

H.F. 3403

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Subject Emergency rental assistance aid; cancellation of certain appropriated funds for settlement of class action lawsuits

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Summary

This bill would appropriate \$40,000,000 from the general fund to the Department of Revenue (DOR) for an aid to counties and Tribal governments for emergency rental assistance. Counties would receive \$35,200,000 of the money, and the Tribes would receive \$4,800,000. Funds would be distributed according to the distribution formula used for local homeless prevention aid. The draft prescribes deadlines for DOR to distribute and for counties and Tribes to spend the aid and to report on their spending.

In 2023, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that certain Minnesota policies regarding the disposition of tax-forfeited properties were unconstitutional. In 2024, in support of settlements of various lawsuits regarding tax-forfeited properties, the legislature appropriated \$109,000,000 to a settlement fund. (See Laws 2024, chapter 113.) This bill would require the claims administrator of the settlements to return up to \$40,000,000 of that amount to Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB), so that MMB could cancel that amount to the general fund. The full unexpended amount of the \$109,000,000 appropriation is scheduled to be returned to MMB and canceled to the general fund on June 30, 2026.