

1.1 Stephenson and Torkelson from the Committee on Ways and Means to which was
1.2 referred:

1.3 S. F. No. 2077, A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for
1.4 environment and natural resources; appropriating money from environment and natural
1.5 resources trust fund; modifying prior appropriations; modifying fees and surcharges;
1.6 modifying disposition of certain funds; modifying and establishing duties, authorities, and
1.7 prohibitions regarding environment and natural resources; modifying and creating
1.8 environment and natural resources programs; modifying and creating grant programs;
1.9 providing civil and criminal penalties; authorizing rulemaking; modifying state trail, state
1.10 forest, and state park provisions; authorizing sales, conveyances, and leases of certain state
1.11 lands; modifying forestry provisions; modifying game and fish provisions; making technical
1.12 changes; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.027, by adding
1.13 a subdivision; 86B.415, subdivision 7; 97A.223, subdivision 1; 97A.421, by adding a
1.14 subdivision; 97A.465, by adding a subdivision; 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 6; 103G.271,
1.15 subdivision 6; 103G.301, subdivision 2; 115B.421; 116.07, by adding a subdivision; 116.073,
1.16 subdivisions 1, 2; Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, sections 2, subdivisions 2, 7, 10; 3,
1.17 subdivision 6; Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivisions 3, 8; proposing coding for
1.18 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 84; 86B; 325F.

1.19 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.20 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.21 "ARTICLE 1

1.22 APPROPRIATIONS

1.23 Section 1. **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.24 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.25 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
1.26 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.
1.27 The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
1.28 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.
1.29 "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium"
1.30 is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

2.1			<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
2.2			<u>Available for the Year</u>
2.3			<u>Ending June 30</u>
2.4		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

2.5 **Sec. 2. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY**

2.6 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ **143,693,000** \$ **148,382,000**

2.7 **Appropriations by Fund**

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.9 <u>General</u>	<u>8,729,000</u>	<u>8,729,000</u>
2.10 <u>State Government</u>		
2.11 <u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
2.12 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>114,627,000</u>	<u>119,316,000</u>
2.13 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>20,247,000</u>	<u>20,247,000</u>

2.14 **The amounts that may be spent for each**
 2.15 **purpose are specified in the following**
 2.16 **subdivisions.**

2.17 **The commissioner must present the agency's**
 2.18 **biennial budget for fiscal years 2028 and 2029**
 2.19 **to the legislature in a transparent way by**
 2.20 **agency division, including the proposed**
 2.21 **budget bill and presentations of the budget to**
 2.22 **committees and divisions with jurisdiction**
 2.23 **over the agency's budget.**

2.24 **Subd. 2. Environmental Analysis and Outcomes** **22,019,000** **23,642,000**

2.25 **Appropriations by Fund**

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.27 <u>General</u>	<u>542,000</u>	<u>542,000</u>
2.28 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>21,272,000</u>	<u>22,895,000</u>
2.29 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>205,000</u>	<u>205,000</u>

2.30 **(a) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the**
 2.31 **second year are for a municipal liaison to**
 2.32 **assist municipalities with water quality**
 2.33 **standards and NPDES/SDS permitting**
 2.34 **processes, including enhanced economic**
 2.35 **analysis in the water quality standards**

3.1 rulemaking processes, identification of
3.2 cost-effective permitting opportunities,
3.3 simplifying the variance process, and
3.4 coordinating with the Public Facilities
3.5 Authority to identify and advocate for needed
3.6 resources for municipalities to achieve permit
3.7 requirements.

3.8 (b) \$1,153,000 the first year and \$1,153,000
3.9 the second year are from the environmental
3.10 fund for an air-monitoring program under
3.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.454, including
3.12 ambient air for hazardous pollutants, and for
3.13 operating a mobile emissions regulatory
3.14 monitoring trailer.

3.15 (c) \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
3.16 second year are for monitoring water quality
3.17 and operating assistance programs.

3.18 (d) \$109,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
3.19 second year are from the environmental fund
3.20 for duties related to harmful chemicals in
3.21 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,
3.22 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this
3.23 amount, \$70,000 the first year and \$70,000
3.24 the second year are transferred to the
3.25 commissioner of health.

3.26 (e) \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
3.27 second year are from the environmental fund
3.28 for registering wastewater laboratories.

3.29 (f) \$1,519,000 the first year and \$1,519,000
3.30 the second year are from the environmental
3.31 fund to continue perfluorochemical
3.32 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan
3.33 communities, as recommended by the
3.34 Environmental Health Tracking and

4.1 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address
4.2 other environmental health risks, including air
4.3 quality. The communities must include Hmong
4.4 and other immigrant farming communities.
4.5 Of this amount, up to \$1,248,000 the first year
4.6 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer
4.7 to the commissioner of health.

4.8 (g) \$62,000 the first year and \$62,000 the
4.9 second year are from the environmental fund
4.10 for the listing procedures for impaired waters
4.11 required under this act.

4.12 (h) \$74,000 the first year and \$74,000 the
4.13 second year are from the remediation fund for
4.14 the leaking underground storage tank program
4.15 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
4.16 releases from underground petroleum storage
4.17 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
4.18 program for vapor assessment and
4.19 remediation. These same annual amounts are
4.20 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
4.21 the remediation fund.

4.22 (i) \$270,000 the first year and \$270,000 the
4.23 second year are to support communities in
4.24 planning to implement projects that will allow
4.25 for adaptation for a changing climate.

4.26 (j) \$2,070,000 the first year and \$2,070,000
4.27 the second year are from the environmental
4.28 fund to develop and implement a program
4.29 related to emerging issues, including
4.30 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint.

4.31 (k) \$1,820,000 the first year and \$1,820,000
4.32 the second year are from the environmental
4.33 fund to support improved management of data
4.34 collected by the agency and its partners and

5.1 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making
 5.2 and public access.

5.3 (l) \$7,000 the first year and \$7,000 the second
 5.4 year are to implement the requirements for
 5.5 fish kills under Minnesota Statutes, sections
 5.6 103G.216 and 103G.2165.

5.7 (m) \$1,400,000 the second year is from the
 5.8 environmental fund to adopt rules and
 5.9 implement air toxics emissions requirements
 5.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.

5.11 (n) \$881,000 the first year and \$881,000 the
 5.12 second year are from the environmental fund
 5.13 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous air
 5.14 pollutants in Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington,
 5.15 and Olmsted Counties.

5.16 Subd. 3. Industrial 22,305,000 25,271,000

5.17 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>20,282,000</u>	<u>23,248,000</u>
<u>Remediation</u>	<u>1,773,000</u>	<u>1,773,000</u>

5.22 (a) \$1,670,000 the first year and \$1,670,000
 5.23 the second year are from the remediation fund
 5.24 for the leaking underground storage tank
 5.25 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
 5.26 future releases from underground petroleum
 5.27 storage tanks and for the petroleum
 5.28 remediation program for vapor assessment
 5.29 and remediation. These same annual amounts
 5.30 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
 5.31 to the remediation fund.

5.32 (b) \$149,000 the first year and \$149,000 the
 5.33 second year are from the environmental fund
 5.34 for transfer to the commissioner of health to

6.1 further evaluate the use and reduction of
 6.2 trichloroethylene around Minnesota and
 6.3 identify its potential health effects on
 6.4 communities.

6.5 (c) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 6.6 second year are for implementation of the odor
 6.7 management requirements under Minnesota
 6.8 Statutes, section 116.064.

6.9 (d) \$140,000 the second year is from the
 6.10 environmental fund for the purposes of the
 6.11 public informational meeting requirements
 6.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.07,
 6.13 subdivision 4m.

6.14 (e) \$2,625,000 the first year and \$2,625,000
 6.15 the second year are from the environmental
 6.16 fund for prioritizing air regulatory program
 6.17 work in environmental justice areas.

6.18 (f) \$2,500,000 the second year is from the
 6.19 environmental fund for implementing the
 6.20 environmental justice cumulative impact
 6.21 analysis and other requirements under
 6.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.065.

6.23 (g) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the
 6.24 second year are from the environmental fund
 6.25 to improve the coordination, effectiveness,
 6.26 transparency, and accountability of the
 6.27 environmental review and permitting process.

6.28 Subd. 4. Municipal 10,829,000 10,829,000

6.29 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>223,000</u>	<u>223,000</u>
<u>State Government</u>		
<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>10,516,000</u>	<u>10,516,000</u>

7.1 (a) \$223,000 the first year and \$223,000 the
7.2 second year are for a municipal liaison to
7.3 assist municipalities with water quality
7.4 standards and NPDES/SDS permitting
7.5 processes, including enhanced economic
7.6 analysis in the water quality standards
7.7 rulemaking processes, identification of
7.8 cost-effective permitting opportunities,
7.9 simplifying the variance process, and
7.10 coordinating with the Public Facilities
7.11 Authority to identify and advocate for needed
7.12 resources for municipalities to achieve permit
7.13 requirements.

7.14 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
7.15 second year are from the environmental fund
7.16 for transfer to the Office of Administrative
7.17 Hearings to establish sanitary districts.

7.18 (c) \$2,432,000 the first year and \$2,432,000
7.19 the second year are from the environmental
7.20 fund for subsurface sewage treatment system
7.21 (SSTS) program administration; for
7.22 community technical assistance and education,
7.23 including grants and technical assistance to
7.24 communities for water-quality protection, new
7.25 technology review, and enforcement under
7.26 Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 to 115.58;
7.27 and to complete the requirements of Laws
7.28 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 165. Of
7.29 this amount, \$350,000 each year is for
7.30 assistance to counties through grants for SSTS
7.31 program administration. A county receiving
7.32 a grant from this appropriation must submit
7.33 the results achieved with the grant to the
7.34 commissioner as part of its annual SSTS
7.35 report. Any unexpended balance in the first

8.1 year does not cancel but is available in the
 8.2 second year.

