildlife
 87.34 exposure to lead.

88.1 **(s) Science Centers Supporting Northern Boys**
 88.2 **and Girls Clubs**

88.3 \$1,091,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 88.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 88.5 an agreement with the Headwaters Science
 88.6 Center to expand access to environmental
 88.7 science education in northern Minnesota and
 88.8 leverage partnerships between rural and urban
 88.9 organizations to deliver culturally relevant,
 88.10 hands-on learning experiences to underserved
 88.11 students.

88.12 **Subd. 6. Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive**
 88.13 **Species**

6,713,000

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88.14 **(a) Aquatic Invasive Species: From Problems to**
 88.15 **Real-World Solutions**

88.16 \$5,771,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 88.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 88.18 Minnesota for the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive
 88.19 Species Research Center to conduct
 88.20 high-priority projects aimed at solving
 88.21 Minnesota's aquatic invasive species problems
 88.22 using rigorous science and a collaborative
 88.23 process. This appropriation may also be used
 88.24 to deliver research findings to end users
 88.25 through strategic communication and outreach.
 88.26 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 88.27 2029, by which time the project must be
 88.28 completed and final products delivered.

88.29 **(b) Optimizing Nonnative Cattail Treatment**
 88.30 **Effectiveness in Prairie Wetlands**

88.31 \$942,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 88.32 to the commissioner of natural resources to
 88.33 compare the effectiveness of invasive cattail
 88.34 treatment methods and provide
 88.35 recommendations for managers to maximize
 88.36 benefits of conservation money for native

89.1 wetland plants and wildlife. This appropriation
 89.2 is available until June 30, 2031, by which time
 89.3 the project must be completed and final
 89.4 products delivered.

89.5 **Subd. 7. Air Quality, Climate Change, and**
 89.6 **Renewable Energy**

11,744,000

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89.7 **(a) Protecting Coldwater Fish Habitat in**
 89.8 **Minnesota Lakes**

89.9 \$561,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 89.10 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 89.11 Minnesota to identify lake-specific watershed
 89.12 protection targets and management practices
 89.13 needed to maintain coldwater fish habitat
 89.14 threatened by warming temperatures and
 89.15 increasing extreme rain events and to integrate
 89.16 this information into conservation planning
 89.17 tools.

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

89.19 \$535,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 89.20 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 89.21 Minnesota for the West Central Research and
 89.22 Outreach Center at Morris to evaluate
 89.23 emerging solar system designs and solar
 89.24 technology integration with vegetable and
 89.25 livestock production systems to maximize
 89.26 energy production and benefits to farmers.

89.27 **(c) Pine Needles Reveal Past and Present**
 89.28 **Airborne PFAS**

89.29 \$550,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 89.30 to the commissioner of the Pollution Control
 89.31 Agency to use current and historic pine
 89.32 needles as a low-cost method to assess
 89.33 statewide per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances
 89.34 (PFAS) levels in ambient air.

90.1 **(d) Facilitated Transport Hybrid Membranes**
90.2 **for CO₂ Separation**

90.3 \$1,050,000 the first year is from the trust fund
90.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of
90.5 Minnesota to develop and test advanced
90.6 polymeric membranes for capture and reuse
90.7 of carbon dioxide at industrial sources.

90.8 **(e) Renewable Energy Conversion for Farm**
90.9 **Diesel and Ammonia**

90.10 \$726,000 the first year is from the trust fund
90.11 to the Board of Regents of the University of
90.12 Minnesota to develop a novel charge-swing
90.13 catalytic condenser that will enable the
90.14 low-cost production of hydrogen from water
90.15 using rural electricity for on-the-farm energy
90.16 storage or renewable diesel and ammonia
90.17 fertilizer.

90.18 **(f) Innovative Solution to Renewable Energy**
90.19 **from Food Waste**

90.20 \$5,167,000 the first year is from the trust fund
90.21 to the commissioner of natural resources for
90.22 an agreement with the Ramsey/Washington
90.23 Recycling and Energy Board to provide
90.24 reimbursements to offset the processing fees
90.25 for the public to divert organic materials from
90.26 landfills and produce renewable natural gas
90.27 through anaerobic digestion and sequestration
90.28 of carbon into biochar. Net income generated
90.29 as part of this appropriation may be reinvested
90.30 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is
90.31 approved in the work plan as provided under
90.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This
90.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
90.34 by which time the project must be completed
90.35 and final products delivered.

91.1 **(g) Fueling the Future: Decarbonizing Regional**
 91.2 **Transportation Project**

91.3 \$3,155,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 91.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 91.5 an agreement with the city of St. Cloud to
 91.6 install a green hydrogen production, storage,
 91.7 and fueling station that provides a renewable,
 91.8 carbon-free, alternate fuel source to
 91.9 decarbonize community transportation and
 91.10 manufacturing sectors. This appropriation may
 91.11 also be used to convert city fleet and public
 91.12 transit vehicles to hydrogen fuel. Net income
 91.13 generated as part of this appropriation may be
 91.14 reinvested in the project if a plan for
 91.15 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as
 91.16 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
 91.17 116P.10. This appropriation is available until
 91.18 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must
 91.19 be completed and final products delivered.

91.20 **Subd. 8. Methods to Protect or Restore Land,**
 91.21 **Water, and Habitat**

12,188,000

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91.22 **(a) Minnesota PlantWatch: Community**
 91.23 **Scientists Conserving Rare Plants**

91.24 \$1,086,000 the first year is from the trust fund.
 91.25 Of this amount, \$518,000 is to the Board of
 91.26 Regents of the University of Minnesota for
 91.27 the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and
 91.28 \$568,000 is to the commissioner of natural
 91.29 resources to enhance the Minnesota
 91.30 PlantWatch program to improve the
 91.31 conservation of Minnesota's natural resources
 91.32 and support community scientist-driven rare
 91.33 plant surveys and seed banking and
 91.34 preservation.

91.35 **(b) Grassland Restoration for Pollinator**
 91.36 **Conservation and Demonstration**

92.1 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 92.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 92.3 Minnesota for the Minnesota Landscape
 92.4 Arboretum to restore a degraded pasture to
 92.5 grassland as a model for climate-resilient
 92.6 pollinator habitat; provide interpretive signage,
 92.7 education, and community engagement; and
 92.8 conduct species monitoring. This appropriation
 92.9 is available until June 30, 2031, by which time
 92.10 the project must be completed and final
 92.11 products delivered.

92.12 **(c) Planning for Long-Term Natural Resources**
 92.13 **Protection in Hennepin County**

92.14 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 92.15 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 92.16 an agreement with Hennepin County to
 92.17 develop a publicly available interactive map
 92.18 of natural systems, create a centralized
 92.19 clearinghouse of data and best practices
 92.20 toolkit, and provide ongoing technical
 92.21 assistance for local communities with limited
 92.22 resources to manage complex natural resources
 92.23 challenges. Net income generated as part of
 92.24 this appropriation may be reinvested in the
 92.25 project if a plan for reinvestment is approved
 92.26 in the work plan as provided under Minnesota
 92.27 Statutes, section 116P.10.

92.28 **(d) Native Forages: Growing Drought and**
 92.29 **Climate Resiliency**

92.30 \$2,254,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 92.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 92.32 an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to
 92.33 collaborate with livestock farmers to establish
 92.34 native grassland wildlife habitat and enhance
 92.35 native forages on working lands to improve
 92.36 ecological, economic, and climate resiliency.

93.1 Notwithstanding subdivision 13, paragraph
 93.2 (e), restoration efforts may be undertaken on
 93.3 private lands but must occur on properties
 93.4 enrolled in long-term agreements to protect
 93.5 and maintain the restored areas in
 93.6 conformance with approved restoration and
 93.7 grazing plans as approved in the work plan.
 93.8 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 93.9 2031, by which time the project must be
 93.10 completed and final products delivered.

93.11 **(e) Accelerated Genetic Migration of Bur Oak**
 93.12 **- Ten-Year Data**

93.13 \$223,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 93.14 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 93.15 an agreement with Great River Greening to
 93.16 assess the growth and survival of previously
 93.17 restored bur oak ecotypes to inform techniques
 93.18 for improved climate resiliency. This
 93.19 appropriation may also be used to enhance the
 93.20 previous plantings and disseminate results of
 93.21 the study to practitioners, students,
 93.22 landowners, and others. This appropriation is
 93.23 available until June 30, 2029, by which time
 93.24 the project must be completed and final
 93.25 products delivered.

93.26 **(f) Superior Hiking Trail Bridge, Boardwalk,**
 93.27 **and Trailhead Renewal**

93.28 \$532,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 93.29 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 93.30 an agreement with the Superior Hiking Trail
 93.31 Association to renew Superior Hiking Trail
 93.32 bridges, boardwalks, and trailheads to increase
 93.33 user safety, improve the user experience, and
 93.34 protect adjacent land and water.

93.35 **(g) Mississippi Gateway Shoreline Stabilization**
 93.36 **and Fishing Improvements**

94.1 \$735,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 94.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 94.3 an agreement with Three Rivers Park District
 94.4 to improve water quality and shoreline fishing
 94.5 access through shoreline stabilization and
 94.6 construction of accessible trails and fishing
 94.7 platforms within Mississippi Gateway
 94.8 Regional Park.

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

94.10 \$1,066,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 94.11 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 94.12 Minnesota to use interdisciplinary research in
 94.13 biology, nanotechnology, chemistry, and
 94.14 genetic engineering to develop technology to
 94.15 remediate soils contaminated with per- and
 94.16 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This
 94.17 appropriation may also be used to convene
 94.18 stakeholders to coordinate and advance PFAS
 94.19 remediation research in Minnesota. This
 94.20 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 94.21 section 116P.10.

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

94.23 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 94.24 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 94.25 Minnesota to test and refine a biotechnology
 94.26 approach to remove mercury from the food
 94.27 chain in Minnesota's lakes and rivers and
 94.28 potentially make fish consumption in
 94.29 Minnesota safer. This appropriation is subject
 94.30 to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

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

94.32 \$208,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 94.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 94.34 an agreement with Restoravore to assess the

95.1 use of native hay and pasture mixes to benefit
 95.2 biodiversity, soil health, and Minnesota
 95.3 farmers. A fiscal management plan must be
 95.4 approved in the work plan before any trust
 95.5 fund money is spent.

95.6 **(k) Improving Minnesota Forest Health via**
 95.7 **Post-Duff-Burning Soil Analysis**

95.8 \$646,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 95.9 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 95.10 Minnesota to thoroughly investigate the impact
 95.11 of forest floor duff fires on soil dynamics,
 95.12 nutrient cycles, invasive shrubs, earthworms,
 95.13 and root systems to improve fire management
 95.14 for Minnesota's forest preservation. This
 95.15 appropriation may also be used to develop an
 95.16 outdoor lab-scale duff-burning device.

95.17 **(l) Minnesota Riverbank Protection and Parks**
 95.18 **Improvements**

95.19 \$1,400,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 95.20 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 95.21 an agreement with the city of Shakopee to
 95.22 restore Minnesota River shoreline at Huber
 95.23 Park by regrading and establishing native
 95.24 vegetation to protect fish and wildlife habitat,
 95.25 reduce erosion, and provide public access to
 95.26 the river. This appropriation is available until
 95.27 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must
 95.28 be completed and final products delivered.

95.29 **(m) Restoration at Wakan Tipi and Bruce Vento**
 95.30 **Nature Sanctuary**

95.31 \$669,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 95.32 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 95.33 an agreement with the Lower Phalen Creek
 95.34 Project to conduct citizen-science natural
 95.35 resource data collection events, recruit and

96.1 train volunteer site stewards, and enhance
 96.2 habitat at Wakan Tipi and the Bruce Vento
 96.3 Nature Sanctuary.

96.4 **(n) Promoting Pollinators on Corporate**
 96.5 **Campuses**

96.6 \$547,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 96.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 96.8 an agreement with the University of St.
 96.9 Thomas to use experimental bee lawn
 96.10 installations on corporate campuses, combined
 96.11 with landscape modeling and employee
 96.12 surveys, to determine potential ecological,
 96.13 economic, and societal benefits of widespread
 96.14 commercial lawn habitat transformation. This
 96.15 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
 96.16 by which time the project must be completed
 96.17 and final products delivered.

96.18 **(o) Riparian Area Adaptation Strategy for**
 96.19 **Southeast Minnesota**

96.20 \$243,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 96.21 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 96.22 an agreement with The Nature Conservancy,
 96.23 in partnership with the University of
 96.24 Minnesota, to assess an alternative adaptation
 96.25 strategy to restore riparian areas by excavating
 96.26 and planting riparian shrubs to reconnect the
 96.27 floodplains. This appropriation may also be
 96.28 used for outreach materials and educational
 96.29 activities.

96.30 **(p) Minnehaha Park South Plateau Oak Savanna**
 96.31 **Restoration**

96.32 \$242,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 96.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 96.34 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
 96.35 Recreation Board to improve wildlife habitat,

97.1 enhance recreational experiences, and restore
 97.2 an area of urban parkland in Minnehaha Park
 97.3 to an oak savanna ecosystem. This
 97.4 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
 97.5 by which time the project must be completed
 97.6 and final products delivered.

97.7 **(q) Tree Protection for Minnesota's Tamarack**
 97.8 **Against Larch Beetle**

97.9 \$321,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 97.10 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 97.11 Minnesota to evaluate new insect management
 97.12 techniques and key factors for predicting
 97.13 future infestations to protect and preserve trees
 97.14 from native eastern larch beetle infestations.

97.15 **(r) Shoreline Restoration and Enhancement at**
 97.16 **Minneapolis Lakes**

97.17 \$819,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 97.18 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 97.19 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
 97.20 Recreation Board to restore and enhance areas
 97.21 of turf-dominated, eroding, and low habitat
 97.22 value lakeshore that impacts the water quality
 97.23 of the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes.

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

97.25 \$450,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 97.26 to the commissioner of agriculture to provide
 97.27 grants to organizations in Minnesota to
 97.28 develop enterprises, supply chains, and
 97.29 markets for continuous living cover crops and
 97.30 cropping systems in the early stage of
 97.31 commercial development. This appropriation
 97.32 is exempt from the income repayment
 97.33 requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section
 97.34 116P.10, paragraph (c).

98.1	<u>Subd. 9. Land Acquisition, Habitat, and</u>		
98.2	<u>Recreation</u>	<u>19,553,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
98.3	<u>(a) Cannon River Preservation and Access</u>		
98.4	<u>\$2,717,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
98.5	<u>to the commissioner of natural resources for</u>		
98.6	<u>an agreement with Dakota County to</u>		
98.7	<u>rehabilitate the historic Waterford Bridge for</u>		
98.8	<u>the Mill Towns State Trail; restore and</u>		
98.9	<u>enhance upland shoreline, forest, and prairie</u>		
98.10	<u>habitats; and develop a trailhead and</u>		
98.11	<u>recreational access to the Cannon River.</u>		
98.12	<u>(b) Mesabi Trail: Aurora to Hoyt Lakes</u>		
98.13	<u>\$1,325,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
98.14	<u>to the commissioner of natural resources for</u>		
98.15	<u>an agreement with St. Louis and Lake</u>		
98.16	<u>Counties Regional Railroad Authority for</u>		
98.17	<u>environmental review and permitting and to</u>		
98.18	<u>engineer, design, and construct a segment of</u>		
98.19	<u>the Mesabi Trail beginning at the intersection</u>		
98.20	<u>of Main Street and Forestry Road in Aurora</u>		
98.21	<u>toward Hoyt Lakes.</u>		
98.22	<u>(c) RTA Maintenance Trail Stabilization Project</u>		
98.23	<u>\$500,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
98.24	<u>to the commissioner of natural resources for</u>		
98.25	<u>an agreement with the city of Eden Prairie to</u>		
98.26	<u>construct a retaining wall and restore adjacent</u>		
98.27	<u>remnant prairie along the maintenance trail at</u>		
98.28	<u>Richard T. Anderson (RTA) Conservation</u>		
98.29	<u>Area to mitigate ongoing erosion and protect</u>		
98.30	<u>native habitat and plant communities.</u>		
98.31	<u>(d) Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant</u>		
98.32	<u>Programs</u>		
98.33	<u>\$4,769,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
98.34	<u>to the commissioner of natural resources to</u>		

99.1 solicit, rank, and fund competitive matching
 99.2 grants for local parks, trail connections, and
 99.3 natural and scenic areas under Minnesota
 99.4 Statutes, section 85.019. This appropriation is
 99.5 for local nature-based recreation, connections
 99.6 to regional and state natural areas, and
 99.7 recreation facilities and may not be used for
 99.8 athletic facilities such as sport fields, courts,
 99.9 and playgrounds. This appropriation is exempt
 99.10 from subdivision 13, paragraph (k).

