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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy  
Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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A bill for an act

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

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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ARTICLE 1

APPROPRIATIONS

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Section 1. ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.

"The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

1.18	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
1.19	<u>Available for the Year</u>			
1.20	<u>Ending June 30</u>			
1.21		<u>2026</u>		<u>2027</u>
1.22	Sec. 2. <u>POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY</u>			
1.23	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>143,693,000</u>	\$ <u>148,382,000</u>

2.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.2		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.3	<u>General</u>	<u>8,729,000</u>	<u>8,729,000</u>
2.4	<u>State Government</u>		
2.5	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
2.6	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>114,627,000</u>	<u>119,316,000</u>
2.7	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>20,247,000</u>	<u>20,247,000</u>
2.8	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
2.9	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
2.10	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
2.11	<u>The commissioner must present the agency's</u>		
2.12	<u>biennial budget for fiscal years 2028 and 2029</u>		
2.13	<u>to the legislature in a transparent way by</u>		
2.14	<u>agency division, including the proposed</u>		
2.15	<u>budget bill and presentations of the budget to</u>		
2.16	<u>committees and divisions with jurisdiction</u>		
2.17	<u>over the agency's budget.</u>		
2.18	<b><u>Subd. 2. Environmental Analysis and Outcomes</u></b>	<u>22,019,000</u>	<u>23,642,000</u>
2.19	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.20		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.21	<u>General</u>	<u>542,000</u>	<u>542,000</u>
2.22	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>21,272,000</u>	<u>22,895,000</u>
2.23	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>205,000</u>	<u>205,000</u>
2.24	<u>(a) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the</u>		
2.25	<u>second year are for a municipal liaison to</u>		
2.26	<u>assist municipalities with water quality</u>		
2.27	<u>standards and NPDES/SDS permitting</u>		
2.28	<u>processes, including enhanced economic</u>		
2.29	<u>analysis in the water quality standards</u>		
2.30	<u>rulemaking processes, identification of</u>		
2.31	<u>cost-effective permitting opportunities,</u>		
2.32	<u>simplifying the variance process, and</u>		
2.33	<u>coordinating with the Public Facilities</u>		
2.34	<u>Authority to identify and advocate for needed</u>		

3.1 resources for municipalities to achieve permit  
3.2 requirements.

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

3.10 (c) \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the  
3.11 second year are for monitoring water quality  
3.12 and operating assistance programs.

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

3.21 (e) \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the  
3.22 second year are from the environmental fund  
3.23 for registering wastewater laboratories.

3.24 (f) \$1,519,000 the first year and \$1,519,000  
3.25 the second year are from the environmental  
3.26 fund to continue perfluorochemical  
3.27 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan  
3.28 communities, as recommended by the  
3.29 Environmental Health Tracking and  
3.30 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address  
3.31 other environmental health risks, including air  
3.32 quality. The communities must include Hmong  
3.33 and other immigrant farming communities.  
3.34 Of this amount, up to \$1,248,000 the first year

- 4.1 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer  
4.2 to the commissioner of health.
- 4.3 (g) \$62,000 the first year and \$62,000 the  
4.4 second year are from the environmental fund  
4.5 for the listing procedures for impaired waters  
4.6 required under this act.
- 4.7 (h) \$74,000 the first year and \$74,000 the  
4.8 second year are from the remediation fund for  
4.9 the leaking underground storage tank program  
4.10 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future  
4.11 releases from underground petroleum storage  
4.12 tanks and for the petroleum remediation  
4.13 program for vapor assessment and  
4.14 remediation. These same annual amounts are  
4.15 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to  
4.16 the remediation fund.
- 4.17 (i) \$270,000 the first year and \$270,000 the  
4.18 second year are to support communities in  
4.19 planning to implement projects that will allow  
4.20 for adaptation for a changing climate.
- 4.21 (j) \$2,070,000 the first year and \$2,070,000  
4.22 the second year are from the environmental  
4.23 fund to develop and implement a program  
4.24 related to emerging issues, including  
4.25 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint.
- 4.26 (k) \$1,820,000 the first year and \$1,820,000  
4.27 the second year are from the environmental  
4.28 fund to support improved management of data  
4.29 collected by the agency and its partners and  
4.30 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making  
4.31 and public access.
- 4.32 (l) \$7,000 the first year and \$7,000 the second  
4.33 year are to implement the requirements for

5.1 fish kills under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
 5.2 103G.216 and 103G.2165.