8.3 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 8.4 section 16A.28, the appropriations
 8.5 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as
 8.6 grants or contracts for subsurface sewage
 8.7 treatment systems, surface water and
 8.8 groundwater assessments, storm water, and
 8.9 water-quality protection in this subdivision
 8.10 are available until June 30, 2030.

8.11 Subd. 5. Operations 13,976,000 14,007,000

8.12 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>3,109,000</u>	<u>3,109,000</u>
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,376,000</u>	<u>8,407,000</u>
<u>Remediation</u>	<u>2,491,000</u>	<u>2,491,000</u>

8.17 (a) \$1,124,000 the first year and \$1,124,000
 8.18 the second year are from the remediation fund
 8.19 for the leaking underground storage tank
 8.20 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
 8.21 future releases from underground petroleum
 8.22 storage tanks and for the petroleum
 8.23 remediation program for vapor assessment
 8.24 and remediation. These same annual amounts
 8.25 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
 8.26 to the remediation fund.

8.27 (b) \$3,109,000 the first year and \$3,109,000
 8.28 the second year are to support agency
 8.29 information technology services provided at
 8.30 the enterprise and agency level.

8.31 (c) \$919,000 the first year and \$919,000 the
 8.32 second year are from the environmental fund
 8.33 to develop and maintain systems to support

9.1 permitting and regulatory business processes
 9.2 and agency data.

9.3 (d) \$270,000 the first year and \$270,000 the
 9.4 second year are from the environmental fund
 9.5 to support current and future career pathways
 9.6 for underrepresented students.

9.7 (e) \$360,000 the first year and \$360,000 the
 9.8 second year are from the environmental fund
 9.9 to support financial planning and analysis to
 9.10 assist with risk and compliance management
 9.11 across agency programs and financial systems.

9.12 (f) \$525,000 the first year and \$525,000 the
 9.13 second year are from the environmental fund
 9.14 for Operations Division legal services that
 9.15 support compliance programs.

9.16 Subd. 6. Remediation 16,022,000 16,022,000

9.17 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>628,000</u>	<u>628,000</u>
<u>Remediation</u>	<u>15,394,000</u>	<u>15,394,000</u>

9.21 (a) All money for environmental response,
 9.22 compensation, and compliance in the
 9.23 remediation fund not otherwise appropriated
 9.24 is appropriated to the commissioners of the
 9.25 Pollution Control Agency and agriculture for
 9.26 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section
 9.27 115B.20, subdivision 2, clauses (1), (2), (3),
 9.28 (6), and (7). At the beginning of each fiscal
 9.29 year, the two commissioners must jointly
 9.30 submit to the commissioner of management
 9.31 and budget an annual spending plan that
 9.32 maximizes resource use and appropriately
 9.33 allocates the money between the two
 9.34 departments.

10.1 (b) \$4,622,000 the first year and \$4,622,000
 10.2 the second year are from the remediation fund
 10.3 for the leaking underground storage tank
 10.4 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
 10.5 future releases from underground petroleum
 10.6 storage tanks and for the petroleum
 10.7 remediation program for vapor assessment
 10.8 and remediation. These same annual amounts
 10.9 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
 10.10 to the remediation fund.

10.11 (c) \$316,000 the first year and \$316,000 the
 10.12 second year are from the remediation fund for
 10.13 transfer to the commissioner of health for
 10.14 private water-supply monitoring and health
 10.15 assessment costs in areas contaminated by
 10.16 unpermitted mixed municipal solid waste
 10.17 disposal facilities and drinking water
 10.18 advisories and public information activities
 10.19 for areas contaminated by hazardous releases.

10.20 **Subd. 7. Resource Management and Assistance** 45,715,000 45,784,000

10.21 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>370,000</u>	<u>370,000</u>
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>45,345,000</u>	<u>45,784,000</u>

10.25 (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000
 10.26 the second year may be transferred from the
 10.27 environmental fund to the small business
 10.28 environmental improvement loan account
 10.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

10.30 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 10.31 the second year are for competitive recycling
 10.32 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.33 115A.565. Of this amount, \$300,000 the first
 10.34 year and \$300,000 the second year are from
 10.35 the general fund, and \$700,000 the first year

11.1 and \$700,000 the second year are from the
11.2 environmental fund. This appropriation is
11.3 available until June 30, 2029.

11.4 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the
11.5 second year are from the environmental fund
11.6 for emission-reduction activities and grants to
11.7 small businesses and other
11.8 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this
11.9 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
11.10 the second year are to continue work with
11.11 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner
11.12 may enter into an agreement with
11.13 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.

11.14 (d) \$18,450,000 the first year and \$18,450,000
11.15 the second year are from the environmental
11.16 fund for SCORE block grants to counties.

11.17 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the
11.18 second year are from the environmental fund
11.19 for environmental assistance grants or loans
11.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.

11.21 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
11.22 second year are from the environmental fund
11.23 for grants to develop and expand recycling
11.24 markets for Minnesota businesses. This
11.25 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.

11.26 (g) \$770,000 the first year and \$770,000 the
11.27 second year are from the environmental fund
11.28 for reducing and diverting food waste,
11.29 redirecting edible food for consumption, and
11.30 removing barriers to collecting and recovering
11.31 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each
11.32 year is for grants to increase food rescue and
11.33 waste prevention. This appropriation is
11.34 available until June 30, 2029.

12.1 (h) \$2,811,000 the first year and \$2,811,000
12.2 the second year are from the environmental
12.3 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
12.4 section 473.844.

12.5 (i) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the
12.6 second year are from the environmental fund
12.7 to address chemicals in products, including to
12.8 implement and enforce flame retardant
12.9 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
12.10 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and
12.11 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging
12.12 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
12.13 325F.075. Of this amount, \$80,000 the first
12.14 year and \$80,000 the second year are
12.15 transferred to the commissioner of health.

12.16 (j) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
12.17 second year are from the environmental fund
12.18 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.

12.19 (k) \$1,115,000 the first year and \$1,115,000
12.20 the second year are from the environmental
12.21 fund for implementation of the PFAS
12.22 requirements under Minnesota Statutes,
12.23 section 116.943. Of this amount, \$468,000 the
12.24 first year and \$468,000 the second year are
12.25 for transfer to the commissioner of health.

12.26 (l) Any unencumbered grant and loan balances
12.27 in the first year do not cancel but are available
12.28 for grants and loans in the second year.

12.29 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
12.30 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered on or
12.31 before June 30, 2027, as contracts or grants
12.32 for environmental assistance awarded under
12.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716;
12.34 technical and research assistance under
12.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.152;

13.1 technical assistance under Minnesota Statutes,
 13.2 section 115A.52; and pollution prevention
 13.3 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.4 115D.04, are available until June 30, 2029.

13.5 **Subd. 8. Watershed** 11,325,000 11,325,000

13.6 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
13.8 <u>General</u>	<u>2,959,000</u>	<u>2,959,000</u>
13.9 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>7,982,000</u>	<u>7,982,000</u>
13.10 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>384,000</u>	<u>384,000</u>

13.11 (a) \$2,959,000 the first year and \$2,959,000
 13.12 the second year are for grants to delegated
 13.13 counties to administer the county feedlot
 13.14 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.15 116.0711, subdivisions 2 and 3. Money
 13.16 remaining after the first year is available for
 13.17 the second year.

13.18 (b) \$129,000 the first year and \$129,000 the
 13.19 second year are from the remediation fund for
 13.20 the leaking underground storage tank program
 13.21 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
 13.22 releases from underground petroleum storage
 13.23 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
 13.24 program for vapor assessment and
 13.25 remediation. These same annual amounts are
 13.26 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
 13.27 the remediation fund.

13.28 (c) Any unencumbered grant and loan balances
 13.29 in the first year do not cancel but are available
 13.30 for grants and loans in the second year.

13.31 **Subd. 9. Environmental Quality Board** 1,502,000 1,502,000

13.32 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
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14.1	<u>General</u>	<u>1,276,000</u>	<u>1,276,000</u>
14.2	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>226,000</u>	<u>226,000</u>

14.3 **Subd. 10. Transfers**

14.4 (a) The commissioner must transfer up to
 14.5 \$24,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000
 14.6 the second year from the environmental fund
 14.7 to the remediation fund for purposes of the
 14.8 remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 14.9 section 116.155, subdivision 2.

14.10 (b) The commissioner of management and
 14.11 budget must transfer \$100,000 the first year
 14.12 and each fiscal year thereafter from the general
 14.13 fund to the metropolitan landfill contingency
 14.14 action trust account in the remediation fund
 14.15 to restore the money transferred from the
 14.16 account as intended under Laws 2003, chapter
 14.17 128, article 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and
 14.18 Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1,
 14.19 article 3, section 17.

14.20 **Sec. 3. NATURAL RESOURCES**

14.21 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ **385,036,000** \$ **385,036,000**

14.22 **Appropriations by Fund**

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
14.24 <u>General</u>	<u>130,868,000</u>	<u>130,868,000</u>
14.25 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>123,638,000</u>	<u>123,638,000</u>
14.26 <u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>129,711,000</u>	<u>129,711,000</u>
14.27 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>
14.28 <u>Permanent School</u>	<u>702,000</u>	<u>702,000</u>

14.29 The amounts that may be spent for each
 14.30 purpose are specified in the following
 14.31 subdivisions.

14.32 **Subd. 2. Land and Mineral Resources**
 14.33 **Management**

10,126,000 10,126,000

Appropriations by Fund

15.2		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
15.3	<u>General</u>	<u>5,126,000</u>	<u>5,126,000</u>
15.4	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>4,438,000</u>	<u>4,438,000</u>
15.5	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>344,000</u>	<u>344,000</u>
15.6	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>218,000</u>	<u>218,000</u>

15.7 (a) \$319,000 the first year and \$319,000 the
15.8 second year are for environmental research
15.9 relating to mine permitting, of which \$200,000
15.10 each year is from the minerals management
15.11 account in the natural resources fund and
15.12 \$119,000 each year is from the general fund.