99.11 **(e) Boardwalk Over Boggy Land for**
 99.12 **Recreational Purposes**

99.13 \$148,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 99.14 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 99.15 an agreement with the city of Battle Lake to
 99.16 design and construct a boardwalk over city
 99.17 land to protect wetlands and to increase
 99.18 community access to natural areas and wildlife
 99.19 habitat.

99.20 **(f) Lake Zumbro Park Water Access and Site**
 99.21 **Improvements**

99.22 \$1,978,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 99.23 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 99.24 an agreement with Olmsted County to enhance
 99.25 the Lake Zumbro Park water access and the
 99.26 federal Americans with Disabilities Act
 99.27 (ADA) accessibility for boating, fishing, and
 99.28 viewing, while creating new user-friendly and
 99.29 accessible amenities for individuals and
 99.30 families. This may include new fishing docks
 99.31 or piers, restored shoreline, improved parking,
 99.32 and ADA accessible access to an existing
 99.33 kayak and canoe launch.

99.34 **(g) Scientific and Natural Area (SNA)**
 99.35 **Biodiversity Protection**

100.1 \$1,104,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 100.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 100.3 the scientific and natural area program to
 100.4 conserve Minnesota's most unique places and
 100.5 rare species and strategically acquire lands
 100.6 that meet criteria for SNAs under Minnesota
 100.7 Statutes, section 86A.05. This appropriation
 100.8 is available until June 30, 2029, by which time
 100.9 the project must be completed and final
 100.10 products delivered.

100.11 **(h) Scandia Gateway Trail Connection:**
 100.12 **Recreation, Wetlands, and Environmental**
 100.13 **Education**

100.14 \$907,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 100.15 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 100.16 an agreement with the city of Scandia to
 100.17 engineer, design, and construct a bike and
 100.18 pedestrian trail to connect recreational,
 100.19 cultural, and environmental resources in
 100.20 Scandia to the state Gateway Trail. This
 100.21 appropriation is also to create and install
 100.22 educational interpretive signage about
 100.23 wetlands and rain gardens near the trail.

100.24 **(i) Lake Byllesby Regional Park Restoration and**
 100.25 **Recreation**

100.26 \$1,120,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 100.27 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 100.28 an agreement with Dakota County to restore
 100.29 prairie, woodland, and shoreline habitat and
 100.30 design and install trails, birding and picnic
 100.31 areas, and other recreational amenities to
 100.32 enhance the visitor experience and stewardship
 100.33 at Lake Byllesby Regional Park. This
 100.34 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
 100.35 by which time the project must be completed
 100.36 and final products delivered.

101.1 **(j) Thompson County Park Restoration and**
 101.2 **Accessibility Improvements**

101.3 \$867,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 101.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 101.5 an agreement with Dakota County to develop
 101.6 a pollinator promenade with accessible natural
 101.7 surface paths, native plantings, and interpretive
 101.8 signage at Thompson County Park. This
 101.9 appropriation may also be used to conduct
 101.10 stream restoration to enhance visitor
 101.11 experience and provide stormwater storage,
 101.12 sediment and nutrient reduction, and increased
 101.13 habitat and species diversity within the park.
 101.14 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 101.15 2029, by which time the project must be
 101.16 completed and final products delivered.

101.17 **(k) Thom Storm Chalet and Outdoor Recreation**
 101.18 **Center**

101.19 \$2,312,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 101.20 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 101.21 an agreement with the city of Duluth to
 101.22 construct a new building and accessible
 101.23 parking for the Thom Storm Chalet and
 101.24 Outdoor Recreation Center at Chester Park to
 101.25 expand high-quality outdoor recreation and
 101.26 environmental education opportunities that
 101.27 enhance youth and family understanding of
 101.28 the importance of natural resource protection,
 101.29 conservation, and preservation. Net income
 101.30 generated as part of this appropriation may be
 101.31 reinvested in the project if a plan for
 101.32 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as
 101.33 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
 101.34 116P.10.

101.35 **(l) Enhancing Preservation and Accessibility at**
 101.36 **Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve**

102.1 \$155,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 102.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 102.3 an agreement with the city of Duluth to
 102.4 develop accessible trails and remove invasive
 102.5 species to enhance outdoor recreation and
 102.6 education opportunities that promote
 102.7 conservation of raptors and preservation of
 102.8 natural resources at Hawk Ridge Nature
 102.9 Reserve.

102.10 **(m) Echo Bay County Park - Phase 1**
 102.11 **Construction**

102.12 \$1,122,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 102.13 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 102.14 an agreement with Otter Tail County to
 102.15 construct, in accordance with the Echo Bay
 102.16 County Park Master Plan, access roads, trails,
 102.17 parking, and bathroom facilities that create
 102.18 designated public access and use corridors for
 102.19 outdoor recreation and limit natural resource
 102.20 impacts in Echo Bay County Park.

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

102.22 \$529,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 102.23 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 102.24 an agreement with the city of Chaska to
 102.25 acquire property that contains remnant Big
 102.26 Woods to protect Minnesota forests and
 102.27 wetlands and to increase community access
 102.28 to natural areas.

102.29 **Subd. 10. Administration, Emerging Issues, and**
 102.30 **Contract Agreement Reimbursement**

7,267,000

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102.31 **(a) Emerging Issues Account**

102.32 \$2,984,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 102.33 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on
 102.34 Minnesota Resources to an emerging issues

103.1 account authorized in Minnesota Statutes,
 103.2 section 116P.08, subdivision 4, paragraph (d).

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

103.4 \$280,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 103.5 to the commissioner of natural resources, at
 103.6 the direction of the Legislative-Citizen
 103.7 Commission on Minnesota Resources, for
 103.8 expenses incurred in preparing and
 103.9 administering contracts, including for the
 103.10 agreements specified in this section.

103.11 **(c) LCCMR Administrative Budget**

103.12 \$4,000,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 103.13 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on
 103.14 Minnesota Resources for administration in
 103.15 fiscal years 2026 and 2027 as provided in
 103.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.09,
 103.17 subdivision 5. This appropriation is available
 103.18 until June 30, 2027. Notwithstanding
 103.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.11,
 103.20 paragraph (b), Minnesota Statutes, section
 103.21 16A.281, applies to this appropriation.

103.22 **(d) Legislative Coordinating Commission Legacy**
 103.23 **Website**

103.24 \$3,000 the first year is from the trust fund to
 103.25 the Legislative Coordinating Commission for
 103.26 the website required in Minnesota Statutes,
 103.27 section 3.303, subdivision 10.

103.28 **Subd. 11. Availability of appropriations**

103.29 Money appropriated in this section may not
 103.30 be spent on activities unless they are directly
 103.31 related to and necessary for a specific
 103.32 appropriation and are specified in the work
 103.33 plan approved by the Legislative-Citizen
 103.34 Commission on Minnesota Resources. Money

104.1 appropriated in this section must not be spent
104.2 on indirect costs or other institutional overhead
104.3 charges that are not directly related to and
104.4 necessary for a specific appropriation. Costs
104.5 that are directly related to and necessary for
104.6 an appropriation, including financial services,
104.7 human resources, information services, rent,
104.8 and utilities, are eligible only if the costs can
104.9 be clearly justified and individually
104.10 documented specific to the appropriation's
104.11 purpose and would not be generated by the
104.12 recipient but for receipt of the appropriation.
104.13 No broad allocations for costs in either dollars
104.14 or percentages are allowed. Unless otherwise
104.15 provided, the amounts in this section are
104.16 available for three years beginning July 1,
104.17 2025, and ending June 30, 2028, when projects
104.18 must be completed and final products
104.19 delivered. For acquisition of real property, the
104.20 appropriations in this section are available for
104.21 an additional fiscal year if a binding contract
104.22 for acquisition of the real property is entered
104.23 into before the expiration date of the
104.24 appropriation. If a project receives a federal
104.25 award, the period of the appropriation is
104.26 extended to equal the federal award period to
104.27 a maximum trust fund appropriation length of
104.28 six years.

104.29 **Subd. 12. Data availability requirements**

104.30 Data collected by the projects funded under
104.31 this section must conform to guidelines and
104.32 standards adopted by Minnesota IT Services.
104.33 Spatial data must also conform to additional
104.34 guidelines and standards designed to support
104.35 data coordination and distribution that have

105.1 been published by the Minnesota Geospatial
 105.2 Information Office. Descriptions of spatial
 105.3 data must be prepared as specified in the state's
 105.4 geographic metadata guidelines and final data
 105.5 must be uploaded to the Minnesota Geospatial
 105.6 Commons upon project completion. All data
 105.7 must be accessible and free to the public
 105.8 unless made private under the Data Practices
 105.9 Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13. To the
 105.10 extent practicable, summary data and results
 105.11 of projects funded under this section should
 105.12 be readily accessible on the Internet and
 105.13 identified as having received funding from the
 105.14 environment and natural resources trust fund.

105.15 **Subd. 13. Project requirements**

105.16 (a) As a condition of accepting an
 105.17 appropriation under this section, an agency or
 105.18 entity receiving an appropriation or a party to
 105.19 an agreement from an appropriation must
 105.20 comply with paragraphs (b) to (m) and
 105.21 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, and must
 105.22 submit a work plan and annual or semiannual
 105.23 progress reports in the form determined by the
 105.24 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
 105.25 Resources for any project funded in whole or
 105.26 in part with money from the appropriation.

105.27 Modifications to the approved work plan and
 105.28 budget expenditures must be made through
 105.29 the amendment process established by the
 105.30 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
 105.31 Resources.

105.32 (b) A recipient of money appropriated in this
 105.33 section that conducts a restoration using
 105.34 money appropriated in this section must use
 105.35 native plant species according to the Board of

106.1 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
106.2 establishment and enhancement guidelines
106.3 and include an appropriate diversity of native
106.4 species selected to provide habitat for
106.5 pollinators throughout the growing season as
106.6 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
106.7 84.973.

106.8 (c) For all restorations conducted with money
106.9 appropriated under this section, a recipient
106.10 must prepare an ecological restoration and
106.11 management plan that, to the degree
106.12 practicable, is consistent with the
106.13 highest-quality conservation and ecological
106.14 goals for the restoration site. Consideration
106.15 should be given to soil, geology, topography,
106.16 and other relevant factors that would provide
106.17 the best chance for long-term success and
106.18 durability of the restoration project. The plan
106.19 must include the proposed timetable for
106.20 implementing the restoration, including site
106.21 preparation, establishment of diverse plant
106.22 species, maintenance, and additional
106.23 enhancement to establish the restoration;
106.24 identify long-term maintenance and
106.25 management needs of the restoration and how
106.26 the maintenance, management, and
106.27 enhancement will be financed; and take
106.28 advantage of the best-available science and
106.29 include innovative techniques to achieve the
106.30 best restoration.

106.31 (d) An entity receiving an appropriation in this
106.32 section for restoration activities must provide
106.33 an initial restoration evaluation at the
106.34 completion of the appropriation and an
106.35 evaluation three years after the completion of

- 107.1 the expenditure. Restorations must be
107.2 evaluated relative to the stated goals and
107.3 standards in the restoration plan, current
107.4 science, and, when applicable, the Board of
107.5 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
107.6 establishment and enhancement guidelines.
107.7 The evaluation must determine whether the
107.8 restorations are meeting planned goals,
107.9 identify any problems with implementing the
107.10 restorations, and, if necessary, give
107.11 recommendations on improving restorations.
107.12 The evaluation must be focused on improving
107.13 future restorations.
- 107.14 (e) All restoration and enhancement projects
107.15 funded with money appropriated in this section
107.16 must be on land permanently protected by a
107.17 conservation easement or public ownership.
- 107.18 (f) A recipient of money from an appropriation
107.19 under this section must give consideration to
107.20 contracting with Conservation Corps
107.21 Minnesota for contract restoration and
107.22 enhancement services.
- 107.23 (g) All conservation easements acquired with
107.24 money appropriated under this section must:
- 107.25 (1) be permanent;
107.26 (2) specify the parties to the easement in the
107.27 easement document;
107.28 (3) specify all provisions of an agreement that
107.29 are permanent;
107.30 (4) be sent to the Legislative-Citizen
107.31 Commission on Minnesota Resources in an
107.32 electronic format at least 20 business days
107.33 before closing;

108.1 (5) include a long-term monitoring and
108.2 enforcement plan and funding for monitoring
108.3 and enforcing the easement agreement; and
108.4 (6) include requirements in the easement
108.5 document to protect the quantity and quality
108.6 of groundwater and surface water through
108.7 specific activities, such as keeping water on
108.8 the landscape, reducing nutrient and
108.9 contaminant loading, and not permitting
108.10 artificial hydrological modifications.

108.11 (h) For any acquisition of lands or interest in
108.12 lands, a recipient of money appropriated under
108.13 this section must not agree to pay more than
108.14 100 percent of the appraised value for a parcel
108.15 of land using this money to complete the
108.16 purchase, in part or in whole, except that up
108.17 to ten percent above the appraised value may
108.18 be allowed to complete the purchase, in part
108.19 or in whole, using this money if permission is
108.20 received in advance of the purchase from the
108.21 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
108.22 Resources.

108.23 (i) For any acquisition of land or interest in
108.24 land, a recipient of money appropriated under
108.25 this section must give priority to high-quality
108.26 natural resources or conservation lands that
108.27 provide natural buffers to water resources.

108.28 (j) For new lands acquired with money
108.29 appropriated under this section, a recipient
108.30 must prepare an ecological restoration and
108.31 management plan in compliance with
108.32 paragraph (c), including sufficient funding for
108.33 implementation unless the work plan addresses
108.34 why a portion of the money is not necessary
108.35 to achieve a high-quality restoration.

109.1 (k) To ensure public accountability for using
109.2 public money, a recipient of money
109.3 appropriated under this section must, within
109.4 60 days of a land acquisition, provide to the
109.5 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
109.6 Resources documentation of the selection
109.7 process used to identify parcels acquired and
109.8 provide documentation of all related
109.9 transaction costs, including but not limited to
109.10 appraisals, legal fees, recording fees,
109.11 commissions, other similar costs, and
109.12 donations. This information must be provided
109.13 for all parties involved in the transaction. The
109.14 recipient must also report to the
109.15 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
109.16 Resources any difference between the
109.17 acquisition amount paid to the seller and the
109.18 state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal, if
109.19 a state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal
109.20 was conducted.

109.21 (l) A recipient of an appropriation from the
109.22 trust fund under this section must acknowledge
109.23 financial support from the environment and
109.24 natural resources trust fund in project
109.25 publications, signage, and other public
109.26 communications and outreach related to work
109.27 completed using the appropriation.

109.28 Acknowledgment may occur, as appropriate,
109.29 through use of the trust fund logo or inclusion
109.30 of language attributing support from the trust
109.31 fund. Each direct recipient of money
109.32 appropriated in this section, as well as each
109.33 recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this
109.34 section, must satisfy all reporting and other
109.35 requirements incumbent upon constitutionally
109.36 dedicated funding recipients as provided in

110.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
110.2 10, and chapter 116P.

110.3 (m) A recipient of an appropriation from the
110.4 trust fund under this section that is receiving
110.5 funding to conduct children's services, as
110.6 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
110.7 299C.61, subdivision 7, must certify to the
110.8 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
110.9 Resources, as part of the required work plan,
110.10 that criminal background checks for
110.11 background check crimes, as defined in
110.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.61,
110.13 subdivision 2, are performed on all employees,
110.14 contractors, and volunteers that have or may
110.15 have access to a child to whom the recipient
110.16 provides children's services using the
110.17 appropriation.

