

HF68 - 0 - Increasing Per Diems for Certain Groups

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 Committee: **Environment and Natural Resources Finance And Policy**  
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     Minnesota Zoo                      Natural Resources Dept  
     Pollution Control Agency      Water and Soil Resources Board

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

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| State Cost (Savings)<br>Dollars in Thousands | Biennium |           |            | Biennium  |            |
|--|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
|  | FY2023   | FY2024    | FY2025     | FY2026    | FY2027     |
| <b>Legislature</b>                           |          |           |            |           |            |
| <b>Environment and Natural Resource</b>      | -        | 6         | 6          | 6         | 6          |
| <b>Outdoor Heritage Fund</b>                 | -        | 7         | 7          | 7         | 7          |
| <b>Natural Resources Dept</b>                |          |           |            |           |            |
| <b>General Fund</b>                          | -        | 21        | 21         | 21        | 21         |
| <b>Parks And Trails Fund</b>                 | -        | 9         | 9          | 9         | 9          |
| <b>Pollution Control Agency</b>              |          |           |            |           |            |
| <b>General Fund</b>                          | -        | 7         | 7          | 7         | 7          |
| <b>Clean Water Fund</b>                      | -        | 29        | 29         | 29        | 29         |
| <b>Water and Soil Resources Board</b>        |          |           |            |           |            |
| <b>General Fund</b>                          | -        | -         | -          | -         | -          |
| <b>State Total</b>                           |          |           |            |           |            |
| <b>Environment and Natural Resource</b>      | -        | 6         | 6          | 6         | 6          |
| <b>Outdoor Heritage Fund</b>                 | -        | 7         | 7          | 7         | 7          |
| <b>General Fund</b>                          | -        | 28        | 28         | 28        | 28         |
| <b>Parks And Trails Fund</b>                 | -        | 9         | 9          | 9         | 9          |
| <b>Clean Water Fund</b>                      | -        | 29        | 29         | 29        | 29         |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | -        | <b>79</b> | <b>79</b>  | <b>79</b> | <b>79</b>  |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                        |          |           | <b>158</b> |           | <b>158</b> |

| Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) | Biennium |        |        | Biennium |        |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
|                                      | FY2023   | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026   | FY2027 |
| <b>Legislature</b>                   |          |        |        |          |        |
| Environment and Natural Resource     | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| Outdoor Heritage Fund                | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| <b>Natural Resources Dept</b>        |          |        |        |          |        |

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|                                      | FY2023   | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026   | FY2027 |
| General Fund                         | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| Parks And Trails Fund                | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| Pollution Control Agency             |          |        |        |          |        |
| General Fund                         | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| Clean Water Fund                     | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| Water and Soil Resources Board       | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| General Fund                         | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| <b>Total</b>                         | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |

**Lead LBO Analyst's Comment**

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|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Dollars in Thousands                  |   | <b>FY2023</b>   | <b>FY2024</b> | <b>FY2025</b> | <b>FY2026</b>   | <b>FY2027</b> |
| <b>Legislature</b>                    |   |                 |               |               |                 |               |
| Environment and Natural Resource      | - | 6               | 6             | 6             | 6               | 6             |
| Outdoor Heritage Fund                 | - | 7               | 7             | 7             | 7               | 7             |
| <b>Natural Resources Dept</b>         |   |                 |               |               |                 |               |
| General Fund                          | - | 21              | 21            | 21            | 21              | 21            |
| Parks And Trails Fund                 | - | 9               | 9             | 9             | 9               | 9             |
| <b>Pollution Control Agency</b>       |   |                 |               |               |                 |               |
| General Fund                          | - | 7               | 7             | 7             | 7               | 7             |
| Clean Water Fund                      | - | 29              | 29            | 29            | 29              | 29            |
| <b>Water and Soil Resources Board</b> |   |                 |               |               |                 |               |
| General Fund                          | - | -               | -             | -             | -               | -             |
| <b>Total</b>                          |   | <b>-</b>        | <b>79</b>     | <b>79</b>     | <b>79</b>       | <b>79</b>     |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                 |   |                 |               | <b>158</b>    |                 | <b>158</b>    |