15.13 (b) \$3,383,000 the first year and \$3,383,000
15.14 the second year are from the minerals
15.15 management account in the natural resources
15.16 fund for use as provided under Minnesota
15.17 Statutes, section 93.2236, paragraph (c), for
15.18 mineral resource management, projects to
15.19 enhance future mineral income, and projects
15.20 to promote new mineral-resource
15.21 opportunities.

15.22 (c) \$218,000 the first year and \$218,000 the
15.23 second year are transferred from the forest
15.24 suspense account to the permanent school fund
15.25 and are appropriated from the permanent
15.26 school fund to secure maximum long-term
15.27 economic return from the school trust lands
15.28 consistent with fiduciary responsibilities and
15.29 sound natural resources conservation and
15.30 management principles.

15.31 (d) \$338,000 the first year and \$338,000 the
15.32 second year are from the water management
15.33 account in the natural resources fund for only
15.34 the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes,
15.35 section 103G.27, subdivision 2.

17.1 (e) \$2,598,000 the first year and \$2,598,000
17.2 the second year are from the heritage
17.3 enhancement account in the game and fish
17.4 fund for only the purposes specified in
17.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
17.6 paragraph (h), clause (1).

17.7 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000
17.8 the second year are from the nongame wildlife
17.9 management account in the natural resources
17.10 fund for nongame wildlife management.

17.11 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
17.12 290.431, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
17.13 the second year may be used for nongame
17.14 wildlife information, education, and
17.15 promotion.

17.16 (g) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
17.17 section 84.943, \$48,000 the first year and
17.18 \$48,000 the second year from the critical
17.19 habitat private sector matching account may
17.20 be used to publicize the critical habitat license
17.21 plate match program.

17.22 (h) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
17.23 the second year are for the following activities:

17.24 (1) financial reimbursement and technical
17.25 support to soil and water conservation districts
17.26 or other local units of government for
17.27 groundwater-level monitoring;

17.28 (2) surface water monitoring and analysis,
17.29 including installing monitoring gauges;

17.30 (3) groundwater analysis to assist with
17.31 water-appropriation permitting decisions;

17.32 (4) permit application review incorporating
17.33 surface water and groundwater technical
17.34 analysis;

18.1 (5) precipitation data and analysis to improve
 18.2 irrigation use;
 18.3 (6) information technology, including
 18.4 electronic permitting and integrated data
 18.5 systems; and
 18.6 (7) compliance and monitoring.
 18.7 (i) \$410,000 the first year and \$410,000 the
 18.8 second year are from the heritage enhancement
 18.9 account in the game and fish fund and
 18.10 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 18.11 second year are from the general fund for the
 18.12 Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research
 18.13 Center at the University of Minnesota to
 18.14 prioritize, support, and develop research-based
 18.15 solutions that can reduce the effects of aquatic
 18.16 invasive species in Minnesota by preventing
 18.17 spread, controlling populations, and managing
 18.18 ecosystems and to advance knowledge to
 18.19 inspire action by others.

18.20 Subd. 4. Forest Management 60,199,000 60,199,000

18.21 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>42,421,000</u>	<u>42,421,000</u>
<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>16,161,000</u>	<u>16,161,000</u>
<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>

18.26 (a) \$7,521,000 the first year and \$7,521,000
 18.27 the second year are for prevention,
 18.28 presuppression, and suppression costs of
 18.29 emergency firefighting and other costs
 18.30 incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section
 18.31 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for
 18.32 presuppression and suppression costs during
 18.33 the biennium is appropriated from the general
 18.34 fund. By January 15 each year, the

19.1 commissioner of natural resources must submit
19.2 a report to the chairs and ranking minority
19.3 members of the house and senate committees
19.4 and divisions having jurisdiction over
19.5 environment and natural resources finance that
19.6 identifies all firefighting costs incurred and
19.7 reimbursements received in the prior fiscal
19.8 year. These appropriations may not be
19.9 transferred. Any reimbursement of firefighting
19.10 expenditures made to the commissioner from
19.11 any source other than federal mobilizations
19.12 must be deposited into the general fund.

19.13 (b) \$15,661,000 the first year and \$15,661,000
19.14 the second year are from the forest
19.15 management investment account in the natural
19.16 resources fund for only the purposes specified
19.17 in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.039,
19.18 subdivision 2.

19.19 (c) \$1,617,000 the first year and \$1,617,000
19.20 the second year are from the heritage
19.21 enhancement account in the game and fish
19.22 fund to advance ecological classification
19.23 systems (ECS), forest habitat, and invasive
19.24 species management.

19.25 (d) \$926,000 the first year and \$926,000 the
19.26 second year are for the Forest Resources
19.27 Council to implement the Sustainable Forest
19.28 Resources Act.

19.29 (e) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
19.30 second year are from the forest management
19.31 investment account in the natural resources
19.32 fund for forest road maintenance on state
19.33 forest roads.

20.1 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 20.2 second year are for forest road maintenance
 20.3 on county forest roads.

20.4 (g) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
 20.5 second year are for grants to local and Tribal
 20.6 governments and nonprofit organizations to
 20.7 enhance community forest ecosystem health
 20.8 and sustainability under Minnesota Statutes,
 20.9 section 88.82. The commissioner may use a
 20.10 reasonable amount of this appropriation for
 20.11 administering ReLeaf grants.

20.12 **Subd. 5. Parks and Trails Management** 109,847,000 109,847,000

20.13 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
20.15 <u>General</u>	<u>35,724,000</u>	<u>35,724,000</u>
20.16 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>71,823,000</u>	<u>71,823,000</u>
20.17 <u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>

20.18 (a) \$8,735,000 the first year and \$8,735,000
 20.19 the second year are from the natural resources
 20.20 fund for state trail, park, and recreation area
 20.21 operations. This appropriation is from revenue
 20.22 deposited in the natural resources fund under
 20.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 20.24 paragraph (h), clause (2).

20.25 (b) \$22,078,000 the first year and \$22,078,000
 20.26 the second year are from the state parks
 20.27 account in the natural resources fund to
 20.28 operate and maintain state parks and state
 20.29 recreation areas.

20.30 (c) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
 20.31 the second year are from the natural resources
 20.32 fund for park and trail grants to local units of
 20.33 government on land to be maintained for at
 20.34 least 20 years for parks or trails. Priority must

21.1 be given for projects that are in underserved
21.2 communities or that increase access to persons
21.3 with disabilities. This appropriation is from
21.4 revenue deposited in the natural resources fund
21.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
21.6 paragraph (h), clause (4). Any unencumbered
21.7 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
21.8 year and is available for the second year.

21.9 (d) \$9,624,000 the first year and \$9,624,000
21.10 the second year are from the snowmobile trails
21.11 and enforcement account in the natural
21.12 resources fund for the snowmobile
21.13 grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered
21.14 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
21.15 year and is available for the second year.

21.16 (e) \$2,435,000 the first year and \$2,435,000
21.17 the second year are from the natural resources
21.18 fund for the off-highway vehicle grants-in-aid
21.19 program. Of this amount, \$1,960,000 each
21.20 year is from the all-terrain vehicle account,
21.21 \$150,000 each year is from the off-highway
21.22 motorcycle account, and \$325,000 each year
21.23 is from the off-road vehicle account. Any
21.24 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
21.25 end of the first year and is available for the
21.26 second year.

21.27 (f) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
21.28 the second year are from the state land and
21.29 water conservation account in the natural
21.30 resources fund for priorities established by the
21.31 commissioner for eligible state projects and
21.32 administrative and planning activities
21.33 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
21.34 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water
21.35 Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered

22.1 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
 22.2 year and is available for the second year.

22.3 (g) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 22.4 second year are for matching grants for local
 22.5 parks and outdoor recreation areas under
 22.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019,
 22.7 subdivision 2.

22.8 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 22.9 second year are for matching grants for local
 22.10 trail connections under Minnesota Statutes,
 22.11 section 85.019, subdivision 4c.

22.12 (i) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
 22.13 second year are from the natural resources
 22.14 fund for projects and activities that connect
 22.15 diverse and underserved Minnesotans through
 22.16 expanding cultural environmental experiences,
 22.17 exploration of their environment, and outdoor
 22.18 recreational activities. This appropriation is
 22.19 from revenue deposited in the natural
 22.20 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 22.21 section 297A.94, paragraph (j).

22.22 **Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management** 95,772,000 95,772,000

22.23 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>8,417,000</u>	<u>8,417,000</u>
<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>2,082,000</u>	<u>2,082,000</u>
<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>85,273,000</u>	<u>85,273,000</u>

22.28 (a) \$11,842,000 the first year and \$11,842,000
 22.29 the second year are from the heritage
 22.30 enhancement account in the game and fish
 22.31 fund only for activities specified under
 22.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 22.33 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding
 22.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five

23.1 percent of this appropriation may be used for
23.2 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and
23.3 retention.

23.4 (b) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000
23.5 the second year are from the deer management
23.6 account in the game and fish fund for the
23.7 purposes identified in Minnesota Statutes,
23.8 section 97A.075, subdivision 1.

23.9 (c) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
23.10 second year are from the heritage enhancement
23.11 account in the game and fish fund for grants
23.12 for natural-resource-based education and
23.13 recreation programs serving youth under
23.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976. The
23.15 commissioner may use a reasonable amount
23.16 of this appropriation for administering grants
23.17 authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section
23.18 84.976. Priority must be given to projects
23.19 benefiting underserved communities.