110.18 **Subd. 14. Payment conditions and capital**
110.19 **equipment expenditures**

110.20 (a) All agreements, grants, or contracts
110.21 referred to in this section must be administered
110.22 on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise
110.23 provided in this section. Notwithstanding
110.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41,
110.25 expenditures made on or after July 1, 2025,
110.26 or the date the work plan is approved,
110.27 whichever is later, are eligible for
110.28 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
110.29 this section. Periodic payments must be made
110.30 upon receiving documentation that the
110.31 deliverable items articulated in the approved
110.32 work plan have been achieved, including
110.33 partial achievements as evidenced by approved
110.34 progress reports. Reasonable amounts may be
110.35 advanced to projects to accommodate

111.1 cash-flow needs or match federal money. The
 111.2 advances must be approved as part of the work
 111.3 plan. No expenditures for capital equipment
 111.4 are allowed unless expressly authorized in the
 111.5 project work plan.

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

111.8 **Subd. 15. Purchasing recycled and recyclable**
 111.9 **materials**

111.10 A political subdivision, public or private
 111.11 corporation, or other entity that receives an
 111.12 appropriation under this section must use the
 111.13 appropriation in compliance with Minnesota
 111.14 Statutes, section 16C.0725, regarding
 111.15 purchasing recycled, repairable, and durable
 111.16 materials, and Minnesota Statutes, section
 111.17 16C.073, regarding purchasing and using
 111.18 paper stock and printing.

111.19 **Subd. 16. Accessibility**

111.20 Structural and nonstructural facilities must
 111.21 meet the design standards in the Americans
 111.22 with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility
 111.23 guidelines.

111.24 **Subd. 17. Carryforward; extensions**

111.25 (a) The availability of the appropriations for
 111.26 the following projects is extended to June 30,
 111.27 2026:

111.28 (1) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
 111.29 4, article 2, section 2, subdivision 9, paragraph
 111.30 (e), as amended by Laws 2024, chapter 83,
 111.31 sections 2, subdivision 18; and 3, National
 111.32 Loon Center;

111.33 (2) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
 111.34 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph

- 112.1 (d), Foundational Hydrology Data for Wetland
112.2 Protection and Restoration;
- 112.3 (3) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
112.4 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 6, paragraph
112.5 (b), Protect Community Forests by Managing
112.6 Ash for Emerald Ash Borer;
- 112.7 (4) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
112.8 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 9, paragraph
112.9 (t), Chippewa County Acquisition, Recreation,
112.10 and Education;
- 112.11 (5) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
112.12 6, article 6, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph
112.13 (g), Geologic Atlases for Water Resource
112.14 Management;
- 112.15 (6) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
112.16 6, article 6, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph
112.17 (n), Bioacoustics for Broad-Scale Species
112.18 Monitoring and Conservation;
- 112.19 (7) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
112.20 subdivision 4, paragraph (f), Water and
112.21 Climate Information to Enhance Community
112.22 Resilience;
- 112.23 (8) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
112.24 subdivision 4, paragraph (i), Is the Tire
112.25 Chemical 6PPDq Killing Minnesota's Fish?;
- 112.26 (9) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
112.27 subdivision 7, paragraph (a), Green Solar Cells
112.28 from a Minnesota Natural Resource;
- 112.29 (10) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
112.30 subdivision 8, paragraph (d), Hastings Lake
112.31 Rebecca Park Area;
- 112.32 (11) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
112.33 subdivision 9, paragraph (a), as amended by

113.1 Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 15,
 113.2 Mesabi Trail: Wahlsten Road (CR 26) to
 113.3 Tower; and
 113.4 (12) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
 113.5 subdivision 9, paragraph (j), as amended by
 113.6 Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 5, Silver Bay
 113.7 Multimodal Trailhead Project.

113.8 (b) The availability of the appropriations for
 113.9 the following projects is extended to June 30,
 113.10 2027:

113.11 (1) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
 113.12 subdivision 4, paragraph (g), Catch and
 113.13 Reveal: Discovering Unknown Fish
 113.14 Contamination Threats;

113.15 (2) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
 113.16 subdivision 9, paragraph (e), Native Prairie
 113.17 Stewardship and Prairie Bank Easement
 113.18 Acquisition;

113.19 (3) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
 113.20 subdivision 9, paragraph (h), SNA Habitat
 113.21 Restoration and Public Engagement; and

113.22 (4) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
 113.23 subdivision 9, paragraph (n), Ranier Safe
 113.24 Harbor/Transient Dock - Phase 2.

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

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

113.27 **Subd. 3. Foundational Natural Resource Data**
 113.28 **and Information**

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113.29 **(a) Native Plant Community Data in the City of**
 113.30 **Duluth**

113.31 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust
 113.32 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 113.33 for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust

114.1 to develop field-verified native plant
114.2 community data and maps for the city of
114.3 Duluth and the St. Louis River estuary to
114.4 support conservation and restoration activities.

114.5 **(b) Reconstructing Historical Wild Rice to**
114.6 **Understand Its Future**

114.7 \$200,000 the second year is from the trust
114.8 fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota for
114.9 the St. Croix Watershed Research Station to
114.10 characterize environmental drivers
114.11 contributing to the decline of wild rice using
114.12 lake sediment cores to reconstruct historical
114.13 wild rice abundance in relation to lake and
114.14 watershed stressors.

114.15 **(c) Characterizing Tree Cavities and Use by**
114.16 **Minnesota's Wildlife**

114.17 \$349,000 the second year is from the trust
114.18 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
114.19 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
114.20 Research Institute in Duluth to assess the
114.21 effects of forest management on Minnesota's
114.22 primary cavity engineer, the pileated
114.23 woodpecker, and on the wildlife that rely on
114.24 the cavities that pileated woodpeckers create.
114.25 This appropriation is also to develop
114.26 management guidelines.

114.27 **(d) Fate of Minnesota's Lakes in the Next**
114.28 **Century**

114.29 \$453,000 the second year is from the trust
114.30 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
114.31 of Minnesota to use new modeling techniques
114.32 to quantify how water quality of Minnesota's
114.33 lakes will change in the next century under
114.34 future land use and climate change scenarios
114.35 and to create an online web tool to display the

115.1 results. This appropriation is subject to
115.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This
115.3 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,
115.4 by which time the project must be completed
115.5 and final products delivered.

115.6 **(e) Turtle Island Skywatchers - Minnesota**
115.7 **Research and Data Visualization**

115.8 \$200,000 the second year is from the trust
115.9 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
115.10 for an agreement with Native Skywatchers
115.11 Inc. to engage youth in environmental
115.12 stewardship by collecting images and acoustic
115.13 data from turtles and other culturally
115.14 significant animals and their habitats,
115.15 evaluating the differences in these soundscapes
115.16 across landscapes, and sharing the results
115.17 through scientific storytelling and online
115.18 platforms.

115.19 **(f) Monitoring Minnesota's Insects: Connecting**
115.20 **Habitat to Insect Prey**

115.21 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust
115.22 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
115.23 of Minnesota to investigate the ecological
115.24 roles of and energy transfer by certain
115.25 Minnesota insects throughout their life cycles
115.26 and to train future insect researchers on field
115.27 techniques.

115.28 **(g) Determining Ambient Background PFAS**
115.29 **Concentrations in Minnesota Soils**

115.30 \$621,000 the second year is from the trust
115.31 fund to the commissioner of the Pollution
115.32 Control Agency to determine ambient
115.33 background per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance
115.34 (PFAS) levels in urban and nonurban soils to
115.35 help Minnesota develop management

116.1 strategies for PFAS-contaminated soils. This
116.2 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,
116.3 by which time the project must be completed
116.4 and final products delivered.

116.5 **(h) Investigating Life History Characteristics of**
116.6 **Minnesota Elk**

116.7 \$933,000 the second year is from the trust
116.8 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
116.9 to assess Minnesota elk herd health and
116.10 genetic diversity, movements, survival, and
116.11 causes of mortality and to develop a
116.12 noninvasive, safer, and more accurate method
116.13 to estimate population size. This appropriation
116.14 is available until June 30, 2028, by which time
116.15 the project must be completed and final
116.16 products delivered.

116.17 **(i) Foundational Data for Moth and Butterfly**
116.18 **Conservation**

116.19 \$195,000 the second year is from the trust
116.20 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
116.21 to perform field surveys and consolidate
116.22 existing data to create the first comprehensive
116.23 list of Minnesota moths and butterflies. This
116.24 appropriation is also to conduct outreach to
116.25 inform land managers and to facilitate public
116.26 appreciation of these species.

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

116.28 \$3,200,000 the second year is from the trust
116.29 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
116.30 to continue producing county groundwater
116.31 atlases to inform management of surface water
116.32 and groundwater resources for drinking and
116.33 other purposes. This appropriation is for Part
116.34 B, to characterize the potential water yields of

117.1 aquifers and aquifers' sensitivity to
117.2 contamination.

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

117.4 \$996,000 the second year is from the trust
117.5 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
117.6 of Minnesota to continue to study summertime
117.7 wolf predation on deer, moose, and other
117.8 species in the greater Voyageurs ecosystem
117.9 to inform wildlife management and to share
117.10 natural history of this species with the public.
117.11 This appropriation is available until June 30,
117.12 2028, by which time the project must be
117.13 completed and final products delivered.

117.14 **(l) Distribution and Population Status of Weasels**
117.15 **in Minnesota**

117.16 \$400,000 the second year is from the trust
117.17 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
117.18 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
117.19 Research Institute in Duluth to determine the
117.20 distribution, relative abundance, and spatial
117.21 occupancy patterns of small weasel species in
117.22 Minnesota to fill key knowledge gaps in
117.23 weasel distribution and status in Minnesota.

117.24 **(m) Improving Aquatic Plant Knowledge for**
117.25 **Healthy Waters**

117.26 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust
117.27 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
117.28 to collect foundational data on Minnesota's
117.29 native aquatic plant biodiversity through new
117.30 and enhanced lake surveys and to disseminate
117.31 results to state resource managers, scientists,
117.32 and the public.

117.33 **(n) New Small Mammal Monitoring Methods**
117.34 **for Minnesota**

118.1 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust
 118.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 118.3 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
 118.4 Research Institute in Duluth to develop camera
 118.5 trapping methods as a new tool to collect
 118.6 foundational data and fill key knowledge gaps
 118.7 in the status of small mammal species in
 118.8 Minnesota.

118.9 **(o) Status of Bats and Roost Trees after**
 118.10 **White-Nose Syndrome**

118.11 \$195,000 the second year is from the trust
 118.12 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 118.13 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
 118.14 Research Institute in Duluth to study changes
 118.15 in maternity roost trees and bat populations in
 118.16 the forested areas of Minnesota and to evaluate
 118.17 the effects of years of white-nose syndrome
 118.18 on Minnesota bats.

118.19 **(p) Sublethal Effects of Pesticides on the**
 118.20 **Invertebrate Community**

118.21 \$387,000 the second year is from the trust
 118.22 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 118.23 of Minnesota to provide data on pesticide
 118.24 contamination in soil and the insect
 118.25 community across the state and the effect of
 118.26 insecticide exposure on insect reproduction.
 118.27 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 118.28 2029, by which time the project must be
 118.29 completed and final products delivered.

118.30 **(q) Modernizing Minnesota's Plant Community**
 118.31 **Classification and Field Guides**

118.32 \$1,800,000 the second year is from the trust
 118.33 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 118.34 to collect additional vegetation and
 118.35 environmental data and update the state's

119.1 20-year-old native plant community
 119.2 classification guides to incorporate new data,
 119.3 streamline user application and access to
 119.4 products, and include analysis of climate and
 119.5 vegetation trends. Net income generated as
 119.6 part of this appropriation may be reinvested
 119.7 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is
 119.8 approved in the work plan. This appropriation
 119.9 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 119.10 116P.10.

119.11 **(r) Assessing Prairie Health to Inform Pollinator**
 119.12 **Conservation**

119.13 \$297,000 the second year is from the trust
 119.14 fund to the Minnesota Zoological Society to
 119.15 assess habitat quality and pesticide occurrence
 119.16 in Minnesota prairies to help inform
 119.17 management actions, endangered species
 119.18 recovery plans, and pollinator reintroduction
 119.19 efforts for endangered and threatened
 119.20 butterflies and other wildlife.

119.21 **(s) Understanding Native Fishes in the**
 119.22 **Bowfishing Era**

119.23 \$588,000 the second year is from the trust
 119.24 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 119.25 of Minnesota, Duluth, to collect foundational
 119.26 biological information on a selection of native
 119.27 Minnesota fish to aid in sustainable
 119.28 management, improve recreational
 119.29 opportunities, and educate the public about
 119.30 these shared aquatic resources. This
 119.31 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,
 119.32 by which time the project must be completed
 119.33 and final products delivered.

119.34 **(t) Preserving Minnesota Wildflower**
 119.35 **Information**

120.1 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust
120.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
120.3 of Minnesota, Bell Museum of Natural
120.4 History, to preserve and enhance Minnesota
120.5 Wildflowers Information, an online tool for
120.6 plant identification, by integrating the content
120.7 and functionality of the website with the
120.8 Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas for public use
120.9 as required by Laws 2017, chapter 96, section
120.10 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (e).

120.11 **(u) White-Tailed Deer Movement and Disease**
120.12 **in Suburban Areas**

120.13 \$699,000 the second year is from the trust
120.14 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
120.15 of Minnesota to better understand white-tailed
120.16 deer movement, habitat use, and disease
120.17 dynamics at the suburban-agricultural interface
120.18 to inform more efficient deer management and
120.19 disease control.

120.20 **(v) Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and**
120.21 **Minnesota Raptors**

120.22 \$187,000 the second year is from the trust
120.23 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
120.24 of Minnesota for the Raptor Center to evaluate
120.25 Minnesota raptors for current or past infections
120.26 with highly pathogenic avian influenza virus
120.27 to better understand disease transmission and
120.28 outbreak impacts on raptor populations.

120.29 **(w) Geologic Atlases for Water Resource**
120.30 **Management**

120.31 \$1,236,000 the second year is from the trust
120.32 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
120.33 of Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey,
120.34 to continue producing county geologic atlases
120.35 to inform management of surface water and

121.1 groundwater resources. This appropriation is
 121.2 to complete Part A, which focuses on the
 121.3 properties and distribution of earth materials
 121.4 to define aquifer boundaries and the
 121.5 connection of aquifers to the land surface and
 121.6 surface water resources.

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

121.8 \$180,000 the second year is from the trust
 121.9 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 121.10 for an agreement with Monarch Joint Venture
 121.11 to use remote sensing technology to evaluate
 121.12 pollinator habitat on energy and transportation
 121.13 corridors across Minnesota and to host
 121.14 field-day training workshops. Net income
 121.15 generated as part of this appropriation may be
 121.16 reinvested in the project if a plan for
 121.17 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as
 121.18 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
 121.19 116P.10.

121.20 **(y) Harnessing Cover Crops and Roots for**
 121.21 **Sustainable Cropping**

121.22 \$375,000 the second year is from the trust
 121.23 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 121.24 of Minnesota to determine carbon
 121.25 sequestration, nitrogen credit potential, water
 121.26 use, and performance of cover crops in
 121.27 corn-soybean and corn-soybean-wheat
 121.28 rotations in southern Minnesota.

121.29 **(z) Effects of Conservation Grazing on Solar**
 121.30 **Sites Managed for Pollinator Habitat**

121.31 \$88,000 the second year is from the trust fund
 121.32 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 121.33 an agreement with Minnesota Native
 121.34 Landscapes, in partnership with Temple
 121.35 University, to analyze the effects of sheep

122.1 grazing and mowing on the vegetation and
 122.2 soils of solar sites managed for pollinator
 122.3 habitat and to improve understanding of the
 122.4 environmental outcomes from the colocation
 122.5 of solar panels; grazing; and native,
 122.6 pollinator-friendly vegetation. This
 122.7 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
 122.8 by which time the project must be completed
 122.9 and final products delivered.