5.3 (m) \$1,400,000 the second year is from the  
 5.4 environmental fund to adopt rules and  
 5.5 implement air toxics emissions requirements  
 5.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.

5.7 (n) \$881,000 the first year and \$881,000 the  
 5.8 second year are from the environmental fund  
 5.9 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous air  
 5.10 pollutants in Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington,  
 5.11 and Olmsted Counties.

5.12	<u>Subd. 3. <b>Industrial</b></u>	<u>22,305,000</u>	<u>25,271,000</u>
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5.13 Appropriations by Fund

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

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

5.28 (b) \$149,000 the first year and \$149,000 the  
 5.29 second year are from the environmental fund  
 5.30 for transfer to the commissioner of health to  
 5.31 further evaluate the use and reduction of  
 5.32 trichloroethylene around Minnesota and  
 5.33 identify its potential health effects on  
 5.34 communities.

6.1 (c) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
6.2 second year are for implementation of the odor  
6.3 management requirements under Minnesota  
6.4 Statutes, section 116.064.

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

6.10 (e) \$2,625,000 the first year and \$2,625,000  
6.11 the second year are from the environmental  
6.12 fund for prioritizing air regulatory program  
6.13 work in environmental justice areas.

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

6.19 (g) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the  
6.20 second year are from the environmental fund  
6.21 to improve the coordination, effectiveness,  
6.22 transparency, and accountability of the  
6.23 environmental review and permitting process.

6.24 Subd. 4. **Municipal** 10,829,000 10,829,000

6.25 Appropriations by Fund

6.26	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
6.27	<u>General</u>	<u>223,000</u> <u>223,000</u>
6.28	<u>State Government</u>	
6.29	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>90,000</u> <u>90,000</u>
6.30	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>10,516,000</u> <u>10,516,000</u>

6.31 (a) \$223,000 the first year and \$223,000 the  
6.32 second year are for a municipal liaison to  
6.33 assist municipalities with water quality  
6.34 standards and NPDES/SDS permitting

7.1 processes, including enhanced economic  
7.2 analysis in the water quality standards  
7.3 rulemaking processes, identification of  
7.4 cost-effective permitting opportunities,  
7.5 simplifying the variance process, and  
7.6 coordinating with the Public Facilities  
7.7 Authority to identify and advocate for needed  
7.8 resources for municipalities to achieve permit  
7.9 requirements.

7.10 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the  
7.11 second year are from the environmental fund  
7.12 for transfer to the Office of Administrative  
7.13 Hearings to establish sanitary districts.

7.14 (c) \$2,432,000 the first year and \$2,432,000  
7.15 the second year are from the environmental  
7.16 fund for subsurface sewage treatment system  
7.17 (SSTS) program administration; for  
7.18 community technical assistance and education,  
7.19 including grants and technical assistance to  
7.20 communities for water-quality protection, new  
7.21 technology review, and enforcement under  
7.22 Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 to 115.58;  
7.23 and to complete the requirements of Laws  
7.24 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 165. Of  
7.25 this amount, \$350,000 each year is for  
7.26 assistance to counties through grants for SSTS  
7.27 program administration. A county receiving  
7.28 a grant from this appropriation must submit  
7.29 the results achieved with the grant to the  
7.30 commissioner as part of its annual SSTS  
7.31 report. Any unexpended balance in the first  
7.32 year does not cancel but is available in the  
7.33 second year.

7.34 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
7.35 section 16A.28, the appropriations

8.1 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as  
8.2 grants or contracts for subsurface sewage  
8.3 treatment systems, surface water and  
8.4 groundwater assessments, storm water, and  
8.5 water-quality protection in this subdivision  
8.6 are available until June 30, 2030.

8.7	<b><u>Subd. 5. Operations</u></b>	<u>13,976,000</u>	<u>14,007,000</u>
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8.8	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
8.9		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
8.10	<u>General</u>	<u>3,109,000</u>	<u>3,109,000</u>
8.11	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,376,000</u>	<u>8,407,000</u>
8.12	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>2,491,000</u>	<u>2,491,000</u>

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

8.23 (b) \$3,109,000 the first year and \$3,109,000  
8.24 the second year are to support agency  
8.25 information technology services provided at  
8.26 the enterprise and agency level.