23.20 (d) Up to \$2,225,000 the first year and up to
23.21 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for
23.22 transfer from the critical habitat private sector
23.23 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota
23.24 fund for wildlife management areas
23.25 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement
23.26 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
23.27 84.943, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

23.28 (e) \$3,532,000 the first year and \$3,532,000
23.29 the second year are from the general fund and
23.30 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the
23.31 second year are from the game and fish fund
23.32 for statewide response and management of
23.33 chronic wasting disease. Of this amount, up
23.34 to \$2,750,000 each year from the general fund
23.35 is for inspections, investigations, and

24.1 enforcement activities taken for the
 24.2 white-tailed deer farm program.

24.3 **Subd. 7. Enforcement** 62,738,000 62,738,000

24.4 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
24.6 <u>General</u>	<u>14,075,000</u>	<u>14,075,000</u>
24.7 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>14,193,000</u>	<u>14,193,000</u>
24.8 <u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>34,353,000</u>	<u>34,353,000</u>
24.9 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>

24.10 (a) \$1,718,000 the first year and \$1,718,000
 24.11 the second year are from the general fund for
 24.12 enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of
 24.13 aquatic invasive species.

24.14 (b) \$2,980,000 the first year and \$2,980,000
 24.15 the second year are from the heritage
 24.16 enhancement account in the game and fish
 24.17 fund for only the purposes specified under
 24.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 24.19 paragraph (h), clause (1).

24.20 (c) \$1,442,000 the first year and \$1,442,000
 24.21 the second year are from the water recreation
 24.22 account in the natural resources fund for grants
 24.23 to counties for boat and water safety. Any
 24.24 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
 24.25 end of the first year and is available for the
 24.26 second year.

24.27 (d) \$315,000 the first year and \$315,000 the
 24.28 second year are from the snowmobile trails
 24.29 and enforcement account in the natural
 24.30 resources fund for grants to local law
 24.31 enforcement agencies for snowmobile
 24.32 enforcement activities. Any unencumbered
 24.33 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
 24.34 year and is available for the second year.

25.1 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
25.2 second year are from the all-terrain vehicle
25.3 account in the natural resources fund for grants
25.4 to qualifying organizations to assist in safety
25.5 and environmental education and monitoring
25.6 trails on public lands under Minnesota
25.7 Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants issued under
25.8 this paragraph must be issued through a formal
25.9 agreement with the organization. By
25.10 December 15 each year, an organization
25.11 receiving a grant under this paragraph must
25.12 report to the commissioner with details on
25.13 expenditures and outcomes from the grant. Of
25.14 this appropriation, \$25,000 each year is for
25.15 administering these grants. Any unencumbered
25.16 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
25.17 year and is available for the second year.

25.18 (f) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the
25.19 second year are from the natural resources
25.20 fund for grants to county law enforcement
25.21 agencies for off-highway vehicle enforcement
25.22 and public education activities based on
25.23 off-highway vehicle use in the county. Of this
25.24 amount, \$498,000 each year is from the
25.25 all-terrain vehicle account, \$11,000 each year
25.26 is from the off-highway motorcycle account,
25.27 and \$1,000 each year is from the off-road
25.28 vehicle account. The county enforcement
25.29 agencies may use money received under this
25.30 appropriation to make grants to other local
25.31 enforcement agencies within the county that
25.32 have a high concentration of off-highway
25.33 vehicle use. Of this appropriation, \$25,000
25.34 each year is for administering the grants. Any
25.35 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the

26.1 end of the first year and is available for the
 26.2 second year.

26.3 (g) \$20,000 the first year and \$20,000 the
 26.4 second year are from the off-highway
 26.5 motorcycle account in the natural resources
 26.6 fund for grants to qualifying off-highway
 26.7 motorcycle organizations to assist in providing
 26.8 safety and environmental education and
 26.9 monitoring trails on public lands according to
 26.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants
 26.11 awarded under this paragraph must be issued
 26.12 through a formal agreement with the
 26.13 organization. By December 15 each year, an
 26.14 organization receiving a grant under this
 26.15 paragraph must report to the commissioner
 26.16 with details on how the money was expended
 26.17 and what outcomes were achieved.

26.18 **Subd. 8. Pass Through Funds** 1,815,000 1,815,000

26.19 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>221,000</u>	<u>221,000</u>
<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>
<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>484,000</u>	<u>484,000</u>

26.24 (a) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the
 26.25 second year are from the natural resources
 26.26 fund for grants to be divided equally between
 26.27 the city of St. Paul for the Como Park Zoo and
 26.28 Conservatory and the city of Duluth for the
 26.29 Lake Superior Zoo. This appropriation is from
 26.30 revenue deposited to the natural resources fund
 26.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 26.32 paragraph (h), clause (5).

26.33 (b) \$221,000 the first year and \$221,000 the
 26.34 second year are for the Office of School Trust
 26.35 Lands.

27.1 (c) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
 27.2 second year are transferred from the forest
 27.3 suspense account to the permanent school fund
 27.4 and are appropriated from the permanent
 27.5 school fund for transaction and project
 27.6 management costs for divesting of school trust
 27.7 lands within Boundary Waters Canoe Area
 27.8 Wilderness.

27.9 (d) \$334,000 the first year and \$334,000 the
 27.10 second year are transferred from the forest
 27.11 suspense account to the permanent school fund
 27.12 and are appropriated from the permanent
 27.13 school fund for the Office of School Trust
 27.14 Lands.

27.15 (e) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
 27.16 second year are from the natural resources
 27.17 fund for parks and trails of regional
 27.18 significance outside the seven-county
 27.19 metropolitan area under Minnesota Statutes,
 27.20 section 85.535, based on the recommendations
 27.21 from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks
 27.22 and Trails Commission. This appropriation is
 27.23 from revenue deposited in the natural
 27.24 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 27.25 section 297A.94, paragraph (i).

27.26 Sec. 4. **BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL
27.27 RESOURCES** \$ 15,792,000 \$ 15,792,000

27.28 (a) \$3,116,000 the first year and \$3,116,000
 27.29 the second year are for grants and payments
 27.30 to soil and water conservation districts for
 27.31 accomplishing the purposes of Minnesota
 27.32 Statutes, chapter 103C, and for other general
 27.33 purposes, nonpoint engineering, and
 27.34 implementation and stewardship of the
 27.35 reinvest in Minnesota reserve program.

28.1 Expenditures may be made from this
28.2 appropriation for supplies and services
28.3 benefiting soil and water conservation
28.4 districts. Any district receiving a payment
28.5 under this paragraph must maintain a website
28.6 that publishes, at a minimum, the district's
28.7 annual report, annual audit, annual budget,
28.8 and meeting notices.

28.9 (b) \$1,560,000 the first year and \$1,560,000
28.10 the second year are for the following:

28.11 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000
28.12 the second year are for cost-sharing programs
28.13 of soil and water conservation districts for
28.14 accomplishing projects and practices
28.15 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
28.16 103C.501, including perennially vegetated
28.17 riparian buffers, erosion control, water
28.18 retention and treatment, water quality
28.19 cost-sharing for feedlots and nutrient and
28.20 manure management projects in watersheds
28.21 where there are impaired waters, and other
28.22 high-priority conservation practices; and

28.23 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
28.24 second year are for invasive species and weed
28.25 management programs and to restore native
28.26 plants at selected invasive species management
28.27 sites.

28.28 (c) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the
28.29 second year are to provide technical assistance
28.30 to local drainage management officials and
28.31 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The
28.32 board must coordinate the activities of the
28.33 Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota
28.34 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.

29.1 (d) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
29.2 second year are for a grant to the Red River
29.3 Basin Commission for water quality and
29.4 floodplain management, including program
29.5 administration. This appropriation must be
29.6 matched by nonstate funds.

29.7 (e) \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
29.8 second year are for grants to Area II
29.9 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain
29.10 management.

29.11 (f) \$240,000 the first year and \$240,000 the
29.12 second year are for a grant to the Lower
29.13 Minnesota River Watershed District to defray
29.14 the annual cost of sustaining the state, national,
29.15 and international commercial and recreational
29.16 navigation on the lower Minnesota River.

29.17 (g) \$203,000 the first year and \$203,000 the
29.18 second year are for soil health programming
29.19 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
29.20 103F.06, and for coordination with the
29.21 University of Minnesota Office for Soil
29.22 Health.

29.23 (h) \$3,423,000 the first year and \$3,423,000
29.24 the second year are for natural resources block
29.25 grants to local governments to implement the
29.26 Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland
29.27 management program under Minnesota
29.28 Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water
29.29 management responsibilities under Minnesota
29.30 Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce
29.31 the amount of the natural resources block grant
29.32 to a county by an amount equal to any
29.33 reduction in the county's general services
29.34 allocation to a soil and water conservation
29.35 district from the county's previous year

30.1 allocation when the board determines that the
30.2 reduction was disproportionate.

30.3 (i) \$6,844,000 the first year and \$6,844,000
30.4 the second year are for agency administration
30.5 and operation of the Board of Water and Soil
30.6 Resources.

30.7 (j) The board may shift funds in this section
30.8 and may adjust the technical and
30.9 administrative assistance portion of the funds
30.10 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or
30.11 to address accountability, oversight, local
30.12 government performance, or high-priority
30.13 needs.

30.14 (k) The appropriations for grants and payments
30.15 in this section are available until June 30,
30.16 2029, except returned grants and payments
30.17 are available for two years after they are
30.18 returned or regranted, whichever is later.

30.19 Funds must be used consistent with the
30.20 purposes of this section. If an appropriation
30.21 for grants in either year is insufficient, the
30.22 appropriation in the other year is available for
30.23 it.

