

**Subject** Critical Habitat License Plates

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## Overview

This bill would dedicate money raised from critical habitat license plates for different purposes based on the design of the license plate.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Pledges and contributions.</b></p> <p>Removes provisions governing the appropriation and expenditure of critical habitat plate revenues which are being replaced with new provisions in the next section.</p>   |
| 2 | <p><b>Expenditures.</b></p> <p>Appropriates money from the critical habitat private sector matching account to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and requires revenues from critical habitat plates to be used for different purposes depending on the design of the plate as follows, revenues from plates depicting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ big game, turkey, pheasants, or other designs not listed are dedicated to acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of critical habitat lands (this is similar to the purpose under current law with additional authority allowing money to be used to inventory and monitor the lands acquired);</li><li>▪ a loon, chickadee, or lady slipper are dedicated for nongame wildlife purposes;</li><li>▪ anglers or fish are dedicated for aquatic management purposes; and</li><li>▪ bees or other pollinators are transferred to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BSWR) for the lawns to legumes program.</li></ul> |

Specifies that private contributions and other revenues must be used for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of critical habitat lands, unless the donor specifies otherwise.

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3	<b>Report.</b> Requires the DNR to submit a report to the legislature every two years, beginning January 15, 2026, on the expenditure of money from the critical habitat private sector matching account.



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