8.27 (c) \$919,000 the first year and \$919,000 the  
8.28 second year are from the environmental fund  
8.29 to develop and maintain systems to support  
8.30 permitting and regulatory business processes  
8.31 and agency data.

8.32 (d) \$270,000 the first year and \$270,000 the  
8.33 second year are from the environmental fund

9.1 to support current and future career pathways  
 9.2 for underrepresented students.

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

9.8 (f) \$525,000 the first year and \$525,000 the  
 9.9 second year are from the environmental fund  
 9.10 for Operations Division legal services that  
 9.11 support compliance programs.

9.12	<u>Subd. 6. <b>Remediation</b></u>	<u>16,022,000</u>	<u>16,022,000</u>
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9.13	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
9.14		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
9.15	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>628,000</u>	<u>628,000</u>
9.16	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>15,394,000</u>	<u>15,394,000</u>

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

9.31 (b) \$4,622,000 the first year and \$4,622,000  
 9.32 the second year are from the remediation fund  
 9.33 for the leaking underground storage tank  
 9.34 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent

10.1 future releases from underground petroleum  
 10.2 storage tanks and for the petroleum  
 10.3 remediation program for vapor assessment  
 10.4 and remediation. These same annual amounts  
 10.5 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund  
 10.6 to the remediation fund.

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

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

10.17 Appropriations by Fund

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

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

10.26 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
 10.27 the second year are for competitive recycling  
 10.28 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 10.29 115A.565. Of this amount, \$300,000 the first  
 10.30 year and \$300,000 the second year are from  
 10.31 the general fund, and \$700,000 the first year  
 10.32 and \$700,000 the second year are from the  
 10.33 environmental fund. This appropriation is  
 10.34 available until June 30, 2029.

- 11.1 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the  
11.2 second year are from the environmental fund  
11.3 for emission-reduction activities and grants to  
11.4 small businesses and other  
11.5 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this  
11.6 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000  
11.7 the second year are to continue work with  
11.8 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner  
11.9 may enter into an agreement with  
11.10 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.
- 11.11 (d) \$18,450,000 the first year and \$18,450,000  
11.12 the second year are from the environmental  
11.13 fund for SCORE block grants to counties.
- 11.14 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the  
11.15 second year are from the environmental fund  
11.16 for environmental assistance grants or loans  
11.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.
- 11.18 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the  
11.19 second year are from the environmental fund  
11.20 for grants to develop and expand recycling  
11.21 markets for Minnesota businesses. This  
11.22 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.
- 11.23 (g) \$770,000 the first year and \$770,000 the  
11.24 second year are from the environmental fund  
11.25 for reducing and diverting food waste,  
11.26 redirecting edible food for consumption, and  
11.27 removing barriers to collecting and recovering  
11.28 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each  
11.29 year is for grants to increase food rescue and  
11.30 waste prevention. This appropriation is  
11.31 available until June 30, 2029.
- 11.32 (h) \$2,811,000 the first year and \$2,811,000  
11.33 the second year are from the environmental

12.1 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,  
12.2 section 473.844.

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

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

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

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

12.27 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
12.28 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered on or  
12.29 before June 30, 2027, as contracts or grants  
12.30 for environmental assistance awarded under  
12.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716;  
12.32 technical and research assistance under  
12.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.152;  
12.34 technical assistance under Minnesota Statutes,  
12.35 section 115A.52; and pollution prevention

13.1 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 13.2 115D.04, are available until June 30, 2029.

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

13.4 Appropriations by Fund

13.5		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
13.6	<u>General</u>	<u>2,959,000</u>	<u>2,959,000</u>
13.7	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>7,982,000</u>	<u>7,982,000</u>
13.8	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>384,000</u>	<u>384,000</u>

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

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

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

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

13.30 Appropriations by Fund

13.31		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
13.32	<u>General</u>	<u>1,276,000</u>	<u>1,276,000</u>
13.33	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>226,000</u>	<u>226,000</u>

13.34 Subd. 10. **Transfers**

14.1 (a) The commissioner must transfer up to  
14.2 \$24,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000  
14.3 the second year from the environmental fund  
14.4 to the remediation fund for purposes of the  
14.5 remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
14.6 section 116.155, subdivision 2.