30.24 (1) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
30.25 section 16B.97, grants awarded from
30.26 appropriations in this section are exempt from
30.27 the Department of Administration, Office of
30.28 Grants Management Policy 08-08 Grant
30.29 Payments and 08-10 Grant Monitoring.

30.30 Sec. 5. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL \$ 11,490,000 \$ 11,490,000

Appropriations by Fund

30.32		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
30.33	<u>General</u>	<u>2,540,000</u>	<u>2,540,000</u>
30.34	Natural Resources	8,950,000	8,950,000

31.1 (a) \$2,540,000 the first year and \$2,540,000
 31.2 the second year are for metropolitan-area
 31.3 regional parks operation and maintenance
 31.4 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
 31.5 473.351.

31.6 (b) \$8,950,000 the first year and \$8,950,000
 31.7 the second year are from the natural resources
 31.8 fund for metropolitan-area regional parks and
 31.9 trails maintenance and operations. This
 31.10 appropriation is from revenue deposited in the
 31.11 natural resources fund under Minnesota
 31.12 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),
 31.13 clause (3).

31.14 **Sec. 6. CONSERVATION CORPS**
 31.15 **MINNESOTA AND IOWA** \$ 1,070,000 \$ 1,070,000

31.16 **Appropriations by Fund**

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>580,000</u>	<u>580,000</u>
<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>490,000</u>	<u>490,000</u>

31.20 Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa may
 31.21 receive money appropriated from the natural
 31.22 resources fund under this section only as
 31.23 provided in an agreement with the
 31.24 commissioner of natural resources.

31.25 **Sec. 7. ZOOLOGICAL BOARD** \$ 13,837,000 \$ 13,837,000

31.26 **Appropriations by Fund**

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>13,582,000</u>	<u>13,582,000</u>
<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>255,000</u>	<u>255,000</u>

31.30 \$255,000 the first year and \$255,000 the
 31.31 second year are from the natural resources
 31.32 fund from revenue deposited under Minnesota
 31.33 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),
 31.34 clause (5).

32.1 Sec. 8. **SCIENCE MUSEUM** **\$** **1,260,000** **\$** **1,260,000**

32.2 Sec. 9. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

32.3 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$** **305,345,000** **\$** **226,638,000**

32.5 Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
32.7		100,098,000
32.8 General	179,534,000	<u>97,098,000</u>
32.9 State Government		
32.10 Special Revenue	85,000	90,000
32.11 Environmental	106,055,000	109,203,000
32.12 Remediation	19,671,000	20,247,000

32.13 The amounts that may be spent for each
32.14 purpose are specified in the following
32.15 subdivisions.

32.16 The commissioner must present the agency's
32.17 biennial budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027
32.18 to the legislature in a transparent way by
32.19 agency division, including the proposed
32.20 budget bill and presentations of the budget to
32.21 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
32.22 over the agency's budget.

32.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

32.24 Sec. 10. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

32.25 **Subd. 2. Environmental Analysis and Outcomes** **72,785,000**
32.26 **79,311,000** **69,785,000**

32.27 Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
32.29		53,047,000
32.30 General	60,103,000	<u>50,047,000</u>
32.31 Environmental	18,959,000	19,533,000
32.32 Remediation	249,000	205,000

32.33 (a) \$122,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
32.34 second year are from the general fund for:

33.1 (1) a municipal liaison to assist municipalities
33.2 in implementing and participating in the
33.3 rulemaking process for water quality standards
33.4 and navigating the NPDES/SDS permitting
33.5 process;

33.6 (2) enhanced economic analysis in the
33.7 rulemaking process for water quality
33.8 standards, including more-specific analysis
33.9 and identification of cost-effective permitting;

33.10 (3) developing statewide economic analyses
33.11 and templates to reduce the amount of
33.12 information and time required for
33.13 municipalities to apply for variances from
33.14 water quality standards; and

33.15 (4) coordinating with the Public Facilities
33.16 Authority to identify and advocate for the
33.17 resources needed for urban, suburban, and
33.18 Greater Minnesota municipalities to achieve
33.19 permit requirements.

33.20 (b) \$216,000 the first year and \$219,000 the
33.21 second year are from the environmental fund
33.22 for a monitoring program under Minnesota
33.23 Statutes, section 116.454.

33.24 (c) \$132,000 the first year and \$137,000 the
33.25 second year are for monitoring water quality
33.26 and operating assistance programs.

33.27 (d) \$390,000 the first year and \$399,000 the
33.28 second year are from the environmental fund
33.29 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous
33.30 pollutants.

33.31 (e) \$106,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
33.32 second year are from the environmental fund
33.33 for duties related to harmful chemicals in
33.34 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,

34.1 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this
34.2 amount, \$68,000 the first year and \$70,000
34.3 the second year are transferred to the
34.4 commissioner of health.

34.5 (f) \$128,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
34.6 second year are from the environmental fund
34.7 for registering wastewater laboratories.

34.8 (g) \$1,492,000 the first year and \$1,519,000
34.9 the second year are from the environmental
34.10 fund to continue perfluorochemical
34.11 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan
34.12 communities, as recommended by the
34.13 Environmental Health Tracking and
34.14 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address
34.15 other environmental health risks, including air
34.16 quality. The communities must include Hmong
34.17 and other immigrant farming communities.

34.18 Of this amount, up to \$1,226,000 the first year
34.19 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer
34.20 to the commissioner of health.

34.21 (h) \$61,000 the first year and \$62,000 the
34.22 second year are from the environmental fund
34.23 for the listing procedures for impaired waters
34.24 required under this act.

34.25 (i) \$72,000 the first year and \$74,000 the
34.26 second year are from the remediation fund for
34.27 the leaking underground storage tank program
34.28 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
34.29 releases from underground petroleum storage
34.30 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
34.31 program for vapor assessment and
34.32 remediation. These same annual amounts are
34.33 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
34.34 the remediation fund.

35.1 (j) \$500,000 the first year is to facilitate the
35.2 collaboration and modeling of greenhouse gas
35.3 impacts, costs, and benefits of strategies to
35.4 reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.

35.5 This is a onetime appropriation.

35.6 (k) \$50,266,000 the first year and ~~\$50,270,000~~

35.7 \$47,270,000 the second year are to establish
35.8 and implement a local government climate
35.9 resiliency and water infrastructure grant

35.10 program for local governmental units and

35.11 Tribal governments. Of this amount,

35.12 ~~\$49,100,000 each the first year is and~~

35.13 \$46,100,000 the second year are for grants to

35.14 support communities in planning and

35.15 implementing projects that will allow for

35.16 adaptation for a changing climate. At least 40

35.17 percent of the money granted under this

35.18 paragraph must be for projects in areas that

35.19 meet environmental justice criteria. By

35.20 December 30, 2027, the commissioner must

35.21 submit a report on the use of grant money to

35.22 the chairs and ranking minority members of

35.23 the legislative committees with jurisdiction

35.24 over environment and natural resources

35.25 finance. This appropriation is available until

35.26 June 30, 2027. The base for this appropriation

35.27 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$270,000.

35.28 (l) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to the

35.29 city of Fergus Falls to address water-quality

35.30 concerns at Lake Alice.

35.31 (m) \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to

35.32 Rice County to address water-quality concerns

35.33 at French Lake.

36.1 (n) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to
36.2 Ramsey County to address water-quality
36.3 concerns at Round Lake.

36.4 (o) Recipients of money appropriated in
36.5 paragraphs (l), (m), and (n) may use the grants
36.6 to contract for water-quality improvement
36.7 services, testing, necessary infrastructure,
36.8 training, and maintenance.

36.9 (p) \$2,070,000 the first year and \$2,070,000
36.10 the second year are from the environmental
36.11 fund to develop and implement a program
36.12 related to emerging issues, including
36.13 *Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint*.

36.14 (q) \$1,820,000 the first year and \$1,820,000
36.15 the second year are from the environmental
36.16 fund to support improved management of data
36.17 collected by the agency and its partners and
36.18 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making
36.19 and public access.

36.20 (r) \$500,000 the first year is from the general
36.21 fund for the report on firefighter turnout gear
36.22 and biomonitoring required under this act. Of
36.23 this amount, up to \$250,000 may be
36.24 transferred to the commissioner of health for
36.25 biomonitoring of firefighters.

36.26 (s) \$500,000 the first year is to develop
36.27 protocols to be used by agencies and
36.28 departments for sampling and testing
36.29 groundwater, surface water, public drinking
36.30 water, and private wells for microplastics and
36.31 nanoplastics and to begin implementation. The
36.32 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency
36.33 may transfer money appropriated under this
36.34 paragraph to the commissioners of agriculture,

37.1 natural resources, and health to implement the
37.2 protocols developed. This is a onetime
37.3 appropriation and is available until June 30,
37.4 2025.

37.5 (t) \$50,000 the first year is from the
37.6 remediation fund for the work group on PFAS
37.7 manufacturer fees and report required under
37.8 this act.

37.9 (u) \$387,000 the first year and \$90,000 the
37.10 second year are to develop and implement the
37.11 requirements for fish kills under Minnesota
37.12 Statutes, sections 103G.216 and 103G.2165.

37.13 Of this amount, up to \$331,000 the first year
37.14 and \$90,000 the second year may be
37.15 transferred to the commissioners of health,
37.16 natural resources, agriculture, and public
37.17 safety and to the Board of Regents of the
37.18 University of Minnesota as necessary to
37.19 implement those sections. The base for this
37.20 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and beyond
37.21 is \$7,000.

37.22 (v) \$63,000 the first year and \$92,000 the
37.23 second year are for transfer to the
37.24 commissioner of health for amending the
37.25 health risk limit for PFOS. This is a onetime
37.26 appropriation and is available until June 30,
37.27 2026.