122.10 **(aa) Genetic Detection of Endangered Mussels**
 122.11 **in the Mississippi**

122.12 \$241,000 the second year is from the trust
 122.13 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 122.14 for an agreement with the United States
 122.15 Geological Survey, Ohio Water Microbiology
 122.16 Lab, to create, optimize, and use eDNA assays
 122.17 to detect the presence of endangered or
 122.18 threatened mussel species around Buffalo
 122.19 Slough near the Prairie Island Indian
 122.20 Community.

122.21 **(bb) Integrated Population Modeling for**
 122.22 **Trumpeter Swans**

122.23 \$180,000 the second year is from the trust
 122.24 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 122.25 of Minnesota to compile and use all available
 122.26 data to model historical population abundance
 122.27 and estimate future population dynamics of
 122.28 Minnesota trumpeter swans.

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

122.30 Sec. 4. Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

122.31 **Subd. 8. Methods to Protect or Restore Land,**
 122.32 **Water, and Habitat**

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122.33 **(a) Long-Term Preservation of Minnesota's Ball**
 122.34 **Cactus Population**

123.1 \$100,000 the second year is from the trust
 123.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 123.3 of Minnesota for the Minnesota Landscape
 123.4 Arboretum to protect Minnesota's only
 123.5 population of ball cactus by supporting
 123.6 population expansion and establishment,
 123.7 monitoring transferred plants, and training
 123.8 long-term volunteer monitors. This
 123.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
 123.10 by which time the project must be completed
 123.11 and final products delivered.

123.12 **(b) Morrison County Historical Society**
 123.13 **Streambank Stabilization and Restoration**

123.14 \$519,000 the second year is from the trust
 123.15 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 123.16 for an agreement with the Morrison Soil and
 123.17 Water Conservation District to stabilize and
 123.18 restore land along the Mississippi River owned
 123.19 by the Morrison County Historical Society
 123.20 within the statutory boundaries of Charles A.
 123.21 Lindbergh State Park to improve water quality
 123.22 and improve aquatic and terrestrial habit. For
 123.23 purposes of this appropriation, subdivision 13,
 123.24 paragraph (e), does not apply. The
 123.25 commissioner of natural resources may make
 123.26 reasonable amounts of this appropriation
 123.27 available on an advance basis to accommodate
 123.28 the Morrison Soil and Water Conservation
 123.29 District's cash-flow needs if a plan for the
 123.30 advances is approved as part of the work plan.

123.31 **(c) Can Increased Tree Diversity Increase**
 123.32 **Community Diversity?**

123.33 \$415,000 the second year is from the trust
 123.34 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 123.35 of Minnesota to evaluate impacts of increasing
 123.36 tree diversity on wildlife, plant and fungal

124.1 communities, and carbon storage within aspen
124.2 forests in northern Minnesota to develop best
124.3 management practices for mixed woodland
124.4 systems.

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

124.6 \$141,000 the second year is from the trust
124.7 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
124.8 for an agreement with the city of Long Prairie
124.9 to improve water retention, increase native
124.10 habitat, and enhance footpaths for recreation
124.11 at Riverside Park in Todd County, Minnesota.
124.12 The project must create a net increase in
124.13 habitat, and this appropriation may not be used
124.14 to meet the conditions of any permits received
124.15 for the project.

124.16 **(e) Pollinator Central IV: Habitat Improvement**
124.17 **with Public Engagement**

124.18 \$698,000 the second year is from the trust
124.19 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
124.20 for an agreement with Great River Greening
124.21 to partner with municipalities, educational
124.22 organizations, and volunteers to create and
124.23 enhance pollinator habitat along public
124.24 corridors from Lakeville to St. Cloud and to
124.25 engage youth and the public through education
124.26 and monitoring the impact of habitat
124.27 improvements. This appropriation is available
124.28 until June 30, 2028, by which time the project
124.29 must be completed and final products
124.30 delivered.

124.31 **(f) Conservation Grazing for Birds, Beef, and**
124.32 **Better Soil**

124.33 \$342,000 the second year is from the trust
124.34 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
124.35 for an agreement with the National Audubon

125.1 Society, Minnesota office, to assess Audubon
 125.2 Conservation Ranching as a strategic approach
 125.3 to improve grassland biodiversity, soils, and
 125.4 ecosystem resilience. This appropriation is
 125.5 available until June 30, 2028, by which time
 125.6 the project must be completed and final
 125.7 products delivered.

125.8 **(g) Minnesota Microbes for Enhanced**
 125.9 **Biodegradation of Microplastics**

125.10 \$524,000 the second year is from the trust
 125.11 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 125.12 of Minnesota to investigate the potential of
 125.13 natural and indigenous microbes to biodegrade
 125.14 conventional plastics in contaminated soils
 125.15 and waters across the state. This appropriation
 125.16 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 125.17 116P.10.

125.18 **(h) Completing the Mississippi River Greenway:**
 125.19 **Dakota County**

125.20 \$657,000 the second year is from the trust
 125.21 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 125.22 for an agreement with Dakota County to
 125.23 restore and enhance habitat on public lands,
 125.24 establish linear native plantings, and install
 125.25 electric-vehicle charging stations within and
 125.26 along the 27-mile Mississippi River Greenway
 125.27 in Dakota County. Net income generated as
 125.28 part of this appropriation may be reinvested
 125.29 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is
 125.30 approved in the work plan. This appropriation
 125.31 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 125.32 116P.10, and is available until June 30, 2028,
 125.33 by which time the project must be completed
 125.34 and final products delivered.

125.35 **(i) Enabling Nature to Destroy Environmental**
 125.36 **PFAS Contaminants**

126.1 \$378,000 the second year is from the trust
126.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
126.3 of Minnesota to identify enzymes and
126.4 microbes that can break down soil-based per-
126.5 and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into
126.6 nontoxic elements. This appropriation is
126.7 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

126.8 **(j) Bioacoustics for Species Monitoring and**
126.9 **Conservation - Phase 2**

126.10 \$568,000 the second year is from the trust
126.11 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
126.12 of Minnesota to assess avian diversity at the
126.13 statewide scale by developing a citizen science
126.14 bioacoustics monitoring program with an
126.15 initial focus on private lands.

126.16 **(k) Preventing PFAS and Microplastics**
126.17 **Contaminants Across Minnesota**

126.18 \$656,000 the second year is from the trust
126.19 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
126.20 of Minnesota to help stop the flow of per- and
126.21 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and
126.22 microplastics contaminants into Minnesota's
126.23 environment by developing strategies and
126.24 technologies to manage solid waste streams
126.25 on site. This appropriation is subject to
126.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

126.27 **(l) Shingle Creek Aquatic and Shoreline Habitat**
126.28 **Enhancement**

126.29 \$1,100,000 the second year is from the trust
126.30 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
126.31 for an agreement with the Minneapolis Park
126.32 and Recreation Board to plan and restore a
126.33 section of Shingle Creek in north Minneapolis
126.34 with native aquatic and shoreline vegetation,
126.35 channel and bank modification, and natural

127.1 stream features. This appropriation is also to
 127.2 monitor plant and animal health following
 127.3 construction to ensure that the ecological
 127.4 functioning of the creek corridor is restored.

127.5 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 127.6 2030, by which time the project must be
 127.7 completed and final products delivered.

127.8 **(m) LiDAR Technology to Help Prevent Wildlife**
 127.9 **Fatalities from Wind Turbines**

127.10 \$525,000 the second year is from the trust
 127.11 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 127.12 of Minnesota to create a low-cost and
 127.13 advanced LiDAR system to detect bats and
 127.14 birds approaching wind turbines that may be
 127.15 used in concert with deterrence or impact
 127.16 avoidance methods to prevent collisions. This
 127.17 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 127.18 section 116P.10.

127.19 **(n) Road Salt Pollution of Surface Waters from**
 127.20 **Groundwater**

127.21 \$622,000 the second year is from the trust
 127.22 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 127.23 of Minnesota to inform source-reduction
 127.24 efforts by developing a model to identify hot
 127.25 spots where road-salt-contaminated
 127.26 groundwater leads to chloride pollution of
 127.27 surface waters.

127.28 **(o) Growing the Minnesota Bison Conservation**
 127.29 **Herd**

127.30 \$1,775,000 the second year is from the trust
 127.31 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 127.32 to reintroduce bison to Camden State Park as
 127.33 part of a statewide effort to preserve the
 127.34 American Plains bison genome.
 127.35 Reintroduction includes the design,

128.1 construction, and installation of fencing, a
 128.2 handling facility, signage, exhibits, and other
 128.3 site improvements. This appropriation is
 128.4 available until June 30, 2030, by which time
 128.5 the project must be completed and final
 128.6 products delivered.

128.7 **(p) Priority Lakes: Meeting Protection Goals**
 128.8 **and Multiplying Benefits**

128.9 \$1,890,000 the second year is from the trust
 128.10 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 128.11 for an agreement with the Hubbard County
 128.12 Soil and Water Conservation District, in
 128.13 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to
 128.14 protect habitat, forest health, and water quality
 128.15 in the best fishing lakes by creating lake
 128.16 implementation action plans, conducting
 128.17 community-based habitat restorations and
 128.18 improvements, and protecting forest lands with
 128.19 conservation easements and Sustainable Forest
 128.20 Incentive Act (SFIA) enrollments within
 128.21 prioritized areas of the upper Mississippi River
 128.22 basin in ~~Hubbard County~~. Of this amount, up
 128.23 to \$168,000 is for deposit in a monitoring fund
 128.24 to be used by Minnesota Land Trust as
 128.25 approved in the work plan and subject to
 128.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.20.

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

128.28 **ARTICLE 3**
 128.29 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND: GRANT**
 128.30 **PROGRAMS**

128.31 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116X.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

128.32 Subdivision 1. **Grants.** (a) Beginning July 1, 2025, each fiscal year 1.5 percent of the
 128.33 market value of the environment and natural resources trust fund on June 30 one year before
 128.34 the start of the biennium is available for appropriation to the commissioner of natural

129.1 resources to provide grants under this section for the benefit of current residents and future
 129.2 generations. The commissioner must award grants under this section for purposes authorized
 129.3 under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 14, and expand the number and diversity
 129.4 of recipients who benefit from the environment and natural resources trust fund, especially
 129.5 in communities that have been adversely affected by pollution and environmental degradation.

129.6 (b) Grants awarded under this section must be expended for benefits across all regions
 129.7 and residents of the state. A grant may be awarded under this section only for:

129.8 (1) helping adversely impacted communities respond to environmental degradation and
 129.9 related health concerns;

129.10 (2) education and awareness related to stewardship of air, land, water, forests, fish,
 129.11 wildlife, and other natural resources; ~~or~~

129.12 (3) preserving or enhancing air, land, water, and other natural resources that otherwise
 129.13 may be substantially impaired or destroyed in any area of the state;

129.14 (4) trail maintenance and improvement on state, regional, or local trails. No money
 129.15 allocated under this clause may be used to construct new trails or new trail segments; or

129.16 (5) aquatic invasive species management.

129.17 (c) A grant awarded under this section must provide measurable results ~~and may not be~~
 129.18 ~~awarded to a for-profit business.~~

129.19 (d) Money appropriated from the trust fund under this subdivision must supplement the
 129.20 traditional sources of funding for environment and natural resources activities and may not
 129.21 be used as a substitute.

129.22 (e) Any appropriated funds under this subdivision that are not encumbered before the
 129.23 appropriation expires must be credited to the principal of the trust fund.

129.24 ~~(f) The commissioner may not award a grant under this section to the Department of~~
 129.25 ~~Natural Resources.~~

129.26 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116X.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 129.27 read:

129.28 Subd. 6. Prohibitions. The commissioner may not award a grant under this section:

129.29 (1) to a state agency;

129.30 (2) to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

129.31 (3) to a for-profit business; or

130.1 (4) for a scientific research project.

130.2 **Sec. 3. ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND**
 130.3 **COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM; REPORT.**

130.4 By December 15, 2025, the commissioner of natural resources must submit a report to
 130.5 the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate
 130.6 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources on plans
 130.7 to implement the environment and natural resources trust fund community grant program
 130.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116X.03. The report must include:

130.9 (1) recommendations for the grant program to ensure that the program operates in a
 130.10 manner similar to the conservation partners legacy grant program established as required
 130.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 3, including a draft of any request
 130.12 for proposals and the criteria that will be used to prioritize applications and allocate funding;

130.13 (2) details of grant program implementation, including requests for proposals, awarded
 130.14 grants, and future implementation; and

130.15 (3) the organizational structure and membership of the Environment and Natural
 130.16 Resources Trust Fund Community Grant Advisory Council required under Minnesota
 130.17 Statutes, section 116X.05.

130.18 **Sec. 4. ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND**
 130.19 **APPROPRIATION.**

130.20 (a) \$28,180,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the environment and natural
 130.21 resources trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for grants under Minnesota
 130.22 Statutes, section 116X.03, allocated as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 116X.03,
 130.23 subdivision 1.

130.24 (b) This is a onetime appropriation. Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, does not apply
 130.25 to this appropriation or to projects funded with this appropriation. This appropriation is
 130.26 available until June 30, 2029.

130.27 **Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

130.28 Sections 1 to 4 are effective the day following final enactment.

131.1 **ARTICLE 4**

131.2 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY**

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

131.5 Subd. 21. **Outreach to culturally diverse communities.** The commissioner must ensure
131.6 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the commissioner's work and the work of the
131.7 department are carried out in a manner that facilitates enhanced outreach to all Minnesotans.
131.8 To the maximum extent practicable, public hearings, solicitations for grant proposals, and
131.9 other interactions with the public must include audiovisual communication components and
131.10 must not rely exclusively on written forms of communication.

131.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.705, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

131.12 Subdivision 1. **Definitions Definition.** ~~(a) For the purposes of this section, the following~~
131.13 ~~terms have the meanings given.~~

131.14 ~~(b) "shade tree" means a woody perennial grown primarily for aesthetic or environmental~~
131.15 ~~purposes with minimal to residual timber value.~~

131.16 ~~(c) "Supplemental demographic index" means an index in the Environmental Justice~~
131.17 ~~Screening and Mapping Tool developed by the United States Environmental Protection~~
131.18 ~~Agency that is based on socioeconomic indicators, including low income, unemployment,~~
131.19 ~~less than high school education, limited English speaking, and low life expectancy.~~

131.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.705, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

131.21 Subd. 3. **Priority.** (a) Priority for grants awarded under this section must be given to:

131.22 (1) projects removing and replacing ash trees that pose significant public safety concerns;
131.23 and

131.24 (2) projects ~~located in a census block group with a supplemental demographic index~~
131.25 ~~score in the 70th percentile or higher within the state of Minnesota~~ in areas identified using
131.26 the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Screening and
131.27 Mapping Tool methodology provided in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's
131.28 environmental justice screen technical documentation dated July 31, 2024.

131.29 (b) The commissioner may not prioritize projects based on criteria other than the criteria
131.30 established under paragraph (a). Nothing in this section precludes the Department of Natural

132.1 Resources from following chapter 16B requirements or considering the ability of the grantees
132.2 to complete the work of the grant.

132.3 **Sec. 4. [86B.109] ABANDONED WATERCRAFT.**

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

132.9 (1) inoperative and neglected, wrecked, stranded, or substantially dismantled;

132.10 (2) in immediate danger of sinking; or

132.11 (3) unmoored and unattended.

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

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

132.18 (1) the watercraft has been tagged and the condition that resulted in the watercraft being
132.19 tagged must be remedied immediately; and

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

132.22 Subd. 2. **Failure to remedy.** The registered owner of a watercraft who knowingly fails
132.23 to remedy the condition that resulted in the watercraft being tagged within 14 days of the
132.24 commissioner sending the notice required by subdivision 1, paragraph (c), is guilty of a
132.25 misdemeanor. In addition, the owner is liable to the Department of Natural Resources for
132.26 all costs incurred by the commissioner in enforcing this section against the owner.