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

## 14.17 Sec. 3. NATURAL RESOURCES

14.18	<b>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$ 385,036,000</b>	<b>\$ 385,036,000</b>
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14.19 Appropriations by Fund

14.20		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
14.21	<u>General</u>	<u>130,868,000</u>	<u>130,868,000</u>
14.22	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>123,638,000</u>	<u>123,638,000</u>
14.23	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>129,711,000</u>	<u>129,711,000</u>
14.24	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>
14.25	Permanent School	702,000	702,000

14.26 The amounts that may be spent for each  
14.27 purpose are specified in the following  
14.28 subdivisions.

14.29	<b><u>Subd. 2. Land and Mineral Resources</u></b>		
14.30	<b>Management</b>	10,126,000	10,126,000

14.31 Appropriations by Fund

14.32		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
14.33	<u>General</u>	<u>5,126,000</u>	<u>5,126,000</u>
14.34	Natural Resources	4,438,000	4,438,000

15.1	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>344,000</u>	<u>344,000</u>
15.2	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>218,000</u>	<u>218,000</u>
15.3	<u>(a) \$319,000 the first year and \$319,000 the</u>		
15.4	<u>second year are for environmental research</u>		
15.5	<u>relating to mine permitting, of which \$200,000</u>		
15.6	<u>each year is from the minerals management</u>		
15.7	<u>account in the natural resources fund and</u>		
15.8	<u>\$119,000 each year is from the general fund.</u>		
15.9	<u>(b) \$3,383,000 the first year and \$3,383,000</u>		
15.10	<u>the second year are from the minerals</u>		
15.11	<u>management account in the natural resources</u>		
15.12	<u>fund for use as provided under Minnesota</u>		
15.13	<u>Statutes, section 93.2236, paragraph (c), for</u>		
15.14	<u>mineral resource management, projects to</u>		
15.15	<u>enhance future mineral income, and projects</u>		
15.16	<u>to promote new mineral-resource</u>		
15.17	<u>opportunities.</u>		
15.18	<u>(c) \$218,000 the first year and \$218,000 the</u>		
15.19	<u>second year are transferred from the forest</u>		
15.20	<u>suspense account to the permanent school fund</u>		
15.21	<u>and are appropriated from the permanent</u>		
15.22	<u>school fund to secure maximum long-term</u>		
15.23	<u>economic return from the school trust lands</u>		
15.24	<u>consistent with fiduciary responsibilities and</u>		
15.25	<u>sound natural resources conservation and</u>		
15.26	<u>management principles.</u>		
15.27	<u>(d) \$338,000 the first year and \$338,000 the</u>		
15.28	<u>second year are from the water management</u>		
15.29	<u>account in the natural resources fund for only</u>		
15.30	<u>the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
15.31	<u>section 103G.27, subdivision 2.</u>		
15.32	<b><u>Subd. 3. Ecological and Water Resources</u></b>	<u>44,539,000</u>	<u>44,539,000</u>
15.33	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
15.34		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

16.1	<u>General</u>	<u>24,884,000</u>	<u>24,884,000</u>
16.2	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>13,831,000</u>	<u>13,831,000</u>
16.3	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>

16.4 (a) \$4,222,000 the first year and \$4,222,000  
 16.5 the second year are from the invasive species  
 16.6 account in the natural resources fund and  
 16.7 \$2,831,000 the first year and \$2,831,000 the  
 16.8 second year are from the general fund for  
 16.9 management, public awareness, assessment  
 16.10 and monitoring research, and water access  
 16.11 inspection to prevent the spread of invasive  
 16.12 species; management of invasive plants in  
 16.13 public waters; and management of terrestrial  
 16.14 invasive species on state-administered lands.

16.15 (b) \$6,056,000 the first year and \$6,056,000  
 16.16 the second year are from the water  
 16.17 management account in the natural resources  
 16.18 fund for only the purposes specified in  
 16.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.27,  
 16.20 subdivision 2.

16.21 (c) \$124,000 the first year and \$124,000 the  
 16.22 second year are for a grant to the Mississippi  
 16.23 Headwaters Board for up to 50 percent of the  
 16.24 cost of implementing the comprehensive plan  
 16.25 for the upper Mississippi within areas under  
 16.26 the board's jurisdiction.

16.27 (d) \$264,000 the first year and \$264,000 the  
 16.28 second year are for grants for up to 50 percent  
 16.29 of the cost of implementing the Red River  
 16.30 mediation agreement.

