

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3426 as follows:

1.2 Page 50, after line 2, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116P.08, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

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

1.10 (c) The commission may recommend regional block grants for a portion of trust fund
1.11 expenditures to partner with existing regional organizations that have strong citizen
1.12 involvement, to address unique local needs and capacity, and to leverage all available funding
1.13 sources for projects.

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

1.18 ~~(e)~~ (d) Money in the trust fund may not be spent except under an appropriation by law.

1.19 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116P.08, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.20 read:

1.21 Subd. 4a. **Emerging issues account.** (a) The commission may recommend the
1.22 establishment of an emerging issues account in its legislative bill for funding emerging

2.1 issues, which come up unexpectedly, but which still adhere to the commission's strategic
2.2 plan.

2.3 (b) Money in the emerging issues account may only be spent on activities that meet all
2.4 of the following requirements:

2.5 (1) address an immediate threat to public health, the environment, or the state's natural
2.6 resources; and

2.7 (2) are conducted by a state agency or performed under a contract directed by a state
2.8 agency.

2.9 (c) Money in the emerging issues account may not be spent on:

2.10 (1) a project that was previously reviewed and rejected by the commission during the
2.11 most recently completed funding cycle or included in a bill introduced during either of the
2.12 last two regular legislative sessions; or

2.13 (2) a capital construction project.

2.14 (d) Except as provided under section 116P.09, subdivision 6, paragraph (b),
2.15 recommendations by the commission for an expenditure from the emerging issues account
2.16 require an affirmative vote of at least 12 members of the commission. An expenditure from
2.17 the emerging issues account must be approved by the governor after initiation and
2.18 recommendation by the commission. The chairs and ranking minority members of the
2.19 legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources must be
2.20 notified of an expenditure sent to the governor for approval.

2.21 (e) A recipient of money from the emerging issues account must submit a final report
2.22 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
2.23 over environment and natural resources detailing the expenditure of the money and outcomes
2.24 achieved.

2.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116P.09, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.26 Subd. 6. **Conflict of interest.** (a) A commission member, a technical advisory committee
2.27 member, a peer reviewer, or an employee of the commission may not participate in or vote
2.28 on a decision of the commission, advisory committee, or peer review relating to an
2.29 organization in which the member, peer reviewer, or employee has either a direct or indirect
2.30 personal financial interest. While serving on the commission or technical advisory committee
2.31 or as a peer reviewer or while an employee of the commission, a person must avoid any
2.32 potential conflict of interest.

3.1 (b) A commission member may not vote on a motion regarding the purchase of land
3.2 under section 116P.18 ~~or~~, the final recommendations of the commission required under
3.3 section 116P.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), or the expenditure of money from the emerging
3.4 issues account if the motion relates to an organization in which the member has a direct
3.5 personal financial interest. If a commission member is prohibited from voting under this
3.6 paragraph, the number of affirmative votes required under section 116P.05, subdivision 2,
3.7 paragraph (a), or section 116P.18 is reduced by the number of members ineligible to vote
3.8 under this paragraph."

3.9 Amend the title accordingly