37.28 (w) \$5,000,000 the first year is for community
37.29 air-monitoring grants as provided in this act.
37.30 This is a onetime appropriation and is
37.31 available until June 30, 2027.

37.32 (x) \$2,333,000 the first year and \$2,333,000
37.33 the second year are to adopt rules and
37.34 implement air toxics emissions requirements

38.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.
38.2 The general fund appropriations are onetime
38.3 and are available until June 30, 2027. The base
38.4 for this appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2026
38.5 and \$1,400,000 from the environmental fund
38.6 in fiscal year 2027 and beyond.

38.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

38.8 Sec. 11. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

38.9 **Subd. 7. Resource Management and Assistance** 82,000,000 57,974,000

38.10 **Appropriations by Fund**

	2024	2025
38.12 General	38,464,000	13,850,000
38.13 Environmental	43,536,000	44,124,000

38.14 (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000
38.15 the second year may be transferred from the
38.16 environmental fund to the small business
38.17 environmental improvement loan account
38.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

38.19 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
38.20 the second year are for competitive recycling
38.21 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
38.22 115A.565. Of this amount, \$300,000 the first
38.23 year and \$300,000 the second year are from
38.24 the general fund, and \$700,000 the first year
38.25 and \$700,000 the second year are from the
38.26 environmental fund. This appropriation is
38.27 available until June 30, 2027.

38.28 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the
38.29 second year are from the environmental fund
38.30 for emission-reduction activities and grants to
38.31 small businesses and other
38.32 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this
38.33 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000

39.1 the second year are to continue work with
39.2 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner
39.3 may enter into an agreement with
39.4 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.

39.5 (d) \$18,450,000 the first year and \$18,450,000
39.6 the second year are from the environmental
39.7 fund for SCORE block grants to counties.

39.8 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the
39.9 second year are from the environmental fund
39.10 for environmental assistance grants or loans
39.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.

39.12 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
39.13 second year are from the environmental fund
39.14 for grants to develop and expand recycling
39.15 markets for Minnesota businesses. This
39.16 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

39.17 (g) \$767,000 the first year and \$770,000 the
39.18 second year are from the environmental fund
39.19 for reducing and diverting food waste,
39.20 redirecting edible food for consumption, and
39.21 removing barriers to collecting and recovering
39.22 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each
39.23 year is for grants to increase food rescue and
39.24 waste prevention. This appropriation is
39.25 available until June 30, 2027.

39.26 (h) \$2,797,000 the first year and \$2,811,000
39.27 the second year are from the environmental
39.28 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
39.29 section 473.844.

39.30 (i) \$318,000 the first year and \$324,000 the
39.31 second year are from the environmental fund
39.32 to address chemicals in products, including to
39.33 implement and enforce flame retardant
39.34 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section

40.1 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and
40.2 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging
40.3 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
40.4 325F.075. Of this amount, \$78,000 the first
40.5 year and \$80,000 the second year are
40.6 transferred to the commissioner of health.

40.7 (j) \$180,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
40.8 second year are for quantifying climate-related
40.9 impacts from projects for environmental
40.10 review. This is a onetime appropriation. This
40.11 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

40.12 (k) \$1,790,000 the first year and \$70,000 the
40.13 second year are for accelerating pollution
40.14 prevention at small businesses. Of this amount,
40.15 \$1,720,000 the first year is for transfer to the
40.16 environmental fund for zero-interest loans
40.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993, to
40.18 phase out high-polluting equipment, products,
40.19 and processes and replace with new options.
40.20 This appropriation is available until June 30,
40.21 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

40.22 (l) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the
40.23 second year are to support the Greenstep Cities
40.24 program. This is a onetime appropriation. This
40.25 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

40.26 (m) \$420,000 the first year is to complete a
40.27 study on the viability of recycling solar energy
40.28 equipment. This is a onetime appropriation
40.29 and is available until June 30, 2026.

40.30 (n) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
40.31 second year are from the environmental fund
40.32 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.

40.33 (o) \$4,210,000 the first year and \$210,000 the
40.34 second year are for PFAS reduction grants.

41.1 Of this amount, \$4,000,000 the first year is
41.2 for grants to industry and public entities to
41.3 identify sources of PFAS entering facilities
41.4 and to develop pollution prevention and
41.5 reduction initiatives to reduce PFAS entering
41.6 facilities, prevent releases, and monitor the
41.7 effectiveness of these projects. Priority must
41.8 be given to projects in underserved
41.9 communities. This is a onetime appropriation
41.10 and is available until June 30, 2027.

41.11 (p) \$12,940,000 the first year and \$12,940,000
41.12 the second year are for a waste prevention and
41.13 reduction grants and loan program. This is a
41.14 onetime appropriation and is available until
41.15 June 30, 2027. Of this amount in the first year,
41.16 \$7,950,000 is for waste prevention and
41.17 reduction grants and loans and \$3,000,000 is
41.18 for a grant to the owner of a biomass energy
41.19 generation plant in Shakopee that uses waste
41.20 heat from the generation of electricity in the
41.21 malting process to purchase a wood dehydrator
41.22 to facilitate disposal of wood that is infested
41.23 by the emerald ash borer. Of this amount in
41.24 the second year, \$10,950,000 is for waste
41.25 prevention and reduction grants and loans,
41.26 including \$1,000,000 for transfer to the
41.27 environmental fund for the purposes of
41.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716. By
41.29 October 1, 2024, the commissioner of the
41.30 Pollution Control Agency must report to the
41.31 chairs and ranking minority members of the
41.32 legislative committees and divisions with
41.33 jurisdiction over environment and natural
41.34 resources on the use of money appropriated
41.35 for the wood dehydrator under this paragraph.

42.1 (q) \$16,562,000 the first year is for grants to
42.2 a Minnesota nonprofit corporation that owns
42.3 a cogeneration facility that serves a St. Paul
42.4 district heating and cooling system to preserve
42.5 existing biomass energy infrastructure for
42.6 purposes of local and regional emerald ash
42.7 borer response efforts. The commissioner of
42.8 the Pollution Control Agency may require the
42.9 nonprofit corporation to charge a fee per ton
42.10 of wood waste delivered to the facility. This
42.11 is a onetime appropriation and is available
42.12 until June 30, 2030.

42.13 (r) \$1,163,000 the first year and \$1,115,000
42.14 the second year are from the environmental
42.15 fund for rulemaking and implementation of
42.16 the new PFAS requirements under Minnesota
42.17 Statutes, section 116.943. Of this amount,
42.18 \$312,000 the first year and \$468,000 the
42.19 second year are for transfer to the
42.20 commissioner of health.

42.21 (s) \$680,000 the first year is for the resource
42.22 management report required in this act. This
42.23 is a onetime appropriation and is available
42.24 until June 30, 2026.

42.25 (t) \$35,000 the second year is from the
42.26 environmental fund for the compostable
42.27 labeling requirements under Minnesota
42.28 Statutes, section 325E.046. The base for this
42.29 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond
42.30 is \$68,000 from the environmental fund.

42.31 (u) \$175,000 the first year is for the
42.32 rulemaking required under this act providing
42.33 for the safe and lawful disposal of waste
42.34 treated seed. This appropriation is available
42.35 until June 30, 2025.

43.1 (v) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a lead tackle
43.2 reduction program that provides outreach,
43.3 education, and opportunities to safely dispose
43.4 of and exchange lead tackle throughout the
43.5 state. This is a onetime appropriation and is
43.6 available until June 30, 2027.

43.7 (w) \$17,000 the first year is for rulemaking
43.8 for the capital assistance program. This is a
43.9 onetime appropriation.

43.10 (x) Any unencumbered grant and loan
43.11 balances in the first year do not cancel but are
43.12 available for grants and loans in the second
43.13 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
43.14 section 16A.28, the appropriations
43.15 encumbered on or before June 30, 2025, as
43.16 contracts or grants for environmental
43.17 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,
43.18 section 115A.0716; technical and research
43.19 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section
43.20 115A.152; technical assistance under
43.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and
43.22 pollution prevention assistance under
43.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are
43.24 available until June 30, 2027.

43.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.

43.26 Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

43.27 **535,868,000**
43.28 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** \$ 530,868,000 \$ 403,116,000

43.29 Appropriations by Fund

		2024	2025
43.30			
43.31		<u>281,054,000</u>	
43.32	General	<u>276,054,000</u>	150,078,000
43.33	Natural Resources	123,986,000	123,706,000
43.34	Game and Fish	129,920,000	128,513,000

44.1	Remediation	117,000	117,000
44.2	Permanent School	791,000	702,000

44.3 The amounts that may be spent for each
 44.4 purpose are specified in the following
 44.5 subdivisions.

44.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

44.7 Sec. 13. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

44.8
 44.9 **Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management** ~~111,125,000~~
106,125,000 96,963,000

44.10 Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
44.12	23,643,000	
44.13 General	<u>18,643,000</u>	9,888,000
44.14 Natural Resources	2,082,000	2,082,000
44.15 Game and Fish	85,400,000	84,993,000

44.16 (a) \$11,158,000 the first year and \$11,158,000

44.17 the second year are from the heritage
 44.18 enhancement account in the game and fish
 44.19 fund only for activities specified under
 44.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 44.21 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding
 44.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five
 44.23 percent of this appropriation may be used for
 44.24 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and
 44.25 retention.

44.26 (b) \$982,000 the first year and \$982,000 the
 44.27 second year are from the general fund and
 44.28 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the
 44.29 second year are from the game and fish fund
 44.30 for statewide response and management of
 44.31 chronic wasting disease. The commissioner
 44.32 and the Board of Animal Health must each
 44.33 submit annual reports on chronic wasting
 44.34 disease activities funded in this biennium to

45.1 the chairs and ranking minority members of
45.2 the legislative committees and divisions with
45.3 jurisdiction over environment and natural
45.4 resources and agriculture. The general fund
45.5 base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026
45.6 and beyond is \$282,000.

