

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 710, the first engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 1, delete section 2 and insert:

1.3 "**Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.4 <u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>82,106,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>585,000</u>
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1.5 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage
1.6 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each
1.7 purpose are specified in the following
1.8 subdivisions.

1.9 <u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u>		<u>20,121,000</u>		<u>-0-</u>
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1.10 **(a) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**
1.11 **VII**

1.12 \$2,202,000 the first year is to the
1.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
1.14 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
1.15 restore and enhance grasslands, wetlands, and
1.16 savanna. A list of proposed restorations and
1.17 enhancements must be provided as part of the
1.18 required accomplishment plan and must be
1.19 consistent with the priorities identified in the
1.20 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

1.21 **(b) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
1.22 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase IX**

1.23 \$13,184,000 the first year is to the
1.24 commissioner of natural resources to
1.25 accelerate restoration and enhancement of
1.26 prairies, grasslands, and savannas on wildlife

2.1 management areas, scientific and natural areas,
 2.2 native prairie bank land, bluff prairies on state
 2.3 forest land in southeastern Minnesota, and
 2.4 United States Fish and Wildlife Service
 2.5 waterfowl-production area and refuge lands.
 2.6 A list of proposed land restorations and
 2.7 enhancements must be provided as part of the
 2.8 required accomplishment plan.

2.9 **(c) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and**
 2.10 **Enhancement - Phase V**

2.11 \$4,735,000 the first year is to the
 2.12 commissioner of natural resources for
 2.13 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
 2.14 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife
 2.15 habitat on public lands in Anoka, Benton,
 2.16 Isanti, Morrison, and Stearns Counties as
 2.17 follows: \$91,000 is to the Anoka Conservation
 2.18 District, \$231,000 is to the Isanti County Soil
 2.19 and Water Conservation District, \$95,000 is
 2.20 to Isanti County Parks, \$1,750,000 is to Great
 2.21 River Greening, \$218,000 is to the Stearns
 2.22 County Soil and Water Conservation District,
 2.23 and \$2,350,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust.
 2.24 Up to \$200,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is
 2.25 for establishing monitoring and enforcement
 2.26 funds as approved in the accomplishment plan
 2.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 2.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 2.29 permanent conservation easements,
 2.30 restorations, and enhancements must be
 2.31 provided as part of the required
 2.32 accomplishment plan.

2.33 **Subd. 3. Forests** 6,690,000 -0-

2.34 **(a) Carnelian Creek Conservation Corridor**

2.35 \$5,265,000 the first year is to the
 2.36 commissioner of natural resources for an

3.1 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 3.2 acquire permanent conservation easements in
 3.3 Washington County. Of this amount, up to
 3.4 \$30,000 is for establishing a monitoring and
 3.5 enforcement fund as approved in the
 3.6 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 3.7 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
 3.8 list of proposed permanent conservation
 3.9 easements must be provided as part of the
 3.10 required accomplishment plan.

3.11 **(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
 3.12 **Restoration - Phase V**

3.13 \$1,425,000 the first year is to the
 3.14 commissioner of natural resources to restore
 3.15 and enhance prairie, grassland, forest, and
 3.16 savanna. The amount is for agreements as
 3.17 follows: \$800,000 to The Nature Conservancy,
 3.18 \$400,000 to The Trust for Public Land, and
 3.19 \$225,000 to the Minnesota Land Trust. A list
 3.20 of proposed restorations and enhancements
 3.21 must be provided as part of the required
 3.22 accomplishment plan.

3.23 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

19,682,000

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3.24 **(a) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
 3.25 **Enhancement - Phase IX**

3.26 \$3,000,000 the first year is to the
 3.27 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
 3.28 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
 3.29 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations
 3.30 and enhancements must be provided as part
 3.31 of the required accomplishment plan.

3.32 **(b) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland Initiative**
 3.33 **- Phase VI**

3.34 \$14,900,000 the first year is to the
 3.35 commissioner of natural resources for an
 3.36 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore

4.1 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on
 4.2 public lands and wetlands under permanent
 4.3 conservation easement for wildlife
 4.4 management purposes. A list of proposed
 4.5 shallow-lake enhancements and wetland
 4.6 restorations must be provided as part of the
 4.7 required accomplishment plan.

4.8 **(c) Restoration of Non-native Cattail Dominated**
 4.9 **Wetlands in Rainy Lake**

4.10 \$1,782,000,000 the first year is to the
 4.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
 4.12 agreement with the National Park Service to
 4.13 restore and enhance shallow lakes and
 4.14 wetlands dominated with non-native cattails
 4.15 within Voyageurs National Park. A list of
 4.16 proposed wetland restorations and
 4.17 enhancements must be provided as part of the
 4.18 required accomplishment plan.