132.27 Subd. 3. **Seizure of abandoned watercraft.** Fourteen days after the commissioner sends
132.28 the notice required by subdivision 1, paragraph (c), to the registered owner or concludes
132.29 that there is no registered owner, the commissioner must investigate the watercraft. If, upon
132.30 inspection, the watercraft has not been removed and the condition that prompted the peace
132.31 officer or employee to tag it has not been substantially remedied, the watercraft is considered

133.1 abandoned and the commissioner must seize and forfeit the watercraft according to section
 133.2 97A.223.

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

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

133.8 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

133.18 (4) for a watercraft used by a nonprofit corporation for teaching boat and water safety,
 133.19 \$14;

133.20 (5) for a watercraft owned by a dealer under a dealer's license, \$50;

133.21 (6) for a personal watercraft, including one offered for rent or lease, \$25;

133.22 (7) for a watercraft less than 17 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses
 133.23 (2) to (6), \$25;

133.24 (8) for a canoe, kayak, sailboard, paddleboard, paddleboat, or rowing shell over ten feet
 133.25 in length, \$20;

133.26 (9) for a watercraft more than 19 feet but less than 26 feet in length, other than a
 133.27 watercraft listed in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$38;

133.28 (10) for a watercraft 26 feet but less than 40 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed
 133.29 in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$50;

133.30 (11) for a watercraft 40 feet in length or longer, other than a watercraft listed in clauses
 133.31 (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$62; and

134.1 (12) for a watercraft used primarily for charter fishing, commercial fishing, commercial
 134.2 passenger carrying, or other commercial operation, \$50.

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

134.4 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 88.82, is amended to read:

134.5 **88.82 MINNESOTA RELEAF PROGRAM.**

134.6 (a) The Minnesota releaf program is established in the Department of Natural Resources
 134.7 to encourage, promote, and fund the inventory, planting, assessment, maintenance,
 134.8 improvement, protection, utilization, and restoration of trees and forest resources in this
 134.9 state to enhance community forest ecosystem health and sustainability as well as to reduce
 134.10 atmospheric carbon dioxide levels and promote energy conservation.

134.11 (b) Priority for grants awarded under this section must be given to projects located in
 134.12 whole or in part in ~~a census block group with a supplemental demographic index score in~~
 134.13 ~~the 70th percentile or higher within the state of Minnesota~~ an area identified using the United
 134.14 States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping
 134.15 Tool methodology provided in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's
 134.16 environmental justice screen technical documentation dated July 31, 2024.

134.17 ~~(e) For the purposes of this section, "supplemental demographic index" means an index~~
 134.18 ~~in the Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool developed by the United States~~
 134.19 ~~Environmental Protection Agency that is based on socioeconomic indicators, including low~~
 134.20 ~~income, unemployment, less than high school education, limited English speaking, and low~~
 134.21 ~~life expectancy.~~

134.22 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.223, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

135.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.421, is amended by adding a subdivision to
135.2 read:

135.3 Subd. 3c. **Restrictions after conviction; abandoned watercraft.** (a) After a conviction
135.4 under section 86B.109, subdivision 2, the following license and registration restrictions
135.5 remain in effect until the person reimburses the Department of Natural Resources for all
135.6 the department's costs under section 86B.109, subdivision 2:

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

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

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

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

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

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

135.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.465, is amended by adding a subdivision to
135.20 read:

135.21 Subd. 9. **Resident disabled veterans; reduced fee licenses.** A person authorized to
135.22 issue licenses must issue the following licenses for the reduced fee specified under section
135.23 97A.475 to a resident who is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, and who has a 50 to
135.24 99 percent service-connected disability as defined by the United States Department of
135.25 Veterans Affairs upon being furnished satisfactory evidence:

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

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

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

135.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2027.

136.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

136.7 (4) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, \$5;

136.8 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms
136.9 season, \$34;

136.10 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, \$34;

136.11 (7) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader
136.12 season, \$34;

136.13 (8) to take moose, for a party of not more than six persons, \$356;

136.14 (9) for persons age 18 or over to take bear, \$44;

136.15 (10) to take elk, for a party of not more than two persons, \$287;

136.16 (11) to take light geese during the light goose conservation order, \$2.50;

136.17 (12) to take sandhill crane during the sandhill crane season, \$3;

136.18 (13) to take prairie chickens, \$23;

136.19 (14) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during the
136.20 regular firearms season, \$5;

136.21 (15) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, \$5;

136.22 (16) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by muzzleloader during
136.23 the muzzleloader season, \$5;

136.24 (17) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take bear, no fee;

136.25 (18) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take bear, \$5;

136.26 (19) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour period

136.27 selected by the licensee, \$19, of which an amount equal to one-half of the fee for the

136.28 migratory-waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the

136.29 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half of

137.1 the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in the
 137.2 pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and one-half
 137.3 of the small-game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited in the wildlife acquisition
 137.4 account;

137.5 (20) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take small game, \$5;

137.6 (21) to take wolf, \$30;

137.7 (22) for persons age 12 and under to take turkey, no fee;

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

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

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

137.12 (26) for disabled veterans to take deer or small game under section 97A.465, subdivision
 137.13 9, \$5.

137.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2027.

137.15 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

138.1 (8) for disabled veterans to take fish by angling under section 97A.465, subdivision 9,
 138.2 \$5.

138.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2027.

138.4 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.031, is amended by adding a subdivision
 138.5 to read:

138.6 Subd. 7. **County authority to limit firearms for deer hunting.** A county board of a
 138.7 county located in the shotgun zone under Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318, may
 138.8 adopt an ordinance after notice and public hearing to limit the type of firearms that may be
 138.9 used to hunt deer within the county. Subsequent ordinances may be adopted under this
 138.10 subdivision only after additional notice and public hearing and are effective until repealed
 138.11 or modified by ordinance.

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

138.13 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.037, is amended to read:

138.14 **97B.037 CROSSBOW HUNTING AND FISHING.**

138.15 (a) Notwithstanding section 97B.035, subdivisions 1 and 2, a person may take deer,
 138.16 bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish by crossbow during the respective regular
 138.17 archery seasons. The transportation requirements of section 97B.051 apply to crossbows
 138.18 during the regular archery deer, bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish season.
 138.19 Crossbows must meet the requirements of section 97B.106, subdivision 2. A person taking
 138.20 deer, bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish by crossbow under this section must
 138.21 have a valid license to take the respective game.

138.22 (b) This section expires June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

138.23 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97C.395, is amended to read:

138.24 **97C.395 OPEN SEASONS FOR ANGLING.**

138.25 Subdivision 1. **Dates for certain species.** (a) The open seasons to take fish by angling
 138.26 are as follows:

138.27 (1) for walleye, sauger, northern pike, and muskellunge, ~~largemouth bass, and smallmouth~~
 138.28 ~~bass~~, the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through the
 138.29 last Sunday in February;

139.1 (2) for brown trout, brook trout, lake trout, rainbow trout, and splake, between January
 139.2 1 through October 31 as prescribed by the commissioner by rule except as provided in
 139.3 section 97C.415, subdivision 2; and

139.4 (3) for salmon, as prescribed by the commissioner by rule.

139.5 (b) The commissioner shall close the season in areas of the state where fish are spawning
 139.6 and closing the season will protect the resource.

139.7 Subd. 2. **Continuous season for certain species.** For largemouth bass, smallmouth bass,
 139.8 sunfish, white crappie, black crappie, yellow perch, channel catfish, rock bass, white bass,
 139.9 yellow bass, burbot, cisco (tullibee), lake whitefish, common carp, and native rough fish,
 139.10 the open season is continuous.

139.11 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.271, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

139.18 (1) ~~\$140~~ \$200 for amounts not exceeding 50,000,000 gallons per year;

139.19 (2) ~~\$3.50~~ \$6 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 50,000,000 gallons but less
 139.20 than 100,000,000 gallons per year;

139.21 (3) ~~\$4~~ \$7 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 100,000,000 gallons but less
 139.22 than 150,000,000 gallons per year;

139.23 (4) ~~\$4.50~~ \$8 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 150,000,000 gallons but
 139.24 less than 200,000,000 gallons per year;

139.25 (5) ~~\$5~~ \$9 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 200,000,000 gallons but less
 139.26 than 250,000,000 gallons per year;

139.27 (6) ~~\$5.50~~ \$10 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 250,000,000 gallons but
 139.28 less than 300,000,000 gallons per year;

139.29 (7) ~~\$6~~ \$11 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 300,000,000 gallons but less
 139.30 than 350,000,000 gallons per year;

140.1 (8) ~~\$6.50~~ \$12 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 350,000,000 gallons but
140.2 less than 400,000,000 gallons per year;

140.3 (9) ~~\$7~~ \$13 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 400,000,000 gallons but less
140.4 than 450,000,000 gallons per year;

140.5 (10) ~~\$7.50~~ \$14 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 450,000,000 gallons but
140.6 less than 500,000,000 gallons per year; and

140.7 (11) ~~\$8~~ \$15 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 500,000,000 gallons per
140.8 year.

140.9 (b) For once-through cooling systems, a water-use processing fee must be prescribed
140.10 by the commissioner in accordance with the following schedule of fees for each water-use
140.11 permit in force at any time during the year:

140.12 (1) for nonprofit corporations and school districts, \$200 per 1,000,000 gallons; and

140.13 (2) for all other users, \$420 per 1,000,000 gallons.

140.14 (c) The fee is payable based on the amount of water appropriated during the year and,
140.15 ~~except as provided in paragraph (f),~~ the minimum fee is \$100.

140.16 (d) For water-use processing fees other than once-through cooling systems:

140.17 (1) the fee for a city of the first class may not exceed ~~\$250,000~~ \$325,000 per year;

140.18 (2) the fee for other entities for any permitted use may not exceed:

140.19 (i) ~~\$60,000~~ \$75,000 per year for an entity holding three or fewer permits;

140.20 (ii) ~~\$90,000~~ \$125,000 per year for an entity holding four or five permits; or

140.21 (iii) ~~\$300,000~~ \$400,000 per year for an entity holding more than five permits;

140.22 (3) the fee for agricultural irrigation may not exceed ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 per year;

140.23 (4) the fee for a municipality that furnishes electric service and cogenerates steam for
140.24 home heating may not exceed \$10,000 for its permit for water use related to the cogeneration
140.25 of electricity and steam;

140.26 (5) the fee for a facility that temporarily diverts a water of the state from its natural
140.27 channel to produce hydroelectric or hydromechanical power may not exceed \$5,000 per
140.28 year. A permit for such a facility does not count toward the number of permits held by an
140.29 entity as described in this paragraph; and

141.1 (6) no fee is required for a project involving the appropriation of surface water to prevent
 141.2 flood damage or to remove floodwaters during a period of flooding, as determined by the
 141.3 commissioner.

141.4 (e) Failure to pay the fee is sufficient cause for revoking a permit. A penalty of ten
 141.5 percent per month calculated from the original due date must be imposed on the unpaid
 141.6 balance of fees remaining 30 days after the sending of a second notice of fees due. A fee
 141.7 may not be imposed on an agency, as defined in section 16B.01, subdivision 2, or federal
 141.8 governmental agency holding a water appropriation permit.

141.9 (f) The minimum water-use processing fee for a permit issued for irrigation of agricultural
 141.10 land is ~~\$20~~ \$100 for years in which:

141.11 (1) there is no appropriation of water under the permit; or

141.12 (2) the permit is suspended for more than seven consecutive days between May 1 and
 141.13 October 1.

141.14 (g) The commissioner shall waive the water-use permit fee for installations and projects
 141.15 that use stormwater runoff or where public entities are diverting water to treat a water quality
 141.16 issue and returning the water to its source without using the water for any other purpose,
 141.17 unless the commissioner determines that the proposed use adversely affects surface water
 141.18 or groundwater.

141.19 (h) A surcharge of \$50 per million gallons in addition to the fee prescribed in paragraph
 141.20 (a) ~~shall be~~ is applied to the volume of water used in each of the months of May, June, July,
 141.21 August, and September that exceeds the volume of water used in January for municipal
 141.22 water use, irrigation of golf courses, and landscape irrigation. The surcharge for
 141.23 municipalities with more than one permit ~~shall be~~ is determined based on the total
 141.24 appropriations from all permits that supply a common distribution system.

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

141.26 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.301, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

142.13 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115B.421, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

142.19 (b) Each fiscal year, up to ~~\$4,500,000~~ \$6,500,000 is appropriated from the closed landfill
142.20 investment fund to the commissioner for the purposes of sections 115B.39 to 115B.444.

142.21 (c) If the commissioner determines that a release or threatened release from a qualified
142.22 facility for which the commissioner has assumed obligations for environmental response
142.23 actions under section 115B.40 or 115B.406 constitutes an emergency requiring immediate
142.24 action to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage either to the public health or welfare or the
142.25 environment or to a system designed to protect the public health or welfare or the
142.26 environment, up to \$9,000,000 in addition to the amount appropriated under paragraph (b)
142.27 is appropriated to the commissioner in the first year of the biennium and may be spent by
142.28 the commissioner to take reasonable and necessary emergency response actions. Money
142.29 not spent in the first year of the biennium may be spent in the second year. If money is
142.30 appropriated under this paragraph, the commissioner must notify the chairs of the senate
142.31 and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over environment policy and
142.32 finance as soon as possible. The commissioner must maintain the fund balance to ensure
142.33 long-term viability of the fund and reflect the responsibility of the landfill cleanup program
142.34 in perpetuity.

143.1 (d) Paragraphs (b) and (c) expire June 30, ~~2025~~ 2029.

143.2 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to
143.3 read:

143.4 Subd. 13. **Outreach to culturally diverse communities.** The commissioner must ensure
143.5 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the commissioner's work and the work of the agency
143.6 are carried out in a manner that facilitates enhanced outreach to all Minnesotans. To the
143.7 maximum extent practicable, public hearings, solicitations for grant proposals, and other
143.8 interactions with the public must include audiovisual communication components and must
143.9 not rely exclusively on written forms of communication.

143.10 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.943, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

143.11 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
143.12 the meanings given.

143.13 (b) "Adult mattress" means a mattress other than a crib mattress or toddler mattress.

143.14 (c) "Air care product" means a chemically formulated consumer product labeled to
143.15 indicate that the purpose of the product is to enhance or condition the indoor environment
143.16 by eliminating odors or freshening the air.

143.17 (d) "Automotive maintenance product" means a chemically formulated consumer product
143.18 labeled to indicate that the purpose of the product is to maintain the appearance of a motor
143.19 vehicle, including products for washing, waxing, polishing, cleaning, or treating the exterior
143.20 or interior surfaces of motor vehicles. Automotive maintenance product does not include
143.21 automotive paint or paint repair products.

143.22 (e) "Carpet or rug" means a fabric marketed or intended for use as a floor covering.

143.23 (f) "Cleaning product" means a finished product used primarily for domestic, commercial,
143.24 or institutional cleaning purposes, including but not limited to an air care product, an
143.25 automotive maintenance product, a general cleaning product, or a polish or floor maintenance
143.26 product.

143.27 (g) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency.

143.28 (h) "Cookware" means durable houseware items used to prepare, dispense, or store food,
143.29 foodstuffs, or beverages. Cookware includes but is not limited to pots, pans, skillets, grills,
143.30 baking sheets, baking molds, trays, bowls, and cooking utensils.

143.31 (i) "Cosmetic" means articles, excluding soap:

144.1 (1) intended to be rubbed, poured, sprinkled, or sprayed on, introduced into, or otherwise
144.2 applied to the human body or any part thereof for the purpose of cleansing, beautifying,
144.3 promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance; and

144.4 (2) intended for use as a component of any such article.

144.5 (j) "Currently unavoidable use" means a use of PFAS that the commissioner has
144.6 determined by rule under this section to be essential for health, safety, or the functioning
144.7 of society and for which alternatives are not reasonably available.

144.8 (k) "Fabric treatment" means a substance applied to fabric to give the fabric one or more
144.9 characteristics, including but not limited to stain resistance or water resistance.

144.10 (l) "Intentionally added" means PFAS deliberately added during the manufacture of a
144.11 product where the continued presence of PFAS is desired in the final product or one of the
144.12 product's components to perform a specific function.