16.31 (e) \$2,598,000 the first year and \$2,598,000  
 16.32 the second year are from the heritage  
 16.33 enhancement account in the game and fish  
 16.34 fund for only the purposes specified in

- 17.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
17.2 paragraph (h), clause (1).
- 17.3 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000  
17.4 the second year are from the nongame wildlife  
17.5 management account in the natural resources  
17.6 fund for nongame wildlife management.
- 17.7 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
17.8 290.431, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000  
17.9 the second year may be used for nongame  
17.10 wildlife information, education, and  
17.11 promotion.
- 17.12 (g) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
17.13 section 84.943, \$48,000 the first year and  
17.14 \$48,000 the second year from the critical  
17.15 habitat private sector matching account may  
17.16 be used to publicize the critical habitat license  
17.17 plate match program.
- 17.18 (h) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000  
17.19 the second year are for the following activities:
- 17.20 (1) financial reimbursement and technical  
17.21 support to soil and water conservation districts  
17.22 or other local units of government for  
17.23 groundwater-level monitoring;
- 17.24 (2) surface water monitoring and analysis,  
17.25 including installing monitoring gauges;
- 17.26 (3) groundwater analysis to assist with  
17.27 water-appropriation permitting decisions;
- 17.28 (4) permit application review incorporating  
17.29 surface water and groundwater technical  
17.30 analysis;
- 17.31 (5) precipitation data and analysis to improve  
17.32 irrigation use;

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

18.18	<u>Subd. 4. Forest Management</u>	<u>60,199,000</u>	<u>60,199,000</u>
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18.19	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
18.20		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
18.21	<u>General</u>	<u>42,421,000</u>	<u>42,421,000</u>
18.22	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>16,161,000</u>	<u>16,161,000</u>
18.23	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>

18.24 (a) \$7,521,000 the first year and \$7,521,000  
 18.25 the second year are for prevention,  
 18.26 presuppression, and suppression costs of  
 18.27 emergency firefighting and other costs  
 18.28 incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 18.29 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for  
 18.30 presuppression and suppression costs during  
 18.31 the biennium is appropriated from the general  
 18.32 fund. By January 15 each year, the  
 18.33 commissioner of natural resources must submit  
 18.34 a report to the chairs and ranking minority  
 18.35 members of the house and senate committees

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

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

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

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

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

19.31 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
19.32 second year are for forest road maintenance  
19.33 on county forest roads.

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

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

20.10	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
20.11		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
20.12	<u>General</u>	<u>35,724,000</u>	<u>35,724,000</u>
20.13	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>71,823,000</u>	<u>71,823,000</u>
20.14	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>

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

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

20.27 (c) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000  
20.28 the second year are from the natural resources  
20.29 fund for park and trail grants to local units of  
20.30 government on land to be maintained for at  
20.31 least 20 years for parks or trails. Priority must  
20.32 be given for projects that are in underserved  
20.33 communities or that increase access to persons  
20.34 with disabilities. This appropriation is from  
20.35 revenue deposited in the natural resources fund

21.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
21.2 paragraph (h), clause (4). Any unencumbered  
21.3 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
21.4 year and is available for the second year.

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

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

21.23 (f) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,250,000  
21.24 the second year are from the state land and  
21.25 water conservation account in the natural  
21.26 resources fund for priorities established by the  
21.27 commissioner for eligible state projects and  
21.28 administrative and planning activities  
21.29 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
21.30 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water  
21.31 Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered  
21.32 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
21.33 year and is available for the second year.

21.34 (g) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
21.35 second year are for matching grants for local

22.1 parks and outdoor recreation areas under

22.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019,

22.3 subdivision 2.

22.4 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the

22.5 second year are for matching grants for local

22.6 trail connections under Minnesota Statutes,

22.7 section 85.019, subdivision 4c.

22.8 (i) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the

22.9 second year are from the natural resources

22.10 fund for projects and activities that connect

22.11 diverse and underserved Minnesotans through

22.12 expanding cultural environmental experiences,

22.13 exploration of their environment, and outdoor

22.14 recreational activities. This appropriation is

22.15 from revenue deposited in the natural

22.16 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,

22.17 section 297A.94, paragraph (j).