**1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs\*, Transfers Out\***

|                                       |   |          |           |            |           |            |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Legislature</b>                    |   |          |           |            |           |            |
| Environment and Natural Resource      | - | 6        | 6         | 6          | 6         | 6          |
| Outdoor Heritage Fund                 | - | 7        | 7         | 7          | 7         | 7          |
| <b>Natural Resources Dept</b>         |   |          |           |            |           |            |
| General Fund                          | - | 21       | 21        | 21         | 21        | 21         |
| Parks And Trails Fund                 | - | 9        | 9         | 9          | 9         | 9          |
| <b>Pollution Control Agency</b>       |   |          |           |            |           |            |
| General Fund                          | - | 7        | 7         | 7          | 7         | 7          |
| Clean Water Fund                      | - | 29       | 29        | 29         | 29        | 29         |
| <b>Water and Soil Resources Board</b> |   |          |           |            |           |            |
| General Fund                          | - | -        | -         | -          | -         | -          |
| Expenditures                          | - | 28       | 28        | 28         | 28        | 28         |
| Absorbed Costs                        | - | (28)     | (28)      | (28)       | (28)      | (28)       |
| <b>Total</b>                          |   | <b>-</b> | <b>79</b> | <b>79</b>  | <b>79</b> | <b>79</b>  |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                 |   |          |           | <b>158</b> |           | <b>158</b> |

**2 - Revenues, Transfers In\***

|                                       |   |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Legislature</b>                    |   |          |          |          |          |          |
| Environment and Natural Resource      | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Outdoor Heritage Fund                 | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| <b>Natural Resources Dept</b>         |   |          |          |          |          |          |
| General Fund                          | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Parks And Trails Fund                 | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| <b>Pollution Control Agency</b>       |   |          |          |          |          |          |
| General Fund                          | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Clean Water Fund                      | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| <b>Water and Soil Resources Board</b> |   |          |          |          |          |          |
| General Fund                          | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| <b>Total</b>                          |   | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> |

| <b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b> | <b>Biennium</b>       |        |        | <b>Biennium</b> |        |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Dollars in Thousands              | FY2023                | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026          | FY2027 |
|                                   | <b>Biennial Total</b> |        |        | -               | -      |

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|---------------------------|-----|----|
| Expenditures              | X   |    |
| Fee/Departmental Earnings |     | X  |
| Tax Revenue               |     | X  |
| Information Technology    |     | X  |
| Local Fiscal Impact       |     | X  |

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| State Cost (Savings)             | Biennium             |           |           | Biennium  |           |           |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                  | Dollars in Thousands | FY2023    | FY2024    | FY2025    | FY2026    | FY2027    |
| Environment and Natural Resource | -                    | 6         | 6         | 6         | 6         | 6         |
| Outdoor Heritage Fund            | -                    | 7         | 7         | 7         | 7         | 7         |
| <b>Total</b>                     | -                    | <b>13</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>            |                      |           | <b>26</b> |           |           | <b>26</b> |

| Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) | Biennium |        |        | Biennium |        |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
|                                      | FY2023   | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026   | FY2027 |
| Environment and Natural Resource     | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| Outdoor Heritage Fund                | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| <b>Total</b>                         | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

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|--|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Dollars in Thousands</b>                              |                       | <b>FY2023</b>   | <b>FY2024</b> | <b>FY2025</b> | <b>FY2026</b>   | <b>FY2027</b> |
| Environment and Natural Resource                         | -                     | 6               | 6             | 6             | 6               | 6             |
| Outdoor Heritage Fund                                    | -                     | 7               | 7             | 7             | 7               | 7             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-</b>              | <b>13</b>       | <b>13</b>     | <b>13</b>     | <b>13</b>       | <b>13</b>     |
|  | <b>Biennial Total</b> |                 | <b>26</b>     |               | <b>26</b>       | <b>26</b>     |
| <b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b> |                       |                 |               |               |                 |               |
| Environment and Natural Resource                         | -                     | 6               | 6             | 6             | 6               | 6             |
| Outdoor Heritage Fund                                    | -                     | 7               | 7             | 7             | 7               | 7             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-</b>              | <b>13</b>       | <b>13</b>     | <b>13</b>     | <b>13</b>       | <b>13</b>     |
|  | <b>Biennial Total</b> |                 | <b>26</b>     |               | <b>26</b>       | <b>26</b>     |
| <b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>                       |                       |                 |               |               |                 |               |
| Environment and Natural Resource                         | -                     | -               | -             | -             | -               | -             |
| Outdoor Heritage Fund                                    | -                     | -               | -             | -             | -               | -             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>      |
|  | <b>Biennial Total</b> |                 | <b>-</b>      |               | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>      |

**Bill Description**

The bill changes per diem rates to be up to \$125 per day for certain boards, councils, and commissions. Included in the bill are per diem provision changes for the public members of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) and the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC).