144.13 (m) "Internal components" means internal parts of a product, whether permanently
144.14 affixed or removable, that are designed and intended to not be touched by a person during
144.15 intended use or handling. Internal components include parts of a product used for holding
144.16 batteries regardless of whether the parts are touched when replacing batteries.

144.17 ~~(m)~~ (n) "Juvenile product" means a product designed or marketed for use by infants and
144.18 children under 12 years of age:

144.19 (1) including but not limited to a baby or toddler foam pillow; bassinet; bedside sleeper;
144.20 booster seat; changing pad; child restraint system for use in motor vehicles and aircraft;
144.21 co-sleeper; crib mattress; highchair; highchair pad; infant bouncer; infant carrier; infant
144.22 seat; infant sleep positioner; infant swing; infant travel bed; infant walker; nap cot; nursing
144.23 pad; nursing pillow; play mat; playpen; play yard; polyurethane foam mat, pad, or pillow;
144.24 portable foam nap mat; portable infant sleeper; portable hook-on chair; soft-sided portable
144.25 crib; stroller; and toddler mattress; ~~and~~

144.26 (2) not including a children's electronic product such as a personal computer, audio and
144.27 video equipment, calculator, wireless phone, game console, handheld device incorporating
144.28 a video screen, or any associated peripheral such as a mouse, keyboard, power supply unit,
144.29 or power cord; or an adult mattress; and

144.30 (3) not including:

144.31 (i) an off-highway vehicle, as defined in section 84.771, made for children;

144.32 (ii) an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in section 84.92, subdivision 8, made for children;

145.1 (iii) an off-highway motorcycle, as defined in section 84.787, subdivision 7, made for
145.2 children;

145.3 (iv) a snowmobile, as defined in section 84.81, subdivision 3, made for children;

145.4 (v) an electric-assisted bicycle, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 27, made for
145.5 children; or

145.6 (vi) a replacement part for a vehicle described in items (i) to (v).

145.7 ~~(n)~~ (o) "Manufacturer" means the person that creates or produces a product or whose
145.8 brand name is affixed to the product. In the case of a product imported into the United
145.9 States, manufacturer includes the importer or first domestic distributor of the product if the
145.10 person that manufactured or assembled the product or whose brand name is affixed to the
145.11 product does not have a presence in the United States.

145.12 ~~(o)~~ (p) "Medical device" has the meaning given "device" under United States Code, title
145.13 21, section 321, subsection (h).

145.14 ~~(p)~~ (q) "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" means a class of
145.15 fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

145.16 ~~(q)~~ (r) "Product" means an item manufactured, assembled, packaged, or otherwise
145.17 prepared for sale to consumers, including but not limited to its product components, sold
145.18 or distributed for personal, residential, commercial, or industrial use, including for use in
145.19 making other products.

145.20 ~~(r)~~ (s) "Product component" means an identifiable component of a product, regardless
145.21 of whether the manufacturer of the product is the manufacturer of the component.

145.22 ~~(s)~~ (t) "Ski wax" means a lubricant applied to the bottom of snow runners, including but
145.23 not limited to skis and snowboards, to improve their grip or glide properties. Ski wax includes
145.24 related tuning products.

145.25 ~~(t)~~ (u) "Textile" means an item made in whole or part from a natural or synthetic fiber,
145.26 yarn, or fabric. Textile includes but is not limited to leather, cotton, silk, jute, hemp, wool,
145.27 viscose, nylon, and polyester.

145.28 ~~(u)~~ (v) "Textile furnishings" means textile goods of a type customarily used in households
145.29 and businesses, including but not limited to draperies, floor coverings, furnishings, bedding,
145.30 towels, and tablecloths.

146.1 ~~(v)~~ (w) "Upholstered furniture" means an article of furniture that is designed to be used
146.2 for sitting, resting, or reclining and that is wholly or partly stuffed or filled with any filling
146.3 material.

146.4 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.943, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

146.5 Subd. 5. **Prohibitions.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2025, a person may not sell, offer for
146.6 sale, or distribute for sale in this state the following products if the product contains
146.7 intentionally added PFAS:

146.8 (1) carpets or rugs;

146.9 (2) cleaning products;

146.10 (3) cookware;

146.11 (4) cosmetics;

146.12 (5) dental floss;

146.13 (6) fabric treatments;

146.14 (7) juvenile products;

146.15 (8) menstruation products;

146.16 (9) textile furnishings;

146.17 (10) ski wax; or

146.18 (11) upholstered furniture.

146.19 (b) Paragraph (a) does not prohibit the sale, offer for sale, or distribution for sale of a
146.20 product that contains intentionally added PFAS only in electronic components or internal
146.21 components.

146.22 ~~(b)~~ (c) The commissioner may by rule identify additional products by category or use
146.23 that may not be sold, offered for sale, or distributed for sale in this state if they contain
146.24 intentionally added PFAS and designate effective dates. A prohibition adopted under this
146.25 paragraph must be effective no earlier than January 1, 2025, and no later than January 1,
146.26 2032. The commissioner must prioritize the prohibition of the sale of product categories
146.27 that, in the commissioner's judgment, are most likely to contaminate or harm the state's
146.28 environment and natural resources if they contain intentionally added PFAS.

146.29 ~~(e)~~ (d) Beginning January 1, 2032, a person may not sell, offer for sale, or distribute for
146.30 sale in this state any product that contains intentionally added PFAS, unless the commissioner

147.1 has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.
147.2 The commissioner may specify specific products or product categories for which the
147.3 commissioner has determined the use of PFAS is a currently unavoidable use. The
147.4 commissioner may not determine that the use of PFAS in a product is a currently unavoidable
147.5 use if the product is listed in paragraph (a).

147.6 ~~(d)~~ (e) The commissioner may not take action under paragraph ~~(b)~~ ~~or~~ (c) ~~or~~ (d) with
147.7 respect to a pesticide, as defined under chapter 18B, a fertilizer, an agricultural liming
147.8 material, a plant amendment, or a soil amendment as defined under chapter 18C, unless the
147.9 commissioner of agriculture approves the action.

147.10 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325F.072, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

147.11 Subd. 3. **Prohibition.** (a) No person, political subdivision, or state agency shall
147.12 manufacture or knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use in this
147.13 state, and no person shall use in this state, class B firefighting foam containing PFAS
147.14 chemicals.

147.15 (b) This subdivision does not apply to the manufacture, sale, distribution, or use of class
147.16 B firefighting foam for which the inclusion of PFAS chemicals is required by federal law,
147.17 including but not limited to Code of Federal Regulations, title 14, section 139.317. If a
147.18 federal requirement to include PFAS chemicals in class B firefighting foam is revoked after
147.19 January 1, 2024, class B firefighting foam subject to the revoked requirements is no longer
147.20 exempt under this paragraph effective one year after the day of revocation.

147.21 (c) Except as provided under paragraph (e), this subdivision does not apply to the
147.22 manufacture, sale, distribution, or use of class B firefighting foam for purposes of use at an
147.23 airport, as defined under section 360.013, subdivision 39, until the state fire marshal makes
147.24 a determination that:

147.25 (1) the Federal Aviation Administration has provided policy guidance on the transition
147.26 to fluorine-free firefighting foam;

147.27 (2) a fluorine-free firefighting foam product is included in the Federal Aviation
147.28 Administration's Qualified Product Database; and

147.29 (3) a firefighting foam product included in the database under clause (2) is commercially
147.30 available in quantities sufficient to reliably meet the requirements under Code of Federal
147.31 Regulations, title 14, part 139.

147.32 (d) Until the state fire marshal makes a determination under paragraph (c), the operator
147.33 of an airport using class B firefighting foam containing PFAS chemicals must, on or before

148.1 December 31 each calendar year, submit a report to the state fire marshal regarding the
148.2 status of the airport's conversion to class B firefighting foam products without intentionally
148.3 added PFAS, the disposal of class B firefighting foam products with intentionally added
148.4 PFAS, and an assessment of the factors listed in paragraph (c) as applied to the airport.

148.5 (e) Until January 1, 2028, this subdivision does not apply to the manufacture, sale,
148.6 distribution, or use of class B firefighting foam for use in fixed firefighting systems in a
148.7 hangar at an airport. The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, in consultation
148.8 with the state fire marshal, may issue a hangar operator one-year extensions beyond January
148.9 1, 2028, if the commissioner determines (1) the need for additional time is beyond the
148.10 operator's control, and (2) public safety and the environment are sufficiently protected during
148.11 each extension period.

148.12 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.355, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

148.13 Subdivision 1. **Definitions** Definition. ~~(a) For the purposes of this section, the following~~
148.14 ~~terms have the meanings given them.~~

148.15 ~~(b) "shade tree" means a woody perennial grown primarily for aesthetic or environmental~~
148.16 ~~purposes with minimal to residual timber value.~~

148.17 ~~(c) "Supplemental demographic index" means an index in the Environmental Justice~~
148.18 ~~Screening and Mapping Tool developed by the United States Environmental Protection~~
148.19 ~~Agency that is based on socioeconomic indicators, including low income, unemployment,~~
148.20 ~~less than high school education, limited English speaking, and low life expectancy.~~

148.21 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.355, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

148.22 Subd. 3. **Priority.** Priority for grants awarded under this section must be given to:

148.23 (1) projects removing and replacing ash trees that pose significant public safety concerns;
148.24 and

148.25 (2) projects located in ~~a census block group with a supplemental demographic index~~
148.26 ~~score in the 70th percentile or higher within the state of Minnesota~~ an area identified using
148.27 the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Screening and
148.28 Mapping Tool methodology provided in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's
148.29 environmental justice screen technical documentation dated July 31, 2024.

149.1 **Sec. 24. MINNESOTA SUSTAINABLE FORAGING TASK FORCE.**

149.2 **Subdivision 1. Membership.** (a) The Minnesota Sustainable Foraging Task Force consists
149.3 of the following members:

149.4 (1) two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority leader of the senate and
149.5 one appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

149.6 (2) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
149.7 house of representatives and one appointed by the speaker emerita of the house of
149.8 representatives;

149.9 (3) one member appointed by the Minnesota Mycological Society;

149.10 (4) one member appointed by the Minnesota Foraging Alliance;

149.11 (5) four members from conservation or outdoor recreation organizations, appointed by
149.12 the commissioner of natural resources;

149.13 (6) two scientists with expertise in botany, ecology, and environmental science appointed
149.14 by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

149.15 (7) three representatives of the Department of Natural Resources involved with managing
149.16 state parks, forestry, fish and wildlife, and public lands appointed by the commissioner of
149.17 natural resources;

149.18 (8) one member of the Minnesota Ojibwe Tribe appointed by the Minnesota Indian
149.19 Affairs Council;

149.20 (9) one member of the Minnesota Dakota Tribe appointed by the Minnesota Indian
149.21 Affairs Council; and

149.22 (10) two representatives with expertise on local ecosystems, species recovery, or
149.23 sustainable harvesting appointed by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota
149.24 Extension.

149.25 (b) A member appointed under paragraph (a) may not be a registered lobbyist.

149.26 (c) The appointing authorities must make the appointments by August 1, 2025.

149.27 **Subd. 2. Duties.** The task force must:

149.28 (1) gather and review data and information, including traditional ecological knowledge,
149.29 on the impact of foraging on species resilience, ecosystem health, and other aspects of
149.30 Minnesota's diverse biomes;

149.31 (2) review existing regulations governing foraging activities on state lands;

150.1 (3) develop recommendations for science-based, including traditional ecological
150.2 knowledge, foraging guidelines for state lands that balance public access and foraging
150.3 opportunities with conservation needs. The recommendations must be in the form of draft
150.4 statutory or rule language and must be consistent with Indigenous and other cultural practices
150.5 and traditions;

150.6 (4) develop recommendations for increasing public understanding of sustainable foraging
150.7 practices that include safety and ecological considerations;

150.8 (5) solicit public input, when appropriate; and

150.9 (6) develop recommendations for reduced-priced foraging permits.

150.10 Subd. 3. **Administrative support; meetings.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating
150.11 Commission must provide administrative support and convene the first meeting by September
150.12 1, 2025.

150.13 (b) The commissioner of natural resources must provide subject matter resources and
150.14 expertise, including information on the management of, and flora and fauna on, state lands,
150.15 as requested by the task force.

150.16 (c) The task force must meet at regular intervals as often as necessary to accomplish the
150.17 goals enumerated under subdivision 2. Meetings of the task force are subject to the Minnesota
150.18 Open Meeting Law under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

150.19 Subd. 4. **Chair.** The task force must elect a chair at its first meeting from among the
150.20 legislative members.

150.21 Subd. 5. **Legislative recommendations; expiration.** By February 28, 2026, the task
150.22 force must submit a written report containing its findings and recommendations to the
150.23 commissioner of natural resources and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
150.24 legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over natural resources policy. The
150.25 recommendations in the report must be specific and actionable. The report must detail the
150.26 proposals for changes or additions to statute or rules to effectuate the task force's
150.27 recommendations. The task force expires March 15, 2026, or upon submission of the report
150.28 required by this subdivision, whichever occurs later.

150.29 Subd. 6. **Compensation; expense reimbursement.** Members of the task force appointed
150.30 under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), may receive per diem and
150.31 reimbursement for expenses as provided in the rules of their respective bodies. Other
150.32 members of the task force may be compensated and have expenses reimbursed as provided
150.33 in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

151.1 **Sec. 25. OUTDOOR RECREATION ENDORSEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS.**

151.2 By January 15, 2026, the commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the
 151.3 commissioner of public safety and deputy registrars, must submit recommendations, including
 151.4 a draft statutory framework, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
 151.5 committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and transportation on
 151.6 establishing an outdoor recreation endorsement to provide for reduced state park vehicle
 151.7 entrance fees and to provide support for state parks and other units of the outdoor recreation
 151.8 system as classified in Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05.

151.9 **Sec. 26. NOTIFICATION OF FIREARMS RESTRICTIONS DURING DEER**
 151.10 **HUNTING OPTION.**

151.11 By March 1, 2026, the commissioner of natural resources must notify county boards
 151.12 and county sheriffs of the option available to counties in the shotgun zone to adopt an
 151.13 ordinance under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.031, subdivision 7.

151.14 **Sec. 27. MORATORIUM ON FORAGING RULES.**

151.15 The commissioner of natural resources must not begin or complete any rulemaking on
 151.16 foraging before July 1, 2026.

151.17 **Sec. 28. REPEALER.**

151.18 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318, is repealed.

151.19 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103E.067, is repealed.

151.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective January 1, 2026.

151.21 **ARTICLE 5**

151.22 **STATE LANDS**

151.23 **Section 1. ADDITION TO STATE PARK.**

151.24 **[85.012] [Subd. 11] Carley State Park, Wabasha County.** The following area is added
 151.25 to Carley State Park: That part of Section 32, Township 108 North, Range 11 West, Wabasha
 151.26 County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the South Quarter corner stake of
 151.27 said Section 32; thence North 15-1/2 degrees East along road 425 feet; thence North 17
 151.28 degrees East 290 feet; thence North 53 degrees East 280 feet; thence North 17 degrees East
 151.29 115 feet; thence North 6-1/2 degrees West 643 feet; thence North 72-1/2 degrees West 720
 151.30 feet; thence North across river 690 feet; thence South 62 degrees East 263 feet along northerly

152.1 bank of river; thence North 250 feet to center of said Section 32; thence East 1,320 feet;
 152.2 thence North 440 feet to river; thence North 54-1/2 degrees East 224 feet along center of
 152.3 river; thence North 75 degrees East 192 feet; thence South 49 degrees East 115 feet; thence
 152.4 North 79 degrees East 155 feet; thence North 62 degrees East 232 feet; thence North 86
 152.5 degrees East 293 feet; thence North 64 degrees East 255 feet; thence South 3,368 feet, more
 152.6 or less to the southeast corner of Section 32; thence West 2,643.13 feet to the place of
 152.7 beginning.

152.8 EXCEPTING therefrom that portion lying West of the centerline of Wabasha County
 152.9 Road No. 4 owned by the State of Minnesota and A. M. Christenson.