4.19 **Subd. 5. Habitats** 34,734,000 -0-

4.20 **(a) Metro Big Rivers Next Habitat - Phase VIII**

4.21 \$6,644,000 the first year is to the
 4.22 commissioner of natural resources for
 4.23 agreements to acquire land in fee and
 4.24 permanent conservation easements and to
 4.25 restore and enhance natural systems associated
 4.26 with the Mississippi, Minnesota, and St. Croix
 4.27 Rivers within the metropolitan area as follows:
 4.28 \$1,000,000 to Minnesota Valley National
 4.29 Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$589,000 to Great
 4.30 River Greening; \$1,870,000 to The Trust for
 4.31 Public Land; and \$3,185,000 to Minnesota
 4.32 Land Trust, of which up to \$180,000 to
 4.33 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
 4.34 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 4.35 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 4.36 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,

5.1 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land
5.2 acquisitions and permanent conservation
5.3 easements must be provided as part of the
5.4 required accomplishment plan.

5.5 **(b) Goose Prairie**

5.6 \$600,000 the first year is to the commissioner
5.7 of natural resources for an agreement with the
5.8 Wild Rice Watershed District, in cooperation
5.9 with the Department of Natural Resources, to
5.10 enhance aquatic and upland habitat in and
5.11 adjacent to the Goose Prairie Marsh Wildlife
5.12 Management Area in Clay County. A list of
5.13 proposed land enhancements must be provided
5.14 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

5.15 **(c) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
5.16 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**
5.17 **IX**

5.18 \$3,260,000 the first year is to the
5.19 commissioner of natural resources for an
5.20 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
5.21 to restore or enhance habitat for trout and other
5.22 species in and along coldwater rivers, lakes,
5.23 and streams in Minnesota. A list of proposed
5.24 restorations and enhancements must be
5.25 provided as part of the required
5.26 accomplishment plan.

5.27 **(d) DNR Stream Habitat - Phase II**

5.28 \$6,130,000 the first year is to the
5.29 commissioner of natural resources to restore
5.30 and enhance habitat in degraded streams and
5.31 critical aquatic-species habitat and to facilitate
5.32 fish passage. A list of proposed land
5.33 restorations and enhancements must be
5.34 provided as part of the required
5.35 accomplishment plan.

6.1 **(e) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**
6.2 **IV**

6.3 \$6,305,000 the first year is to the
6.4 commissioner of natural resources to restore
6.5 aquatic habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.
6.6 Of this appropriation, up to \$226,000 is for an
6.7 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list
6.8 of proposed restorations must be provided as
6.9 part of the required accomplishment plan.

6.10 **(f) Lake Wakanda Enhancement Project**

6.11 \$921,000 the first year is to the commissioner
6.12 of natural resources for an agreement with
6.13 Kandiyohi County to enhance aquatic habitat
6.14 in and adjacent to Lake Wakanda in Kandiyohi
6.15 County. A list of proposed land enhancements
6.16 must be provided as part of the required
6.17 accomplishment plan.

6.18 **(g) Dutch Creek Habitat Restoration**

6.19 \$1,580,000 the first year is to the
6.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
6.21 agreement with the Fairmont Lakes
6.22 Foundation to restore two wetland basins
6.23 along Dutch Creek. A list of proposed
6.24 restorations must be provided as part of the
6.25 required accomplishment plan.

6.26 **(h) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
6.27 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**
6.28 **IX**

6.29 \$9,294,000 the first year is to the
6.30 commissioner of natural resources for a
6.31 program to provide competitive matching
6.32 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
6.33 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
6.34 restoring forests, wetlands, prairies, or habitat
6.35 for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Of
6.36 this amount, up to \$2,660,000 is for grants in

7.1 the seven-county metropolitan area and cities
7.2 with a population of 50,000 or greater. Grants
7.3 must not be made for activities required to
7.4 fulfill the duties of owners of lands subject to
7.5 conservation easements. Grants must not be
7.6 for projects that have a total project cost
7.7 exceeding \$575,000. Of the total
7.8 appropriation, \$634,000 may be spent for
7.9 personnel costs and other direct and necessary
7.10 administrative costs. Money appropriated in
7.11 this paragraph may not be used to acquire land
7.12 or interests in land. The program must require
7.13 a match of at least ten percent from nonstate
7.14 sources for all grants. The match may be cash
7.15 or in-kind resources. For grant applications of
7.16 \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must
7.17 provide a separate, simplified application
7.18 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
7.19 commissioner must, when evaluating projects
7.20 of equal value, give priority to organizations
7.21 that have a history of receiving or a charter to
7.22 receive private contributions for local
7.23 conservation or habitat projects. All restoration
7.24 or enhancement projects must be on land
7.25 permanently protected by a permanent
7.26 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and
7.27 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,
7.28 by a conservation easement, or by public
7.29 ownership, or must be in public waters as
7.30 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
7.31 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority must be
7.32 given to restoration and enhancement projects
7.33 on public lands. Minnesota Statutes, section
7.34 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies to grants
7.35 awarded under this paragraph. This
7.36 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021.