**Assumptions**

1. LCCMR and LSOHC are legislative commissions under the fiscal oversight of the Legislative Coordinating Commission.
2. The operational appropriations for LCCMR come from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF). The operational appropriations for LSOHC are from the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF).
3. The number of citizen members of LCCMR is seven. LCCMR typically holds between 10 to 15 meetings in a fiscal year.
4. The number of public members of LSOHC is eight. LSOHC typically holds between 8 to 14 meetings in a fiscal year.
5. Citizen/public members of both LCCMR and LSOHC will be compensated at \$125 per meeting day each fiscal year beginning FY24. This is an \$70 increase from a per diem rate of \$55 per meeting day. Reimbursement of expenses (mileage, lodging, meals) for citizen/public members will be unchanged. Additional funds will be needed for LCCMR and LSOHC to cover the increase in per diem cost for their citizen/public member meeting participation.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

The average number of meetings held between 2017-2022 is used to determine the projected number of meetings beginning FY24:

| <b>LCCMR:</b> |                                  |                                    |   |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>FY</b>     | <b># of Actual Meetings Held</b> | <b># of Public/Citizen Members</b> | <b>Total Cost of \$70 Per Diem Increase for All Meetings &amp; All Public Members</b> |
|               |                                  |                                    |   |

|      |    |   |              |
|------|----|---|--------------|
|      |    |   | per FY       |
| 2017 | 16 | 7   | 7,840        |
| 2018 | 12 | 7   | 5,880        |
| 2019 | 13 | 7   | 6,370        |
| 2020 | 14 | 7   | 6,860        |
| 2021 | 12 | 7   | 5,880        |
| 2022 | 10 | 7   | 4,900        |
|      |    | <b>Average FY Projected Cost From the ETF (rounded)</b> | <b>6,000</b> |

|               |                           |   |   |
|---------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| <b>LSOHC:</b> |                           |   |   |
| FY            | # of Actual Meetings Held | # of Public/Citizen Members                             | Total Cost of \$70 Per Diem Increase for All Meetings & All Public Members per FY |
| 2017          | 12                        | 8   | 6,720   |
| 2018          | 12                        | 8   | 6,720   |
| 2019          | 10                        | 8   | 5,600   |
| 2020          | 11                        | 8   | 6,160   |
| 2021          | 12                        | 8   | 6,720   |
| 2022          | 14                        | 8   | 7,840   |
|               |                           | <b>Average FY Projected Cost From the OHF (rounded)</b> | <b>7,000</b>  |

Projected cost increase in per diem for both LCCMR and LSOHC beginning FY24:

|  |
|--|
| <b>Total Cost for \$70 Increase in Per Diems for</b> |
|--|

|   |
|---|
| All LCCMR & LSOHC Public Members per<br>FY (rounded): |
| 13,000  |

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

Cost would be ongoing.

**Local Fiscal Impact**

N/A

**References/Sources**

Mark Johnson, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Becca Nash, Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

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|---------------------------|-----|----|
| Expenditures              |     | X  |
| Fee/Departmental Earnings |     | X  |
| Tax Revenue               |     | X  |
| Information Technology    |     | X  |
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|                       | Dollars in Thousands | FY2023 | FY2024 | FY2025   | FY2026 | FY2027 |
| <b>Total</b>          | -                    | -      | -      | -        | -      | -      |
| <b>Biennial Total</b> |                      |        | -      |          |        | -      |

| Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) | Biennium |        |        | Biennium |        |        |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
|                                      |          | FY2023 | FY2024 | FY2025   | FY2026 | FY2027 |
| <b>Total</b>                         | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      | -      |

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| Dollars in Thousands                                     | FY2023 | FY2024   | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027   |   |
| <b>Total</b>   | -      | -        | -      | -      | -        | - |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                                    |        |          | -      |        |          | - |
| <b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b> |        |          |        |        |          |   |
| <b>Total</b>   | -      | -        | -      | -      | -        | - |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                                    |        |          | -      |        |          | - |
| <b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>                       |        |          |        |        |          |   |
| <b>Total</b>   | -      | -        | -      | -      | -        | - |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                                    |        |          | -      |        |          | - |

**Bill Description**

HF 68-0 increases per diems from \$55 to \$125 per day for members of various state boards and commissions including the Minnesota Zoological Board.