45.7 (c) \$5,150,000 the first year and \$3,250,000
45.8 the second year are for inspections,
45.9 investigations, and enforcement activities
45.10 taken for the white-tailed deer farm program
45.11 and for statewide response and management
45.12 of chronic wasting disease. This appropriation
45.13 is available until June 30, 2029.

45.14 (d) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000
45.15 the second year are from the deer management
45.16 account for the purposes identified in
45.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.075,
45.18 subdivision 1.

45.19 (e) \$268,000 the first year and \$268,000 the
45.20 second year are for increased capacity for
45.21 broadband utility licensing for state lands and
45.22 public waters. This is a onetime appropriation
45.23 and is available until June 30, 2028.

45.24 (f) ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$5,000,000 the first year is
45.25 for enhancing prairies and grasslands and
45.26 restoring wetlands on state-owned wildlife
45.27 management areas to sequester more carbon
45.28 and enhance climate resiliency. This is a
45.29 onetime appropriation and is available until
45.30 June 30, 2027.

45.31 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
45.32 second year are from the general fund and
45.33 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
45.34 second year are from the heritage enhancement

46.1 account in the game and fish fund for grants
46.2 for natural-resource-based education and
46.3 recreation programs serving youth under
46.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976, and for
46.5 grant administration. Priority must be given
46.6 to projects benefiting underserved
46.7 communities. The base for this appropriation
46.8 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$500,000
46.9 from the heritage enhancement account in the
46.10 game and fish fund. The general fund
46.11 appropriation is onetime.

46.12 (h) \$2,300,000 the first year is for a grant to
46.13 the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior
46.14 Chippewa to expand Minnesota's wild elk
46.15 population and range. Consideration must be
46.16 given to moving elk from existing herds in
46.17 northwest Minnesota to the area of the Fond
46.18 du Lac State Forest and the Fond du Lac
46.19 Reservation in Carlton and southern St. Louis
46.20 Counties. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake
46.21 Superior Chippewa's elk reintroduction efforts
46.22 must undergo thorough planning with the
46.23 Department of Natural Resources to develop
46.24 necessary capture and handling protocols,
46.25 including protocols related to cervid disease
46.26 management, and to produce postrelease state
46.27 and Tribal elk comanagement plans. Of this
46.28 amount, \$300,000 is for the department for
46.29 the purposes of this paragraph. This is a
46.30 onetime appropriation and is available until
46.31 June 30, 2026.

46.32 (i) \$767,000 the first year is from the heritage
46.33 enhancement account in the game and fish
46.34 fund to examine the effects of neonicotinoid
46.35 exposure on the reproduction and survival of

47.1 Minnesota's game species, including deer and
47.2 prairie chicken. This is a onetime
47.3 appropriation and is available until June 30,
47.4 2027.

47.5 (j) \$134,000 the first year and \$134,000 the
47.6 second year are from the heritage enhancement
47.7 account in the game and fish fund for native
47.8 fish conservation and classification.

47.9 (k) \$82,000 the first year is for the native fish
47.10 reports required under this act. This is a
47.11 onetime appropriation.

47.12 (l) \$65,000 the first year is for preparing the
47.13 report on feral pigs and mink required under
47.14 this act and holding at least one public meeting
47.15 on the topic.

47.16 (m) Up to \$5,750,000 the first year and up to
47.17 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for
47.18 transfer from the critical habitat private sector
47.19 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota
47.20 fund for wildlife management areas
47.21 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement
47.22 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
47.23 84.943, subdivision 5b.

47.24 (n) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
47.25 section 297A.94, \$300,000 the first year and
47.26 \$300,000 the second year are from the heritage
47.27 enhancement account in the game and fish
47.28 fund for shooting sports facility grants under
47.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10, including
47.30 grants for archery facilities. Grants must be
47.31 matched with a nonstate match, which may
47.32 include in-kind contributions. This is a
47.33 onetime appropriation and is available until

48.1 June 30, 2026. This appropriation must be
48.2 allocated as follows:

48.3 (1) \$200,000 each fiscal year is for grants of
48.4 \$25,000 or less; and

48.5 (2) \$100,000 each fiscal year is for grants in
48.6 excess of \$25,000.

48.7 (o) \$75,000 the first year is from the heritage
48.8 enhancement account in the game and fish
48.9 fund for enhanced fish stocking of white bass
48.10 and crappies in lakes in the metropolitan area
48.11 that have pier and shore fishing opportunities
48.12 where communities are currently underserved.

48.13 (p) \$1,633,000 the first year is for a grant to
48.14 the Board of Regents of the University of
48.15 Minnesota for chronic wasting disease
48.16 contingency plans developed by the Center
48.17 for Infectious Disease Research and Policy.
48.18 This is a onetime appropriation.

48.19 (q) \$900,000 the first year is to create new or
48.20 expand existing outreach and education
48.21 programs for non-native English-speaking
48.22 communities. Of this amount, \$250,000 is for
48.23 the commissioner of the Pollution Control
48.24 Agency and \$250,000 is for the Board of
48.25 Water and Soil Resources for this purpose. Up
48.26 to \$400,000 may be used to expand the
48.27 Fishing in the Neighborhood program for
48.28 outreach to new and underserved audiences.
48.29 This appropriation may be used for community
48.30 outreach consultants for reaching new
48.31 audiences. This is a onetime appropriation and
48.32 is available until June 30, 2027.

48.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

49.1 Sec. 14. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

49.2 **Sec. 4. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL** **RESOURCES** **\$ 61,943,000 \$** **58,131,000**
49.3 **56,131,000**

49.4 (a) \$3,116,000 the first year and \$3,116,000
49.5 the second year are for grants and payments
49.6 to soil and water conservation districts for
49.7 accomplishing the purposes of Minnesota
49.8 Statutes, chapter 103C, and for other general
49.9 purposes, nonpoint engineering, and
49.10 implementation and stewardship of the
49.11 reinvest in Minnesota reserve program.
49.12 Expenditures may be made from this
49.13 appropriation for supplies and services
49.14 benefiting soil and water conservation
49.15 districts. Any district receiving a payment
49.16 under this paragraph must maintain a website
49.17 that publishes, at a minimum, the district's
49.18 annual report, annual audit, annual budget,
49.19 and meeting notices.

49.20 (b) \$761,000 the first year and \$761,000 the
49.21 second year are to implement, enforce, and
49.22 provide oversight for the Wetland
49.23 Conservation Act, including administering the
49.24 wetland banking program and in-lieu fee
49.25 mechanism.

49.26 (c) \$1,560,000 the first year and \$1,560,000
49.27 the second year are for the following:

49.28 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000
49.29 the second year are for cost-sharing programs
49.30 of soil and water conservation districts for
49.31 accomplishing projects and practices
49.32 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
49.33 103C.501, including perennially vegetated
49.34 riparian buffers, erosion control, water
49.35 retention and treatment, water quality

50.1 cost-sharing for feedlots under 500 animal
50.2 units and nutrient and manure management
50.3 projects in watersheds where there are
50.4 impaired waters, and other high-priority
50.5 conservation practices; and

50.6 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
50.7 second year are for county cooperative weed
50.8 management programs and to restore native
50.9 plants at selected invasive species management
50.10 sites.

50.11 (d) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the
50.12 second year are to provide technical assistance
50.13 to local drainage management officials and
50.14 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The
50.15 board must coordinate the activities of the
50.16 Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota
50.17 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.

50.18 The Drainage Work Group must review a
50.19 drainage authority's power under Minnesota
50.20 Statutes, chapter 103E, to consider the
50.21 abandonment or dismantling of drainage
50.22 systems; to re-meander, restore, or reconstruct
50.23 a natural waterway that has been modified by
50.24 drainage; or to deconstruct dikes, dams, or
50.25 other water-control structures.

50.26 (e) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
50.27 second year are for a grant to the Red River
50.28 Basin Commission for water quality and
50.29 floodplain management, including program
50.30 administration. This appropriation must be
50.31 matched by nonstate funds.

50.32 (f) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the
50.33 second year are for grants to Area II
50.34 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain

51.1 management. The base for fiscal year 2026
51.2 and later is \$140,000.

51.3 (g) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
51.4 second year are for conservation easement
51.5 stewardship.

51.6 (h) \$240,000 the first year and \$240,000 the
51.7 second year are for a grant to the Lower
51.8 Minnesota River Watershed District to defray
51.9 the annual cost of operating and maintaining
51.10 sites for dredge spoil to sustain the state,
51.11 national, and international commercial and
51.12 recreational navigation on the lower Minnesota
51.13 River.

51.14 (i) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
51.15 the second year are for the lawns to legumes
51.16 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
51.17 103B.104. The board may enter into
51.18 agreements with local governments, Metro
51.19 Blooms, and other organizations to support
51.20 this effort. This is a onetime appropriation and
51.21 is available until June 30, 2027.

51.22 (j) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
51.23 the second year are for the habitat
51.24 enhancement landscape program under
51.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.106. This is
51.26 a onetime appropriation and is available until
51.27 June 30, 2027.

51.28 (k) \$10,557,000 the first year and \$10,557,000
51.29 the second year are for soil health activities to
51.30 achieve water quality, soil productivity,
51.31 climate change resiliency, or carbon
51.32 sequestration benefits consistent with
51.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.06. This is
51.34 a onetime appropriation and is available until

52.1 June 30, 2027. The board may use grants to
52.2 local governments, including soil and water
52.3 conservation districts, and agreements with
52.4 the United States Department of Agriculture;
52.5 the University of Minnesota, Office for Soil
52.6 Health; AgCentric, Minnesota State Northern
52.7 Center of Excellence; and other practitioners
52.8 and partners to accomplish this work.

