

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 586, the first engrossment as follows:

1.2 Page 3, line 32, after "revenue" insert "for deposit in the account for county joint trust
1.3 fund payments in section 11A.237"

1.4 Page 4, after line 18, insert:

1.5 "Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 3. **Council recommendations.** (a) The council shall make recommendations to
1.7 the legislature on appropriations of money from the outdoor heritage fund that are consistent
1.8 with the Constitution and state law and that will achieve the outcomes of existing natural
1.9 resource plans, including, but not limited to, the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and
1.10 Preservation Plan, that directly relate to the restoration, protection, and enhancement of
1.11 wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, and that prevent forest
1.12 fragmentation, encourage forest consolidation, and expand restored native prairie. In making
1.13 recommendations, the council shall consider a range of options that would best restore,
1.14 protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife.
1.15 The council recommendations each year on appropriation of money from the outdoor heritage
1.16 fund must include amounts adequate to make the required transfers to the outdoor heritage
1.17 trust fund payment account according to section 97A.056, subdivision 1b. The council's
1.18 recommendations shall be submitted no later than January 15 each year. The council shall
1.19 present its recommendations to the senate and house of representatives committees with
1.20 jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources budget by February 15 in
1.21 odd-numbered years, and within the first four weeks of the legislative session in
1.22 even-numbered years. The council's budget recommendations to the legislature shall be
1.23 separate from the Department of Natural Resource's budget recommendations.

1.24 (b) To encourage and support local conservation efforts, the council shall establish a
1.25 conservation partners program. Local, regional, state, or national organizations may apply
1.26 for matching grants for restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies,

2.1 forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, prevention of forest fragmentation,
2.2 encouragement of forest consolidation, and expansion of restored native prairie.

2.3 (c) The council may work with the Clean Water Council to identify projects that are
2.4 consistent with both the purpose of the outdoor heritage fund and the purpose of the clean
2.5 water fund.

2.6 (d) The council may make recommendations to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on
2.7 Minnesota Resources on scientific research that will assist in restoring, protecting, and
2.8 enhancing wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, preventing
2.9 forest fragmentation, encouraging forest consolidation, and expanding restored native prairie.

2.10 (e) Recommendations of the council, including approval of recommendations for the
2.11 outdoor heritage fund, require an affirmative vote of at least nine members of the council.

2.12 (f) The council may work with the Clean Water Council, the Legislative-Citizen
2.13 Commission on Minnesota Resources, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, soil and
2.14 water conservation districts, and experts from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
2.15 and the University of Minnesota in developing the council's recommendations.

2.16 (g) The council shall develop and implement a process that ensures that citizens and
2.17 potential recipients of funds are included throughout the process, including the development
2.18 and finalization of the council's recommendations. The process must include a fair, equitable,
2.19 and thorough process for reviewing requests for funding and a clear and easily understood
2.20 process for ranking projects.

2.21 (h) The council shall use the regions of the state based upon the ecological sections and
2.22 subsections developed by the Department of Natural Resources and establish objectives for
2.23 each region and subregion to achieve the purposes of the fund outlined in the state
2.24 constitution.

2.25 (i) The council shall develop and submit to the Legislative Coordinating Commission
2.26 plans for the first ten years of funding, and a framework for 25 years of funding, consistent
2.27 with statutory and constitutional requirements. The council may use existing plans from
2.28 other legislative, state, and federal sources, as applicable.

2.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017, and applies to lands acquired
2.30 with money appropriated on or after that date."

2.31 Page 7, line 3, after "revenue" insert "for deposit in the account for county joint trust
2.32 fund payments in section 11A.237"

3.1 Page 7, after line 30, insert:

3.2 "Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116P.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.3 Subdivision 1. **Expenditures.** Money in the trust fund may be spent only for:

3.4 (1) the reinvest in Minnesota program as provided in section 84.95, subdivision 2;

3.5 (2) research that contributes to increasing the effectiveness of protecting or managing
3.6 the state's environment or natural resources;

3.7 (3) collection and analysis of information that assists in developing the state's
3.8 environmental and natural resources policies;

3.9 (4) enhancement of public education, awareness, and understanding necessary for the
3.10 protection, conservation, restoration, and enhancement of air, land, water, forests, fish,
3.11 wildlife, and other natural resources;

3.12 (5) capital projects for the preservation and protection of unique natural resources;

3.13 (6) activities that preserve or enhance fish, wildlife, land, air, water, and other natural
3.14 resources that otherwise may be substantially impaired or destroyed in any area of the state;

3.15 (7) administrative and investment expenses incurred by the State Board of Investment
3.16 in investing deposits to the trust fund; ~~and~~

3.17 (8) administrative expenses subject to the limits in section 116P.09; and

3.18 (9) payments to the environment and natural resources trust fund payment account as
3.19 required in section 116P.045.

3.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017, and applies to lands acquired
3.21 with money appropriated on or after that date.

3.22 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116P.08, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

3.23 Subd. 4. **Legislative recommendations.** (a) Funding may be provided only for those
3.24 projects that meet the categories established in subdivision 1.

3.25 (b) The commission must recommend an annual or biennial legislative bill to make
3.26 appropriations from the trust fund for the purposes provided in subdivision 1. The
3.27 recommendations must be submitted to the governor for inclusion in the biennial budget
3.28 and supplemental budget submitted to the legislature.

3.29 (c) The commission may recommend regional block grants for a portion of trust fund
3.30 expenditures to partner with existing regional organizations that have strong citizen

4.1 involvement, to address unique local needs and capacity, and to leverage all available funding
4.2 sources for projects.

4.3 (d) The commission may recommend the establishment of an emerging issues account
4.4 in its legislative bill for funding emerging issues, which come up unexpectedly, but which
4.5 still adhere to the commission's strategic plan, to be approved by the governor after initiation
4.6 and recommendation by the commission.

4.7 (e) The council must recommend an appropriation of money from the environment and
4.8 natural resources trust fund adequate to make the required transfers to the environment and
4.9 natural resources trust fund payments account according to section 116P.045.

4.10 (f) Money in the trust fund may not be spent except under an appropriation by law.

4.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017, and applies to lands acquired
4.12 with money appropriated on or after that date."

4.13 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

4.14 Amend the title accordingly