**Assumptions**

The Minnesota Zoological Board oversees the operations of the Minnesota Zoological Garden. Per statute, the Board consists of 30 public and private sector members having a background or interest in zoological societies, zoo management, or an ability to generate community interest in the Minnesota Zoological Garden.

Currently the Zoo Board has not authorized payment of per diems for its members under M.S. 15.0575. As a result, increasing the per diem rate does not have an immediate fiscal impact on the Zoo.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

Should the Board authorize payment of per diems in the future, the bill would have a fiscal impact on the Zoo.

A typical annual board schedule includes all members meeting in four quarterly meetings of the full board (average 22 members/meeting) and quarterly meetings of each standing committee (average of five committees with average of 6 members in attendance per meeting). Beyond that each member typically participates in an average of three other meetings per year such as subcommittee meetings, special briefings, new member orientations, etc. If the Zoo paid per diems for all members for a typical meeting schedule the maximum incremental cost of a \$70 increase in per diems would be:

- 22 members \* \$70 increase \* 4 meetings = \$6,160
- 6 members \* \$70 increase \* 5 standing committees \* 4 quarters = \$8,400
- 30 members \* \$70 increase \* 3 meetings = \$6,300
- Total of \$20,860 per year

**Local Fiscal Impact**

**References/Sources**

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| General Fund          | -                    | 21        | 21        | 21        | 21        | 21        |
| Parks And Trails Fund | -                    | 9         | 9         | 9         | 9         | 9         |
| <b>Total</b>          | -                    | <b>30</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>30</b> |
| <b>Biennial Total</b> |                      |           | <b>60</b> |           |           | <b>60</b> |

| Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) | Biennium |        |        | Biennium |        |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
|                                      | FY2023   | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026   | FY2027 |
| General Fund                         | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| Parks And Trails Fund                | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| <b>Total</b>                         | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

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|--|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| <b>Dollars in Thousands</b>                              | <b>FY2023</b>         | <b>FY2024</b>   | <b>FY2025</b> | <b>FY2026</b> | <b>FY2027</b>   |           |
| General Fund   | -                     | 21              | 21            | 21            | 21              | 21        |
| Parks And Trails Fund                                    | -                     | 9               | 9             | 9             | 9               | 9         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-</b>              | <b>30</b>       | <b>30</b>     | <b>30</b>     | <b>30</b>       | <b>30</b> |
|  | <b>Biennial Total</b> |                 | <b>60</b>     |               | <b>60</b>       | <b>60</b> |
| <b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b> |                       |                 |               |               |                 |           |
| General Fund   | -                     | 21              | 21            | 21            | 21              | 21        |
| Parks And Trails Fund                                    | -                     | 9               | 9             | 9             | 9               | 9         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-</b>              | <b>30</b>       | <b>30</b>     | <b>30</b>     | <b>30</b>       | <b>30</b> |
|  | <b>Biennial Total</b> |                 | <b>60</b>     |               | <b>60</b>       | <b>60</b> |
| <b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>                       |                       |                 |               |               |                 |           |
| General Fund   | -                     | -               | -             | -             | -               | -         |
| Parks And Trails Fund                                    | -                     | -               | -             | -             | -               | -         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>  |
|  | <b>Biennial Total</b> |                 | <b>-</b>      |               | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>  |

**Bill Description**

This bill sets per diem compensation amounts for various boards, councils, and commissions at up to \$125 per day, currently the per diem rate is \$55 a day (M.S. 15.0575 and M.S. 15.059). This bill includes per diem increase provisions for the following boards: Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (Sec. 1), Minnesota Zoological Garden Board (Sec. 2), Minnesota Forest Resources Council (Sec. 3), Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (Sec. 4), Board of Water and Soil Resources (Sec. 5), Clean Water Council (Sec. 6), Environmental Quality Board (Sec. 7), Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (Sec. 8).