22.18 Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management

95,772,00095,772,000

22.19 Appropriations by Fund

22.20 

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

22.24 (a) \$11,842,000 the first year and \$11,842,000

22.25 the second year are from the heritage

22.26 enhancement account in the game and fish

22.27 fund only for activities specified under

22.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,

22.29 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding

22.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five

22.31 percent of this appropriation may be used for

22.32 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and

22.33 retention.

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

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

23.17 (d) Up to \$2,225,000 the first year and up to  
 23.18 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for  
 23.19 transfer from the critical habitat private sector  
 23.20 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota  
 23.21 fund for wildlife management areas  
 23.22 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement  
 23.23 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 23.24 84.943, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

23.25 (e) \$3,532,000 the first year and \$3,532,000  
 23.26 the second year are from the general fund and  
 23.27 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the  
 23.28 second year are from the game and fish fund  
 23.29 for statewide response and management of  
 23.30 chronic wasting disease. Of this amount, up  
 23.31 to \$2,750,000 each year from the general fund  
 23.32 is for inspections, investigations, and  
 23.33 enforcement activities taken for the  
 23.34 white-tailed deer farm program.

23.35 Subd. 7. **Enforcement**

62,738,000

62,738,000

24.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
24.2		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
24.3	<u>General</u>	<u>14,075,000</u>	<u>14,075,000</u>
24.4	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>14,193,000</u>	<u>14,193,000</u>
24.5	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>34,353,000</u>	<u>34,353,000</u>
24.6	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>
24.7	<u>(a) \$1,718,000 the first year and \$1,718,000</u>		
24.8	<u>the second year are from the general fund for</u>		
24.9	<u>enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of</u>		
24.10	<u>aquatic invasive species.</u>		
24.11	<u>(b) \$2,980,000 the first year and \$2,980,000</u>		
24.12	<u>the second year are from the heritage</u>		
24.13	<u>enhancement account in the game and fish</u>		
24.14	<u>fund for only the purposes specified under</u>		
24.15	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,</u>		
24.16	<u>paragraph (h), clause (1).</u>		
24.17	<u>(c) \$1,442,000 the first year and \$1,442,000</u>		
24.18	<u>the second year are from the water recreation</u>		
24.19	<u>account in the natural resources fund for grants</u>		
24.20	<u>to counties for boat and water safety. Any</u>		
24.21	<u>unencumbered balance does not cancel at the</u>		
24.22	<u>end of the first year and is available for the</u>		
24.23	<u>second year.</u>		
24.24	<u>(d) \$315,000 the first year and \$315,000 the</u>		
24.25	<u>second year are from the snowmobile trails</u>		
24.26	<u>and enforcement account in the natural</u>		
24.27	<u>resources fund for grants to local law</u>		
24.28	<u>enforcement agencies for snowmobile</u>		
24.29	<u>enforcement activities. Any unencumbered</u>		
24.30	<u>balance does not cancel at the end of the first</u>		
24.31	<u>year and is available for the second year.</u>		
24.32	<u>(e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the</u>		
24.33	<u>second year are from the all-terrain vehicle</u>		
24.34	<u>account in the natural resources fund for grants</u>		
24.35	<u>to qualifying organizations to assist in safety</u>		

25.1 and environmental education and monitoring  
25.2 trails on public lands under Minnesota  
25.3 Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants issued under  
25.4 this paragraph must be issued through a formal  
25.5 agreement with the organization. By  
25.6 December 15 each year, an organization  
25.7 receiving a grant under this paragraph must  
25.8 report to the commissioner with details on  
25.9 expenditures and outcomes from the grant. Of  
25.10 this appropriation, \$25,000 each year is for  
25.11 administering these grants. Any unencumbered  
25.12 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
25.13 year and is available for the second year.

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

25.34 (g) \$20,000 the first year and \$20,000 the  
25.35 second year are from the off-highway

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

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

26.15	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
26.16		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
26.17	<u>General</u>	<u>221,000</u>	<u>221,000</u>
26.18	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>
26.19	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>484,000</u>	<u>484,000</u>

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

26.29 (b) \$221,000 the first year and \$221,000 the  
 26.30 second year are for the Office of School Trust  
 26.31 Lands.

26.32 (c) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
 26.33 second year are transferred from the forest  
 26.34 suspense account to the permanent school fund  
 26.35 and are appropriated from the permanent

27.1 school fund for transaction and project  
27.2 management costs for divesting of school trust  
27.3 lands within Boundary Waters Canoe Area  
27.4 Wilderness.