152.10 ALSO EXCEPTING that part of the East Half of Section 32, Township 108 North,
 152.11 Range 11 West, Wabasha County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the South
 152.12 Quarter corner stake of said Section 32; thence North 15-1/2 degrees East along road 425
 152.13 feet; thence North 17 degrees East 290 feet; thence North 53 degrees East 280 feet; thence
 152.14 South 80 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds East 304.46 feet; thence North 6 degrees 12 minutes
 152.15 49 seconds West 483.31 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 25 seconds East 386.31
 152.16 feet; thence North 1 degree 39 minutes 32 seconds East 358.66 feet; thence North 36 degrees
 152.17 14 minutes 35 seconds East 693.46 feet; thence North 81 degrees 03 minutes 15 seconds
 152.18 East 349.81 feet; thence North 1 degree 49 minutes 43 seconds West 298.16 feet; thence
 152.19 North 79 degrees 04 minutes 47 seconds East 529.39 feet; thence South 35 degrees 46
 152.20 minutes 01 seconds East to the east line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32; thence
 152.21 southerly along the east line of said Southeast Quarter to the southeast corner of said
 152.22 Southeast Quarter of Section 32; thence on a bearing of West along the south line of said
 152.23 Southeast Quarter 2,643.13 feet to the point of beginning.

152.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

152.25 Sec. 2. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; AITKIN COUNTY.**

152.26 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or
 152.27 other law to the contrary, Aitkin County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land
 152.28 described in paragraph (c).

152.29 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
 152.30 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

152.31 (c) The land to be sold is located in Aitkin County and is described as: the West 20 feet
 152.32 of the East 932 feet of the South 208 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,

153.1 as in DOC 203542, Section 32, Township 46 North, Range 25 West (0.1 acres) (parcel
153.2 number 09-0-054803).

153.3 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
153.4 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

153.5 **Sec. 3. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; AITKIN COUNTY.**

153.6 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or
153.7 other law to the contrary, Aitkin County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands
153.8 described in paragraph (c).

153.9 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
153.10 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

153.11 (c) The land to be sold is located in Aitkin County and is described as: the East 32 feet
153.12 of the West 250 feet of Lot 5 and the East 32 feet of the West 250 feet of the North 10 feet
153.13 of Lot 3, Hill City Realty Cos Fourth Addition, Section 14, Township 52 North, Range 26
153.14 West, Aitkin County, Minnesota (0.1 acres) (parcel number 57-1-073003).

153.15 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
153.16 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

153.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

153.18 **Sec. 4. PRIVATE SALE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
153.19 **WATER; CASS COUNTY.**

153.20 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.45, and the public sale provisions
153.21 of Minnesota Statutes, chapters 92 and 94, the commissioner of natural resources may sell
153.22 by private sale the surplus land bordering public water that is described in paragraph (c).

153.23 (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct
153.24 errors and ensure accuracy.

153.25 (c) The land to be sold is located in Cass County and is described as: the Northwest
153.26 Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; and all that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest
153.27 Quarter lying north of the northerly right-of-way of U.S. Highway 2, as it exists in 2024,
153.28 all in Section 27, Township 145 North, Range 28 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.

153.29 (d) The commissioner has determined that the state's land management interests would
153.30 best be served if the lands were returned to Tribal ownership.

153.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

154.1 **Sec. 5. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ITASCA COUNTY.**

154.2 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or
154.3 other law to the contrary, Itasca County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands
154.4 described in paragraph (c).

154.5 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
154.6 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

154.7 (c) The lands to be sold are located in Itasca County and are described as: That part of
154.8 the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 15, Township 59 North, Range 24
154.9 west of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Itasca County, Minnesota, further described as
154.10 follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast
154.11 Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds East, assigned bearing, along the
154.12 north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 255.80 feet to
154.13 the point of beginning; thence South 10 degrees 50 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of
154.14 604.37 feet; thence North 55 degrees 26 minutes 17 seconds East a distance of 672.63 feet,
154.15 more or less to the centerline of County Road 52; thence North 51 degrees 32 minutes 12
154.16 seconds West along said centerline a distance of 351.56 feet to said north line of the
154.17 Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds
154.18 West along said north line a distance of 392.39 feet to the point of beginning.

154.19 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
154.20 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

154.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

154.22 **Sec. 6. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
154.23 **WATER; SIBLEY COUNTY.**

154.24 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1, and
154.25 the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, Sibley County may sell by
154.26 private sale the tax-forfeited land bordering public water that is described in paragraph (c),
154.27 under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

154.28 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
154.29 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

154.30 (c) The land to be sold is located in Sibley County and is described as: that part of
154.31 Government Lot 3, Section 27, Township 114 North, Range 28 West, described as follows:
154.32 commencing at the center of said Section 27; thence due South along the north-south quarter
154.33 line of said Section 27, 559.30 feet; thence South 86 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West,

155.1 572.20 feet; thence South 30 degrees 04 minutes 33 seconds West, 541.52 feet; thence South
155.2 12 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds West, 163.17 feet more or less to a point on the high
155.3 bank line of High Island Lake, said point being the point of beginning; thence North 12
155.4 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East, 163.17 feet; thence South 71 degrees 05 minutes 30
155.5 seconds West, 199.05 feet to a point on the high bank line of High Island Lake; thence
155.6 southeasterly along said high bank line to the point of beginning (0.35 acres) (parcel number
155.7 20.2712.000).

155.8 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
155.9 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

155.10 **Sec. 7. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

155.11 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or
155.12 other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land
155.13 described in paragraph (c).

155.14 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
155.15 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

155.16 (c) The land to be sold is located in St. Louis County and is described as:

155.17 (1) the easterly 15 feet of Lot 5, Block 47, West Duluth 6th Division, Section 7, Township
155.18 49, Range 14 (parcel number 010-4520-06505); and

155.19 (2) that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter described as follows:
155.20 beginning at the northwest corner continue due East parallel with the north boundary line
155.21 a distance of 330 feet to a point of beginning; thence due South parallel with the west
155.22 boundary line a distance of 400 feet to a point; thence due East parallel with the north
155.23 boundary line a distance of 190 feet to a point; thence due North parallel with the west
155.24 boundary a distance of 60 feet to a point; thence due East parallel with the north boundary
155.25 line a distance of 140 feet to a point; thence due North parallel with the west boundary line
155.26 a distance of 340 feet to a point; thence due West parallel with the north boundary line a
155.27 distance of 330 feet to the point of beginning, Section 14, Township 54, Range 20 (parcel
155.28 number 550-0020-02294).

155.29 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
155.30 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

ARTICLE 6

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING REFORM

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.03, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

Subd. 2b. **Permitting efficiency.** (a) It is the goal of the state that environmental and resource management permits be issued or denied within 90 days for tier 1 permits or 150 days for tier 2 permits following submission of a permit application. The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency ~~shall~~ must establish management systems designed to achieve the goal. For the purposes of this section, "tier 1 permits" are permits that do not require individualized actions or public comment periods, and "tier 2 permits" are permits that require individualized actions or public comment periods. Goals established in this paragraph do not apply to permit applications required due to agency enforcement actions.

(b) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must prepare an annual permitting efficiency report that includes statistics on meeting the tier 2 goal in paragraph (a) and the criteria for tier 2 by permit categories. The report ~~is due August 1~~ must be submitted to the governor and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over environment policy and finance by October 1 each year and must be posted on the agency's website. The report must include:

(1) for each permit applications application that have has not met the goal, the report must state the reasons for not meeting the goal. In stating the reasons for not meeting the goal, the commissioner shall separately identify delays an explanation of whether the delay was caused by the responsiveness of the proposer, lack of staff, scientific or technical disagreements, or the level of public engagement. The report must specify;

(2) for each permit that has not met the goal, the number of days from initial submission of the application to the day of determination that the application is complete. The report must aggregate;

(3) a summary of the data for the year reporting period and assess an assessment of whether program or system changes are necessary to achieve the tier 2 goal. The report must be posted on the agency's website and submitted to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over environment policy and finance. in paragraph (a);

(4) a statement of the number of tier 2 permits completed within the reporting period and, immediately following in parentheses, a statement of the percentage of total applications received for that tier 2 permit category that the number represents, stated separately for industrial and municipal permits; and

157.1 (5) for permits that did not meet the goal due to lack of staff, a combined estimate of
 157.2 the aggregate staff resources that would have been necessary for all affected permits to meet
 157.3 the goal.

157.4 (c) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must allow electronic submission of environmental review
 157.5 and permit documents to the agency.

157.6 (d) Within 30 business days of application for a permit subject to paragraph (a), the
 157.7 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency ~~shall~~ must notify the permit applicant, in
 157.8 writing, ~~whether the application is complete or incomplete. If the commissioner determines~~
 157.9 ~~that an application is incomplete, the notice to the applicant must enumerate~~ of all
 157.10 deficiencies, while citing specific provisions of the applicable rules and statutes, and must
 157.11 advise the applicant on how the deficiencies can be remedied. The applicant has five business
 157.12 days to remedy all identified deficiencies before the commissioner determines that the
 157.13 application is complete or incomplete. If the commissioner determines that the application
 157.14 is complete, the ~~notice~~ commissioner must confirm the application's tier 1 or tier 2 permit
 157.15 status. If the commissioner believes that a complete application for a tier 2 construction
 157.16 permit cannot be issued within the 150-day goal, the commissioner must provide notice to
 157.17 the applicant with the commissioner's notice that the application is complete and, upon
 157.18 request of the applicant, provide the permit applicant with a schedule estimating when the
 157.19 agency will begin drafting the permit and issue the public notice of the draft permit. This
 157.20 paragraph does not apply to an application for a permit that is subject to a grant or loan
 157.21 agreement under chapter 446A.

157.22 (e) For purposes of this subdivision, "permit professional" means an individual not
 157.23 employed by the Pollution Control Agency who:

157.24 (1) has a professional license issued by the state of Minnesota in the subject area of the
 157.25 permit;

157.26 (2) has at least ten years of experience in the subject area of the permit; and

157.27 (3) abides by the duty of candor applicable to employees of the Pollution Control Agency
 157.28 under agency rules and complies with all applicable requirements under chapter 326.

157.29 (f) Upon the agency's request, an applicant relying on a permit professional must
 157.30 participate in a meeting with the agency before submitting an application:

157.31 (1) at least two weeks prior to the preapplication meeting, the applicant must submit at
 157.32 least the following:

- 158.1 (i) project description, including, but not limited to, scope of work, primary emissions
158.2 points, discharge outfalls, and water intake points;
- 158.3 (ii) location of the project, including county, municipality, and location on the site;
- 158.4 (iii) business schedule for project completion; and
- 158.5 (iv) other information requested by the agency at least four weeks prior to the scheduled
158.6 meeting; and
- 158.7 (2) during the preapplication meeting, the agency ~~shall~~ must provide for the applicant
158.8 at least the following:
- 158.9 (i) an overview of the permit review program;
- 158.10 (ii) a determination of which specific application or applications will be necessary to
158.11 complete the project;
- 158.12 (iii) a statement notifying the applicant if the specific permit being sought requires a
158.13 mandatory public hearing or comment period;
- 158.14 (iv) a review of the timetable established in the permit review program for the specific
158.15 permit being sought; and
- 158.16 (v) a determination of what information must be included in the application, including
158.17 a description of any required modeling or testing.
- 158.18 (g) The applicant may select a permit professional to undertake the preparation of the
158.19 permit application and draft permit.
- 158.20 (h) If a preapplication meeting was held, the agency ~~shall~~ must, within seven business
158.21 days of receipt of an application, notify the applicant and submitting permit professional
158.22 that the application is complete or is denied, specifying the deficiencies of the application.
- 158.23 (i) Upon receipt of notice that the application is complete, the permit professional ~~shall~~
158.24 must submit to the agency a timetable for submitting a draft permit. The permit professional
158.25 ~~shall~~ must submit a draft permit on or before the date provided in the timetable. Within 60
158.26 days after the close of the public comment period, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must notify the
158.27 applicant whether the permit can be issued.
- 158.28 (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify:
- 158.29 (1) any requirement of law that is necessary to retain federal delegation to or assumption
158.30 by the state; or
- 158.31 (2) the authority to implement a federal law or program.

159.1 (k) The permit application and draft permit ~~shall~~ must identify or include as an appendix
159.2 all studies and other sources of information used to substantiate the analysis contained in
159.3 the permit application and draft permit. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must request additional
159.4 studies, if needed, and the permit applicant ~~shall~~ must submit all additional studies and
159.5 information necessary for the commissioner to perform the commissioner's responsibility
159.6 to review, modify, and determine the completeness of the application and approve the draft
159.7 permit.

159.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.07, subdivision 4d, is amended to read:

159.9 Subd. 4d. **Permit fees.** (a) The agency may collect permit fees in amounts not greater
159.10 than those necessary to cover the reasonable costs of developing, reviewing, and acting
159.11 upon applications for agency permits and implementing and enforcing the conditions of the
159.12 permits pursuant to agency rules. Permit fees shall not include the costs of litigation. The
159.13 fee schedule must reflect reasonable and routine direct and indirect costs associated with
159.14 permitting, implementation, and enforcement. The agency may impose an additional
159.15 enforcement fee to be collected for a period of up to two years to cover the reasonable costs
159.16 of implementing and enforcing the conditions of a permit under the rules of the agency.
159.17 Any money collected under this paragraph shall be deposited in the environmental fund.

159.18 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the agency shall collect an annual fee from the owner
159.19 or operator of all stationary sources, emission facilities, emissions units, air contaminant
159.20 treatment facilities, treatment facilities, potential air contaminant storage facilities, or storage
159.21 facilities subject to a notification, permit, or license requirement under this chapter,
159.22 subchapters I and V of the federal Clean Air Act, United States Code, title 42, section 7401
159.23 et seq., or rules adopted thereunder. The annual fee shall be used to pay for all direct and
159.24 indirect reasonable costs, including legal costs, required to develop and administer the
159.25 notification, permit, or license program requirements of this chapter, subchapters I and V
159.26 of the federal Clean Air Act, United States Code, title 42, section 7401 et seq., or rules
159.27 adopted thereunder. Those costs include the reasonable costs of reviewing and acting upon
159.28 an application for a permit; implementing and enforcing statutes, rules, and the terms and
159.29 conditions of a permit; emissions, ambient, and deposition monitoring; preparing generally
159.30 applicable regulations; responding to federal guidance; modeling, analyses, and
159.31 demonstrations; preparing inventories and tracking emissions; and providing information
159.32 to the public about these activities.

159.33 (c) The agency shall set fees that:

160.1 (1) will result in the collection, in the aggregate, from the sources listed in paragraph
160.2 (b), of an amount not less than \$25 per ton of each volatile organic compound; pollutant
160.3 regulated under United States Code, title 42, section 7411 or 7412 (section 111 or 112 of
160.4 the federal Clean Air Act); and each pollutant, except carbon monoxide, for which a national
160.5 primary ambient air quality standard has been promulgated;

160.6 (2) may result in the collection, in the aggregate, from the sources listed in paragraph
160.7 (b), of an amount not less than \$25 per ton of each pollutant not listed in clause (1) that is
160.8 regulated under this chapter or air quality rules adopted under this chapter; and

160.9 (3) shall collect, in the aggregate, from the sources listed in paragraph (b), the amount
160.10 needed to match grant funds received by the state under United States Code, title 42, section
160.11 7405 (section 105 of the federal Clean Air Act).

160.12 The agency must not include in the calculation of the aggregate amount to be collected
160.13 under clauses (1) and (2) any amount in excess of 4,000 tons per year of each air pollutant
160.14 from a source. The increase in air permit fees to match federal grant funds shall be a surcharge
160.15 on existing fees. The commissioner may not collect the surcharge after the grant funds
160.16 become unavailable. In addition, the commissioner shall use nonfee funds to the extent
160.17 practical to match the grant funds so that the fee surcharge is minimized.