**Assumptions**

The DNR administers and facilitates meetings for the Minnesota Forest Resources Council, which typically will have 15 board members who are eligible for per diem compensation. Board members may attend between 20-40 meetings each year depending on responsibilities between full-board meetings and standing or ad-hoc committee responsibilities. Attendance at committee meetings will vary between one and ten members depending on committee needs.

The Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission operates independently but is funded through the DNR with funds from the Parks and Trails Fund. The commission typically schedules nine meetings in a year with an additional one special meeting likely. 13 commissioners are appointed by the governor and expected to attend each meeting.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

**Minnesota Forest Resources Council:**

Assuming up to 15 board members attending six full-board meetings, the \$70 increase in per diem could cost up to \$6,300 per year.

Because board member attendance at committee meetings can vary between one and ten, we assume that with an estimated six members attending 36 committee meetings, the \$70 increase in per diem could cost up to \$15,120 per year.

Total estimated cost would be up to \$21,420 per year from the General Fund.

**Greater Minnesota Parks & Trails Commission:**

Up to 13 board members attending 10 board meetings, the \$70 increase in per diem could cost up to \$9,100 per year from the Parks and Trails Fund.

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

Per Diem costs would continue into future budget periods.

**Local Fiscal Impact**

None.

**References/Sources**

None.

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 Agency: **Pollution Control Agency**

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

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| State Cost (Savings)<br>Dollars in Thousands | Biennium |           |           | Biennium  |           |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | FY2023   | FY2024    | FY2025    | FY2026    | FY2027    |
| General Fund                                 | -        | 7         | 7         | 7         | 7         |
| Clean Water Fund                             | -        | 29        | 29        | 29        | 29        |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>-</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>36</b> |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                        |          |           | <b>72</b> |           | <b>72</b> |

| Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) | Biennium |          |          | Biennium |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                      | FY2023   | FY2024   | FY2025   | FY2026   | FY2027   |
| General Fund                         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Clean Water Fund                     | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> |

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

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**State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details**

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| <b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>                        | <b>Biennium</b> |           |           | <b>Biennium</b> |           |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Dollars in Thousands                                     | FY2023          | FY2024    | FY2025    | FY2026          | FY2027    |
| General Fund   | -               | 7         | 7         | 7               | 7         |
| Clean Water Fund   | -               | 29        | 29        | 29              | 29        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-</b>        | <b>36</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>36</b>       | <b>36</b> |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                                    |                 |           | <b>72</b> |                 | <b>72</b> |
| <b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b> |                 |           |           |                 |           |
| General Fund   | -               | 7         | 7         | 7               | 7         |
| Clean Water Fund   | -               | 29        | 29        | 29              | 29        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-</b>        | <b>36</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>36</b>       | <b>36</b> |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                                    |                 |           | <b>72</b> |                 | <b>72</b> |
| <b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>                       |                 |           |           |                 |           |
| General Fund   | -               | -         | -         | -               | -         |
| Clean Water Fund   | -               | -         | -         | -               | -         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>  |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                                    |                 |           | <b>-</b>  |                 | <b>-</b>  |

**Bill Description**

This bill amends Minn. Stat. 2022 sections 85.536, subdivision 2; 85A.01, subdivision 1; 89A.03, subdivision 5; 97A.056, subdivision 2; 103B.101, subdivision 2; 114D.30, subdivision 4; 116C.03, subdivision 2a; 116P.05, subdivision 1; increasing per diems for certain boards, councils, and commissions. Specifically, the bill increases the allowed rate from \$55 a day, established in Minn. Stat. section 15.059, Subd. 3, to up to \$125 a day for: Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission members (Section 85.536), Minnesota Zoological Garden Board members (Section 85A.01), Minnesota Forest Resources Council members (Section 89A.03), public members of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (Section 97A.056), Board of Water and Soil Resources members (Section 103B.101), non-legislative members of the Clean Water Council (Section 114D.30, Subd. 4), public members of the Environmental Quality Board (Section 116C.03), and citizen members of the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (Section 116P.05).

**Assumptions**

The Environmental Quality Board (Board) has eight members appointed from the general public who are eligible for per diems. The Board also includes nine members who are state agency leaders and employees who are not eligible for per diems. The Board meets monthly.