52.9 (l) \$203,000 the first year and \$203,000 the
52.10 second year are for soil health practice
52.11 adoption purposes consistent with the
52.12 cost-sharing provisions of Minnesota Statutes,
52.13 section 103C.501, and for soil health program
52.14 responsibilities in consultation with the
52.15 University of Minnesota Office for Soil
52.16 Health.

52.17 (m) \$10,500,000 the first year and
52.18 ~~\$10,500,000~~ \$8,500,000 the second year are
52.19 for conservation easements and to restore and
52.20 enhance grasslands and adjacent lands
52.21 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, sections
52.22 103F.501 to 103F.531, for the purposes of
52.23 climate resiliency, adaptation, carbon
52.24 sequestration, and related benefits. Of this
52.25 amount, up to \$423,000 is for deposit in the
52.26 water and soil conservation easement
52.27 stewardship account established under
52.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This is
52.29 a onetime appropriation and is available until
52.30 June 30, 2029. The board must give priority
52.31 to leveraging nonstate funding, including
52.32 practices, programs, and projects funded by
52.33 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the
52.34 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,
52.35 the Conservation Reserve Program, the

53.1 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal
53.2 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities
53.3 Program.

53.4 (n) \$4,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000
53.5 the second year are to acquire conservation
53.6 easements and to restore and enhance
53.7 peatlands and adjacent lands consistent with
53.8 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to
53.9 103F.531, for the purposes of climate
53.10 resiliency, adaptation, carbon sequestration,
53.11 and related benefits. Of this amount, up to
53.12 \$299,000 is for deposit in the water and soil
53.13 conservation easement stewardship account
53.14 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
53.15 103B.103. This is a onetime appropriation and
53.16 is available until June 30, 2029. The board
53.17 must give priority to leveraging nonstate
53.18 funding, including practices, programs, and
53.19 projects funded by the U.S. Department of
53.20 Agriculture via the Conservation Reserve
53.21 Enhancement Program, the Conservation
53.22 Reserve Program, the Federal Inflation
53.23 Reduction Act, the Federal Farm Bill, or the
53.24 Climate-Smart Commodities Program.

53.25 (o) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
53.26 the second year are to enhance existing
53.27 easements established under Minnesota
53.28 Statutes, sections 103F.501 to 103F.531.
53.29 Enhancements are for the purposes of climate
53.30 resiliency, adaptation, and carbon
53.31 sequestration and include but are not limited
53.32 to increasing biodiversity and mitigating the
53.33 effects of rainfall and runoff events. This is a
53.34 onetime appropriation and is available until
53.35 June 30, 2029. The board must give priority

54.1 to leveraging nonstate funding, including
54.2 practices, programs, and projects funded by
54.3 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the
54.4 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,
54.5 the Conservation Reserve Program, the
54.6 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal
54.7 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities
54.8 Program.

54.9 (p) \$8,500,000 the first year and \$8,500,000
54.10 the second year are for water quality and
54.11 storage practices and projects to protect
54.12 infrastructure, improve water quality and
54.13 related public benefits, and mitigate climate
54.14 change impacts consistent with Minnesota
54.15 Statutes, section 103F.05. This is a onetime
54.16 appropriation and is available until June 30,
54.17 2029. The board must give priority to
54.18 leveraging nonstate funding, including
54.19 practices, programs, and projects funded by
54.20 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the
54.21 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,
54.22 the Conservation Reserve Program, the
54.23 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal
54.24 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities
54.25 Program.

54.26 (q) \$4,673,000 the first year and \$4,673,000
54.27 the second year are for natural resources block
54.28 grants to local governments to implement the
54.29 Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland
54.30 management program under Minnesota
54.31 Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water
54.32 management responsibilities under Minnesota
54.33 Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce
54.34 the amount of the natural resources block grant
54.35 to a county by an amount equal to any

55.1 reduction in the county's general services
55.2 allocation to a soil and water conservation
55.3 district from the county's previous year
55.4 allocation when the board determines that the
55.5 reduction was disproportionate. The base for
55.6 this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and
55.7 beyond is \$3,423,000.

55.8 (r) \$129,000 the first year and \$136,000 the
55.9 second year are to accomplish the objectives
55.10 of Minnesota Statutes, section 10.65, and
55.11 related Tribal government coordination. The
55.12 base for fiscal year 2026 and each year
55.13 thereafter is \$144,000.

55.14 (s) \$3,000,000 the first year is to provide
55.15 onetime state incentive payments to enrollees
55.16 in the federal Conservation Reserve Program
55.17 (CRP) during the continuous enrollment
55.18 period and to enroll complementary areas in
55.19 conservation easements consistent with
55.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515. The
55.21 board may establish payment rates based on
55.22 land valuation and on environmental benefit
55.23 criteria, including but not limited to surface
55.24 water or groundwater pollution reduction,
55.25 drinking water protection, soil health,
55.26 pollinator and wildlife habitat, and other
55.27 conservation enhancements. The board may
55.28 use state funds to implement the program and
55.29 to provide technical assistance to landowners
55.30 or their agents to fulfill enrollment and
55.31 contract provisions. The board must consult
55.32 with the commissioners of agriculture, health,
55.33 natural resources, and the Pollution Control
55.34 Agency and the United States Department of
55.35 Agriculture in establishing program criteria.

56.1 This is a onetime appropriation and is
56.2 available until June 30, 2027.

56.3 (t) \$2,000,000 the first year is to acquire
56.4 conservation easements from landowners to
56.5 preserve, restore, create, and enhance wetlands
56.6 and associated uplands of prairie and
56.7 grasslands and to restore and enhance rivers
56.8 and streams, riparian lands, and associated
56.9 uplands of prairie and grasslands, in order to
56.10 protect soil and water quality, support fish and
56.11 wildlife habitat, reduce flood damage, and
56.12 provide other public benefits. Minnesota
56.13 Statutes, section 103F.515, applies to this
56.14 program. The board must give priority to
56.15 leveraging federal money by enrolling targeted
56.16 new lands or enrolling environmentally
56.17 sensitive lands that have expiring federal
56.18 conservation agreements. The board is
56.19 authorized to enter into new agreements and
56.20 amend past agreements with landowners as
56.21 required by Minnesota Statutes, section
56.22 103F.515, subdivision 5, to allow for
56.23 restoration. Up to five percent of this
56.24 appropriation may be used for restoration and
56.25 enhancement.

56.26 (u) \$5,623,000 the first year and \$5,804,000
56.27 the second year are for agency administration
56.28 and operation of the Board of Water and Soil
56.29 Resources.

56.30 (v) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
56.31 second year are for the habitat-friendly utilities
56.32 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
56.33 103B.105. This is a onetime appropriation and
56.34 is available until June 30, 2027.

57.1 (w) The board may shift money in this section
57.2 and may adjust the technical and
57.3 administrative assistance portion of the funds
57.4 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or
57.5 to address accountability, oversight, local
57.6 government performance, or high-priority
57.7 needs.

57.8 (x) Returned grants and payments are available
57.9 for two years after they are returned or
57.10 regranted, whichever is later. Funds must be
57.11 regranted consistent with the purposes of this
57.12 section. If an appropriation for grants in either
57.13 year is insufficient, the appropriation in the
57.14 other year is available for it.

57.15 (y) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
57.16 section 16B.97, grants awarded from
57.17 appropriations in this section are exempt from
57.18 the Department of Administration, Office of
57.19 Grants Management Policy 08-08 Grant
57.20 Payments and 08-10 Grant Monitoring.

57.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

ARTICLE 2

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY

57.24 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115B.421, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

57.25 **Subdivision 1. Establishment.** (a) The closed landfill investment fund is established in
57.26 the state treasury. The fund consists of money credited to the fund and interest and other
57.27 earnings on money in the fund. Funds must be deposited as described in section 115B.445.
57.28 The fund must be managed to maximize long-term gain through the State Board of
57.29 Investment.

57.30 (b) Each fiscal year, up to \$4,500,000 is appropriated from the closed landfill investment
57.31 fund to the commissioner for the purposes of sections 115B.39 to 115B.444.

57.32 (c) If the commissioner determines that a release or threatened release from a qualified
57.33 facility for which the commissioner has assumed obligations for environmental response

58.1 actions under section 115B.40 or 115B.406 constitutes an emergency requiring immediate
58.2 action to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage either to the public health or welfare or the
58.3 environment or to a system designed to protect the public health or welfare or the
58.4 environment, up to \$9,000,000 in addition to the amount appropriated under paragraph (b)
58.5 is appropriated to the commissioner in the first year of the biennium and may be spent by
58.6 the commissioner to take reasonable and necessary emergency response actions. Money
58.7 not spent in the first year of the biennium may be spent in the second year. If money is
58.8 appropriated under this paragraph, the commissioner must notify the chairs of the senate
58.9 and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over environment policy and
58.10 finance as soon as possible. The commissioner must maintain the fund balance to ensure
58.11 long-term viability of the fund and reflect the responsibility of the landfill cleanup program
58.12 in perpetuity.

58.13 (d) Paragraphs (b) and (c) expire June 30, ~~2025~~ 2029."

58.14 Delete the title and insert:

58.15 "A bill for an act
58.16 relating to state government; appropriating money for environment and natural
58.17 resources; modifying prior appropriations; modifying disposition of closed landfill
58.18 investment fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115B.421, subdivision
58.19 1; Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, sections 2, subdivisions 1, 2, 7; 3, subdivisions
58.20 1, 6; 4."

58.21 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be placed on the General
58.22 Register.

58.23 This Committee action taken April 30, 2025

58.24 Co-Chair

58.25 Co-Chair