8.1 No less than five percent of the amount of each
 8.2 grant must be held back from reimbursement
 8.3 until the grant recipient has completed a grant
 8.4 accomplishment report by the deadline and in
 8.5 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the
 8.6 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
 8.7 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
 8.8 program in the game and fish law summary
 8.9 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
 8.10 97A.051, subdivision 2.

8.11 **Subd. 6. Administration**

879,000

585,000

8.12 **(a) Contract Management**

8.13 \$150,000 the first year is to the commissioner
 8.14 of natural resources for contract management
 8.15 duties assigned in this section. The
 8.16 commissioner must provide an
 8.17 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
 8.18 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 8.19 for expending this appropriation. The
 8.20 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
 8.21 the grant contract template and reimbursement
 8.22 manual. No money may be expended before
 8.23 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 8.24 approves the accomplishment plan.

8.25 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

8.26 \$571,000 the first year and \$578,000 the
 8.27 second year is to the Legislative Coordinating
 8.28 Commission for Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 8.29 Heritage Council administrative expenses and
 8.30 for compensating and reimbursing expenses
 8.31 of council members. This appropriation is
 8.32 available until June 30, 2019. Minnesota
 8.33 Statutes, section 16A.281, applies to this
 8.34 appropriation.

8.35 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

9.1 \$150,000 the first year is to the commissioner
9.2 of natural resources for a technical evaluation
9.3 panel to conduct up to 20 restoration and
9.4 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota
9.5 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

9.6 **(d) Legacy Website**

9.7 \$8,000 the first year and \$7,000 the second
9.8 year is to the Legislative Coordinating
9.9 Commission for the website required in
9.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
9.11 10.

9.12 **Subd. 7. Appropriation Availability**

9.13 Money appropriated in this section may not
9.14 be spent on activities unless they are directly
9.15 related to and necessary for a specific
9.16 appropriation and are specified in the
9.17 accomplishment plan approved by the
9.18 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

9.19 Money appropriated in this section must not
9.20 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
9.21 overhead charges that are not directly related
9.22 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

9.23 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in
9.24 this section are available until June 30, 2020.

9.25 For acquiring real property, the amounts in
9.26 this section are available until June 30, 2021,
9.27 if a binding agreement with a landowner or
9.28 purchase agreement is entered into by June
9.29 30, 2020, and closed no later than June 30,
9.30 2021. Appropriations for restoration or
9.31 enhancement are available until June 30, 2022,
9.32 or five years after acquisition, whichever is
9.33 later, so that initial restoration or enhancement
9.34 work can be completed. If a project receives
9.35 at least 15 percent of its funding from federal

10.1 funds, the appropriation period may be
10.2 extended to equal the availability of federal
10.3 funding to a maximum of six years, provided
10.4 the federal funding was confirmed and
10.5 included in the first draft accomplishment
10.6 plan. Money appropriated for fee title
10.7 acquisition of land may be used to restore,
10.8 enhance, and provide for public use of the land
10.9 acquired with the appropriation. Public use
10.10 facilities must have no more than a minimal
10.11 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

10.12 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
10.13 **Equipment Expenditures**

10.14 All agreements referred to in this section must
10.15 be administered on a reimbursement basis
10.16 unless otherwise provided in this section.

10.17 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
10.18 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
10.19 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
10.20 1, 2017, or the date of accomplishment plan
10.21 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
10.22 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
10.23 this section. For the purposes of administering
10.24 appropriations and legislatively authorized
10.25 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
10.26 fund, an expense must be considered
10.27 reimbursable by the administering agency
10.28 when the recipient presents the agency with
10.29 an invoice or binding agreement with the
10.30 landowner and the recipient attests that the
10.31 goods have been received or the landowner
10.32 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
10.33 must be made upon receiving documentation
10.34 that the items articulated in the
10.35 accomplishment plan approved by the
10.36 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have

11.1 been achieved, including partial achievements
11.2 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
11.3 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
11.4 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
11.5 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,
11.6 support future management of acquired lands,
11.7 or match a federal share. The advances must
11.8 be approved as part of the accomplishment
11.9 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
11.10 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized
11.11 in and approved as part of the accomplishment
11.12 plan.

11.13 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

11.14 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
11.15 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
11.16 grant awarded pursuant to this section, must
11.17 provide geographic information to the
11.18 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for
11.19 mapping any lands acquired in fee with money
11.20 appropriated in this section and open to public
11.21 taking of fish and game. The commissioner
11.22 of natural resources must include the lands
11.23 acquired in fee with money appropriated in
11.24 this section on maps showing public recreation
11.25 opportunities. Maps must include information
11.26 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor
11.27 heritage fund, including a notation of any
11.28 restrictions."