The Clean Water Council (Council) has seventeen voting members potentially eligible for per diem reimbursement. A portion of the seventeen voting members represent political subdivisions of the state and may or may not be eligible for a per diem at any given time consistent with Minn. Stat. section 15.059, Subd. 3(b). The Council also includes two members of the house of representatives, two members of the senate, and seven members who are state agency leaders and employees. These members are not eligible for per diems.

The Council meets monthly. The Council also has three monthly committee meetings (Steering Committee, Policy Committee, Budget and Outcomes Committee). Each Council member attends each full Council meeting and one of the three committee meeting per month. Additionally, the chair of the Council may receive periodic per diem reimbursement for representing the Council at legislative hearings or other events (typically no more than six per year).

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**



Environmental Quality Board: 8 members x 1 meeting per month x 12 months per year x \$70 increase in per diem = \$6,720 increased expenditure per year.

Clean Water Council:

- 17 members x 2 meetings per month per member x 12 months per year x \$70 increase in per diem = \$28,560
- Chair attends up to 6 meetings per year x \$70 increase in per diem = \$420
- Total increased expenditure per year = \$28,980

### **Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

All costs would be ongoing

### **Local Fiscal Impact**

No impact to local government anticipated

### **References/Sources**

Administrative staff of the Board and Council provided assistance with the cost estimates.

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Chief Author: **Sydney Jordan**  
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 Agency: **Water and Soil Resources Board**

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

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| State Cost (Savings)  | Biennium             |        |        | Biennium |        |        |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
|                       | Dollars in Thousands | FY2023 | FY2024 | FY2025   | FY2026 | FY2027 |
| General Fund          | -                    | -      | -      | -        | -      | -      |
| <b>Total</b>          | -                    | -      | -      | -        | -      | -      |
| <b>Biennial Total</b> |                      |        | -      |          |        | -      |

| Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) | Biennium |        |        | Biennium |        |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
|                                      | FY2023   | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026   | FY2027 |
| General Fund                         | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |
| <b>Total</b>                         | -        | -      | -      | -        | -      |

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

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| <b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>                        |        | Biennium |        |        | Biennium |      |
|--|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|
| Dollars in Thousands                                     | FY2023 | FY2024   | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027   |      |
| General Fund   | -      | -        | -      | -      | -        | -    |
| <b>Total</b>   | -      | -        | -      | -      | -        | -    |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                                    |        |          | -      |        |          | -    |
| <b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b> |        |          |        |        |          |      |
| General Fund   |        |          |        |        |          |      |
| Expenditures   | -      | 28       | 28     | 28     | 28       | 28   |
| Absorbed Costs   | -      | (28)     | (28)   | (28)   | (28)     | (28) |
| <b>Total</b>   | -      | -        | -      | -      | -        | -    |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                                    |        |          | -      |        |          | -    |
| <b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>                       |        |          |        |        |          |      |
| General Fund   |        |          |        |        |          |      |
| <b>Total</b>   | -      | -        | -      | -      | -        | -    |
| <b>Biennial Total</b>                                    |        |          | -      |        |          | -    |

**Bill Description**

The bill increases the per diem up to \$125 per day for numerous State of Minnesota boards, councils, and commissions that are listed below:

- Section 1. Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission
- Section 2. Minnesota Zoological Board
- Section 3. Minnesota Forest Resources Council
- Section 4. Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
- Section 5. Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Section 6. Clean Water Council
- Section 7. Environmental Quality Board
- Section 8. Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

**Assumptions**

The calculation of this fiscal impact is based on the three-year average of per diems claimed by Board of Water and Soil Resources members, the current per diem rate at \$55, and the per diem rate of \$125 proposed by HF68.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

The calculation of this fiscal impact is based on the three-year average of per diems claimed by Board of Water and Soil Resources members, the current per diem rate at \$55, and the per diem rate of \$125 proposed by HF68.

|                     |       |       |       |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| FY                  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  |
| Expenses @ \$55/day | 21200 | 18700 | 25400 |
| Expense @ \$125/day | 48300 | 42500 | 57700 |
| Increase            | 27100 | 23800 | 32300 |
| 3-year average      |       |       | 27800 |

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

This bill would result in an ongoing increase in expenditures as noted in the fiscal note.

**Local Fiscal Impact**

N/A

**References/Sources**

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