160.18 (d) To cover the reasonable costs described in paragraph (b), the agency shall provide
160.19 in the rules promulgated under paragraph (c) for an increase in the fee collected in each
160.20 year by the percentage, if any, by which the Consumer Price Index for the most recent
160.21 calendar year ending before the beginning of the year the fee is collected exceeds the
160.22 Consumer Price Index for the calendar year 1989. For purposes of this paragraph the
160.23 Consumer Price Index for any calendar year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for
160.24 all-urban consumers published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close
160.25 of the 12-month period ending on August 31 of each calendar year. The revision of the
160.26 Consumer Price Index that is most consistent with the Consumer Price Index for calendar
160.27 year 1989 shall be used.

160.28 (e) Any money collected under paragraphs (b) to (d) must be deposited in the
160.29 environmental fund and must be used solely for the activities listed in paragraph (b).

160.30 (f) Permit applicants who wish to construct, reconstruct, or modify a project may ~~offer~~
160.31 request expedited permitting under this paragraph. An applicant requesting expedited
160.32 permitting under this paragraph must agree to reimburse the agency for the costs of staff
160.33 time or consultant services needed to expedite the preapplication process and permit
160.34 development process through the final decision on the permit, including the analysis of

161.1 environmental review documents. The reimbursement ~~shall be~~ is in addition to permit
 161.2 application fees imposed by law. ~~When the agency determines that it needs additional~~
 161.3 ~~resources to develop the permit application in an expedited manner, and that expediting the~~
 161.4 ~~development is consistent with permitting program priorities, the agency may accept the~~
 161.5 ~~reimbursement.~~ The commissioner must first determine if existing agency staff is available
 161.6 to work on the permit subject to the expedited permitting request. If the commissioner
 161.7 determines that no agency staff is available to assign to the permit subject to the expedited
 161.8 permitting request, then the commissioner may contract for permitting services. If the
 161.9 commissioner determines that no agency staff is available and no contracting services are
 161.10 available to assign to the permit subject to the expedited permit request, then the
 161.11 commissioner may deny the expedited permitting request. The commissioner must give the
 161.12 applicant an estimate of the timeline and costs to be incurred by the commissioner. The
 161.13 estimate must include a brief description of the tasks to be performed, a schedule for
 161.14 completing the tasks, and the estimated cost for each task. If the applicant agrees to the
 161.15 estimated timeline and costs negotiated with the commissioner, the applicant and the
 161.16 commissioner must enter into a written agreement detailing the estimated costs for the
 161.17 expedited permit decision-making process to be incurred by the agency to proceed
 161.18 accordingly. The agreement must also identify staff anticipated to be assigned to the project.
 161.19 The agreement may provide that, if permitting is completed ahead of the schedule set forth
 161.20 in the written agreement, the commissioner may retain any fees that would have been due
 161.21 if the permitting had taken the time contemplated in the written agreement. Fees retained
 161.22 by the commissioner under this paragraph are appropriated to the commissioner for
 161.23 administering the commissioner's permitting duties. The commissioner must not issue a
 161.24 permit until the applicant has paid all fees in full. The commissioner must refund any
 161.25 unobligated balance of fees paid. Reimbursements accepted by the agency are appropriated
 161.26 to the agency for the purpose of developing the permit or analyzing environmental review
 161.27 documents. Reimbursement by a permit applicant shall precede and not be contingent upon
 161.28 issuance of a permit; shall not affect the agency's decision on whether to issue or deny a
 161.29 permit, what conditions are included in a permit, or the application of state and federal
 161.30 statutes and rules governing permit determinations; and shall not affect final decisions
 161.31 regarding environmental review.

161.32 (g) The fees under this subdivision are exempt from section 16A.1285.

161.33 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116D.04, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

161.34 Subd. 2a. **When prepared.** (a) Where there is potential for significant environmental
 161.35 effects resulting from any major governmental action, the action must be preceded by a

162.1 detailed environmental impact statement prepared by the responsible governmental unit.
162.2 The environmental impact statement must be an analytical rather than an encyclopedic
162.3 document that describes the proposed action in detail, analyzes its significant environmental
162.4 impacts, discusses appropriate alternatives to the proposed action and their impacts, and
162.5 explores methods by which adverse environmental impacts of an action could be mitigated.
162.6 The environmental impact statement must also analyze those economic, employment, and
162.7 sociological effects that cannot be avoided should the action be implemented. To ensure its
162.8 use in the decision-making process, the environmental impact statement must be prepared
162.9 as early as practical in the formulation of an action.

162.10 (b) The board ~~shall~~ must by rule establish categories of actions for which environmental
162.11 impact statements and for which environmental assessment worksheets must be prepared
162.12 as well as categories of actions for which no environmental review is required under this
162.13 section. A mandatory environmental assessment worksheet is not required for the expansion
162.14 of an ethanol plant, as defined in section 41A.09, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), or the
162.15 conversion of an ethanol plant to a biobutanol facility or the expansion of a biobutanol
162.16 facility as defined in section 41A.15, subdivision 2d, based on the capacity of the expanded
162.17 or converted facility to produce alcohol fuel, but must be required if the ethanol plant or
162.18 biobutanol facility meets or exceeds thresholds of other categories of actions for which
162.19 environmental assessment worksheets must be prepared. The responsible governmental unit
162.20 for an ethanol plant or biobutanol facility project for which an environmental assessment
162.21 worksheet is prepared is the state agency with the greatest responsibility for supervising or
162.22 approving the project as a whole.

162.23 (c) A mandatory environmental impact statement is not required for a facility or plant
162.24 located outside the seven-county metropolitan area that produces less than 125,000,000
162.25 gallons of ethanol, biobutanol, or cellulosic biofuel annually, or produces less than 400,000
162.26 tons of chemicals annually, if the facility or plant is: an ethanol plant, as defined in section
162.27 41A.09, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b); a biobutanol facility, as defined in section 41A.15,
162.28 subdivision 2d; or a cellulosic biofuel facility. A facility or plant that only uses a cellulosic
162.29 feedstock to produce chemical products for use by another facility as a feedstock is not
162.30 considered a fuel conversion facility as used in rules adopted under this chapter.

162.31 (d) The responsible governmental unit ~~shall~~ must promptly publish notice of the
162.32 completion of an environmental assessment worksheet by publishing the notice in at least
162.33 one newspaper of general circulation in the geographic area where the project is proposed,
162.34 by posting the notice on a website that has been designated as the official publication site
162.35 for publication of proceedings, public notices, and summaries of a political subdivision in

163.1 which the project is proposed, or in any other manner determined by the board and ~~shall~~
 163.2 must provide copies of the environmental assessment worksheet to the board and its member
 163.3 agencies. Comments on the need for an environmental impact statement may be submitted
 163.4 to the responsible governmental unit during a 30-day period following publication of the
 163.5 notice that an environmental assessment worksheet has been completed. The responsible
 163.6 governmental unit may extend the 30-day comment period for an additional 30 days one
 163.7 time. Further extensions of the comment period may not be made unless approved by the
 163.8 project's proposer. The responsible governmental unit's decision on the need for an
 163.9 environmental impact statement must be based on the environmental assessment worksheet
 163.10 and the comments received during the comment period, and must be made within 15 days
 163.11 after the close of the comment period. The board's chair may extend the 15-day period by
 163.12 not more than 15 additional days upon the request of the responsible governmental unit.

163.13 (e) An environmental assessment worksheet must also be prepared for a proposed action
 163.14 whenever material evidence accompanying a petition by not less than 100 individuals who
 163.15 reside or own property in ~~the state~~ a Minnesota county where the proposed action will be
 163.16 undertaken or in one or more adjoining counties, submitted before the proposed project has
 163.17 received final approval by the appropriate governmental units, demonstrates that, because
 163.18 of the nature or location of a proposed action, there may be potential for significant
 163.19 environmental effects. Petitions requesting the preparation of an environmental assessment
 163.20 worksheet must be submitted to the board. The chair of the board ~~shall~~ must determine the
 163.21 appropriate responsible governmental unit and forward the petition to it. A decision on the
 163.22 need for an environmental assessment worksheet must be made by the responsible
 163.23 governmental unit within 15 days after the petition is received by the responsible
 163.24 governmental unit. The board's chair may extend the 15-day period by not more than 15
 163.25 additional days upon request of the responsible governmental unit.

163.26 (f) Except in an environmentally sensitive location where Minnesota Rules, part
 163.27 4410.4300, subpart 29, item B, applies, the proposed action is exempt from environmental
 163.28 review under this chapter and rules of the board, if:

163.29 (1) the proposed action is:

163.30 (i) an animal feedlot facility with a capacity of less than 1,000 animal units; or

163.31 (ii) an expansion of an existing animal feedlot facility with a total cumulative capacity
 163.32 of less than 1,000 animal units;

164.1 (2) the application for the animal feedlot facility includes a written commitment by the
164.2 proposer to design, construct, and operate the facility in full compliance with Pollution
164.3 Control Agency feedlot rules; and

164.4 (3) the county board holds a public meeting for citizen input at least ten business days
164.5 before the Pollution Control Agency or county issuing a feedlot permit for the animal feedlot
164.6 facility unless another public meeting for citizen input has been held with regard to the
164.7 feedlot facility to be permitted. The exemption in this paragraph is in addition to other
164.8 exemptions provided under other law and rules of the board.

164.9 (g) The board may, before final approval of a proposed project, require preparation of
164.10 an environmental assessment worksheet by a responsible governmental unit selected by the
164.11 board for any action where environmental review under this section has not been specifically
164.12 provided for by rule or otherwise initiated.

164.13 (h) An early and open process must be used to limit the scope of the environmental
164.14 impact statement to a discussion of those impacts that, because of the nature or location of
164.15 the project, have the potential for significant environmental effects. The same process must
164.16 be used to determine the form, content, and level of detail of the statement as well as the
164.17 alternatives that are appropriate for consideration in the statement. In addition, the permits
164.18 that will be required for the proposed action must be identified during the scoping process.
164.19 Further, the process must identify those permits for which information will be developed
164.20 concurrently with the environmental impact statement. The board ~~shall~~ must provide in its
164.21 rules for the expeditious completion of the scoping process. The determinations reached in
164.22 the process must be incorporated into the order requiring the preparation of an environmental
164.23 impact statement.

164.24 (i) The responsible governmental unit ~~shall~~ must, to the extent practicable, avoid
164.25 duplication and ensure coordination between state and federal environmental review and
164.26 between environmental review and environmental permitting. Whenever practical,
164.27 information needed by a governmental unit for making final decisions on permits or other
164.28 actions required for a proposed project must be developed in conjunction with the preparation
164.29 of an environmental impact statement. When an environmental impact statement is prepared
164.30 for a project requiring multiple permits for which two or more agencies' decision processes
164.31 include either mandatory or discretionary hearings before a hearing officer before the
164.32 agencies' decision on the permit, the agencies may, notwithstanding any law or rule to the
164.33 contrary, conduct the hearings in a single consolidated hearing process if requested by the
164.34 proposer. All agencies having jurisdiction over a permit that is included in the consolidated
164.35 hearing ~~shall~~ must participate. The responsible governmental unit ~~shall~~ must establish

165.1 appropriate procedures for the consolidated hearing process, including procedures to ensure
165.2 that the consolidated hearing process is consistent with the applicable requirements for each
165.3 permit regarding the rights and duties of parties to the hearing, and ~~shall~~ must use the earliest
165.4 applicable hearing procedure to initiate the hearing. All agencies having jurisdiction over
165.5 a permit identified in the draft environmental assessment worksheet scoping document must
165.6 begin reviewing any permit application upon publication of the notice of preparation of the
165.7 environmental impact statement.

165.8 (j) An environmental impact statement must be prepared and its adequacy determined
165.9 within 280 days after notice of its preparation unless the time is extended by consent of the
165.10 parties or by the governor for good cause. The responsible governmental unit ~~shall~~ must
165.11 determine the adequacy of an environmental impact statement, unless within 60 days after
165.12 notice is published that an environmental impact statement will be prepared, the board
165.13 chooses to determine the adequacy of an environmental impact statement. If an environmental
165.14 impact statement is found to be inadequate, the responsible governmental unit has 60 days
165.15 to prepare an adequate environmental impact statement.

165.16 (k) The proposer of a specific action may include in the information submitted to the
165.17 responsible governmental unit a preliminary draft environmental impact statement under
165.18 this section on that action for review, modification, and determination of completeness and
165.19 adequacy by the responsible governmental unit. A preliminary draft environmental impact
165.20 statement prepared by the project proposer and submitted to the responsible governmental
165.21 unit must identify or include as an appendix all studies and other sources of information
165.22 used to substantiate the analysis contained in the preliminary draft environmental impact
165.23 statement. The responsible governmental unit ~~shall~~ must require additional studies, if needed,
165.24 and obtain from the project proposer all additional studies and information necessary for
165.25 the responsible governmental unit to perform its responsibility to review, modify, and
165.26 determine the completeness and adequacy of the environmental impact statement.

165.27 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116D.04, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

165.28 Subd. 2b. **Project prerequisites.** (a) If an environmental assessment worksheet or an
165.29 environmental impact statement is required for a governmental action under subdivision
165.30 2a, a project may not be started and a final governmental decision may not be made to grant
165.31 a permit, approve a project, or begin a project, until:

165.32 (1) a petition for an environmental assessment worksheet is dismissed;

165.33 (2) a negative declaration has been issued on the need for an environmental impact
165.34 statement;

166.1 (3) the environmental impact statement has been determined adequate; or

166.2 (4) a variance has been granted from making an environmental impact statement by the
166.3 environmental quality board.

166.4 (b) Nothing in this subdivision precludes a local unit of government from beginning to
166.5 review a feedlot permit application for a feedlot subject to environmental review under this
166.6 chapter.

166.7 **Sec. 5. SCOPING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET NOT**
166.8 **REQUIRED FOR PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE A MANDATORY**
166.9 **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.**

166.10 (a) The Environmental Quality Board must amend Minnesota Rules, part 4410.2100, as
166.11 follows:

166.12 (1) to provide that an environmental assessment worksheet does not need to be prepared
166.13 for a project that falls within a mandatory environmental impact statement category under
166.14 Minnesota Rules, part 4410.4400, or other applicable law; and

166.15 (2) to provide that a scoping process undertaken under Minnesota Rules, part 4410.2100,
166.16 for a project that falls within a mandatory environmental impact statement category must
166.17 be completed no later than 280 days after publication of the notice of availability of a scoping
166.18 document in the EQB Monitor.

166.19 (b) The board may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes, section
166.20 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota Statutes,
166.21 section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.

166.22 **Sec. 6. INTENT.**

166.23 The legislature recognizes the need to retain and grow the state's economy and vital
166.24 infrastructure to keep Minnesota competitive on a national and global level. This growth
166.25 requires innovation and creativity, which will be achieved while protecting our environment
166.26 and natural resources as prescribed under current law. It is therefore the intent of the
166.27 legislature in enacting this article that the state will meet or exceed efficiency goals,
166.28 modernize existing regulatory systems, and communicate clearly to permit applicants and
166.29 stakeholders to ensure a predictable, transparent, and fair permitting and environmental
166.30 review process.

167.1 **Sec. 7. REPORT ON USE OF AUTHORITY TO EXTEND TIMELINE FOR**
167.2 **CERTAIN AGENCY ACTIONS.**

167.3 By March 1, 2028, the Board of Water and Soil Resources must report to the chairs and
167.4 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment
167.5 and natural resources policy on the number of extensions noticed under Minnesota Statutes,
167.6 section 15.99, subdivision 3, paragraph (f), that are made for any decision under Minnesota
167.7 Rules, chapter 8420, between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2027. A local government
167.8 unit must supply the board with information necessary to prepare the report required by this
167.9 section. The report must also include information on all other decisions made under
167.10 Minnesota Rules, chapter 8420, for requests that are not subject to Minnesota Statutes,
167.11 section 15.99, providing statistics on the time from submission of a complete wetland
167.12 boundary and type or wetland replacement plan application to the government unit
167.13 responsible for making the decision on the application to the approval or denial of the
167.14 application. The government unit responsible for making the decision must supply the board
167.15 with information necessary to prepare the report required by this section.