

HF3128 - 1E - Outdoor Heritage Fund; Open Meeting Modified

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outdoor Heritage Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Outdoor Heritage Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue		-	-	-	-	-
Outdoor Heritage Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue						
Expenditures		-	-	7	7	7
Absorbed Costs		-	-	(7)	(7)	(7)
Outdoor Heritage Fund						
Expenditures		-	-	26	26	26
Absorbed Costs		-	-	(26)	(26)	(26)
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue						
Outdoor Heritage Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Bill Description

The bill appropriates Outdoor Heritage Funds for programs and projects recommended by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The provision that is the source of this fiscal note amends Minn. Stat. 97A.056, subdivision 5, requiring the Council to arrange for webcasting of all Council hearings in the Capitol Complex, and for any Council hearings outside of the Complex, to the extent practical.

Assumptions

1. The Council does not have staff to manage this complex function. Currently, the House Public Information Services Office webcasts Council hearings if its webcast schedule, ongoing responsibilities and staff levels permit it to do so. If the Council were to schedule its hearings in rooms with Senate equipment, Senate Media Services would also webcast these meetings, if its webcast schedule, ongoing responsibilities and staffing levels permitted it.
2. During legislative sessions, House Information and Senate Media Services webcast about 1/3 to 1/2 of their respective committee hearings. We assume that for Council meetings conducted in the House or Senate hearing rooms equipped with the necessary hardware, that the House Information and Senate Media may be able to assist with the Council's requirement that its meetings be webcast. Other committee hearings, floor sessions and/or press conferences that would otherwise be prioritized to be webcast may need to be displaced. Legislative activity is very fluid: Committee (and Commission) meetings are scheduled and cancelled with limited notice. Decisions about which hearings will be webcast are generally determined less than 24 hours before they are held. Media hardware occasionally needs maintenance especially during interims, rendering it impossible to provide webcasts. We assume there will be eight Council meetings conducted during each legislative interim totaling 44 hours. For this fiscal note we also assume that the House Information and Senate Media will each be able to broadcast half of those meetings.

3. Webcasts produced by House Information will require the dedication of current staff involved in the pre-production, production and post-production of Council meeting webcasts. The cost of House Information staff support is \$167 per hour of production and \$104 per meeting in for pre-production and post-production work. The cost will be absorbed by the Council.

4. Senate Media cost per hour for the webcasts is \$211 per hour of which costs of \$161 per hour will be absorbed by the Council with Senate Media using current staff resources. In addition to the Senate Media interim staff resources, two temporary production technicians will be hired by the Council at as needed per meeting basis at a cost of \$50 per hour to assist Senate Media staff. LSOHC will absorb the associated costs.

5. We assume the Council will have one hearing lasting seven hours per legislative session that cannot be webcast by House Information or Senate Media. This webcasting will be contracted to a third party vendor, with the Council absorbing the costs.

6. We assume the Council will have two eight-hour meetings each interim in the Capitol Complex that House Information and Senate Media are unable to webcast. These webcasts will be contracted to a third party vendor at a cost of \$318 per hour, with the Council absorbing the costs.

7. House Information and Senate Media do not have the ability to webcast proceedings outside of the Capitol Complex. We assume the Council will have one eight-hour hearing outside of the Capitol Complex each year. That webcasting will be contracted to a third party vendor at a cost of \$318 per hour plus travel expenses of \$750 per meeting. The Council will absorb the costs. Third party webcasts will likely have lower quality, with fewer cameras and limited or no graphics.

8. We assume a third party vendor under contract with the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) will provide captioning of the webcasts at a cost of \$95 per hour. These costs will be absorbed by the LCC.

9. Costs for the Legislative Reference Library (LRL) to archive the webcasts are negligible and will be absorbed by the LRL.

10. The dedication of absorbed funds will not displace any resources needed for other activities planned by the Council, LCC and LRL.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Cost Category	Hrly Cost	# of Council hearings/ FY	Hours/ Mtg	Total # of hours	Cost to webcast	Costs absorbed	New funds required/ FY
House media cost/hour production	\$ 271	4	5.5	22	\$ 5,962	\$ 5,962	\$0
Senate media cost/hour production	\$ 211	4	5.5	22	\$ 4,642	\$ 4,642	\$0

Third party vendor: session: Cap complex	\$ 318	1	7	7	\$ 2,228	\$ 2,228	\$0
Third party vendor: interim: Cap complex	\$ 318	2	8	16	\$ 5,092	\$ 5,092	\$0
Third party vendor: interim: Greater MN hearing	\$ 318	1	8	8	\$ 2,546	\$ 2,546	\$0
Third party vendor: interim: Greater MN hearing travel expenses (mileage \$230; 2 persons: lodging for 2 nights \$400; 2 days meals \$120)					\$ 750	\$ 750	\$0
Cost per hour to caption	\$ 95			75	\$ 7,125	\$ 7,125	\$0
Cost to archive	\$ 65			75	\$ 4,891	\$ 4,891	\$0
Total					\$ 33,236	\$ 33,236	\$ -

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Cost will be ongoing in the future and assumed to be absorbed depending on appropriation resources.

Local Fiscal Impact

N/A

References/Sources

- Barry LaGrave, House of Representatives
- Barb Juelich, House of Representatives
- Bill Marx, House of Representatives
- Patrick McCormack, House of Representatives
- Tom Bottern, Minnesota Senate
- Cal Ludeman Minnesota Senate
- Betty Myers, Minnesota Senate
- Eric Nauman, Minnesota Senate
- Steve Senyk, Minnesota Senate
- Mike Schatz, Legislative Reference Library
- Mark Johnson, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
- Greg Hubinger, Legislative Coordinating Commission

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