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

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

27.22 Sec. 4. **BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**  
27.23 **RESOURCES**

\$      15,792,000 \$      15,792,000

27.24 (a) \$3,116,000 the first year and \$3,116,000  
27.25 the second year are for grants and payments  
27.26 to soil and water conservation districts for  
27.27 accomplishing the purposes of Minnesota  
27.28 Statutes, chapter 103C, and for other general  
27.29 purposes, nonpoint engineering, and  
27.30 implementation and stewardship of the  
27.31 reinvest in Minnesota reserve program.  
27.32 Expenditures may be made from this  
27.33 appropriation for supplies and services  
27.34 benefiting soil and water conservation  
27.35 districts. Any district receiving a payment

28.1 under this paragraph must maintain a website  
28.2 that publishes, at a minimum, the district's  
28.3 annual report, annual audit, annual budget,  
28.4 and meeting notices.

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

28.7 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000  
28.8 the second year are for cost-sharing programs  
28.9 of soil and water conservation districts for  
28.10 accomplishing projects and practices  
28.11 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
28.12 103C.501, including perennially vegetated  
28.13 riparian buffers, erosion control, water  
28.14 retention and treatment, water quality  
28.15 cost-sharing for feedlots and nutrient and  
28.16 manure management projects in watersheds  
28.17 where there are impaired waters, and other  
28.18 high-priority conservation practices; and

28.19 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
28.20 second year are for invasive species and weed  
28.21 management programs and to restore native  
28.22 plants at selected invasive species management  
28.23 sites.

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

28.31 (d) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
28.32 second year are for a grant to the Red River  
28.33 Basin Commission for water quality and  
28.34 floodplain management, including program

29.1 administration. This appropriation must be  
29.2 matched by nonstate funds.

29.3 (e) \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the  
29.4 second year are for grants to Area II  
29.5 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain  
29.6 management.

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

29.13 (g) \$203,000 the first year and \$203,000 the  
29.14 second year are for soil health programming  
29.15 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
29.16 103F.06, and for coordination with the  
29.17 University of Minnesota Office for Soil  
29.18 Health.

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

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

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

30.12 (k) The appropriations for grants and payments  
 30.13 in this section are available until June 30,  
 30.14 2029, except returned grants and payments  
 30.15 are available for two years after they are  
 30.16 returned or regranted, whichever is later.  
 30.17 Funds must be used consistent with the  
 30.18 purposes of this section. If an appropriation  
 30.19 for grants in either year is insufficient, the  
 30.20 appropriation in the other year is available for  
 30.21 it.

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

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

30.29	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
30.30		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
30.31	<u>General</u>	<u>2,540,000</u>	<u>2,540,000</u>
30.32	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>8,950,000</u>	<u>8,950,000</u>

30.33 (a) \$2,540,000 the first year and \$2,540,000  
 30.34 the second year are for metropolitan-area

31.1	<u>regional parks operation and maintenance</u>			
31.2	<u>according to Minnesota Statutes, section</u>			
31.3	<u>473.351.</u>			
31.4	<u>(b) \$8,950,000 the first year and \$8,950,000</u>			
31.5	<u>the second year are from the natural resources</u>			
31.6	<u>fund for metropolitan-area regional parks and</u>			
31.7	<u>trails maintenance and operations. This</u>			
31.8	<u>appropriation is from revenue deposited in the</u>			
31.9	<u>natural resources fund under Minnesota</u>			
31.10	<u>Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),</u>			
31.11	<u>clause (3).</u>			
31.12	<b>Sec. 6. <u>CONSERVATION CORPS</u></b>			
31.13	<b><u>MINNESOTA AND IOWA</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>1,070,000</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,070,000</u></b>
31.14	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
31.15		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
31.16	<u>General</u>	<u>580,000</u>	<u>580,000</u>	
31.17	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>490,000</u>	<u>490,000</u>	
31.18	<u>Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa may</u>			
31.19	<u>receive money appropriated from the natural</u>			
31.20	<u>resources fund under this section only as</u>			
31.21	<u>provided in an agreement with the</u>			
31.22	<u>commissioner of natural resources.</u>			
31.23	<b>Sec. 7. <u>ZOOLOGICAL BOARD</u></b>			
		<b>\$</b>	<b><u>13,837,000</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>13,837,000</u></b>
31.24	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
31.25		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
31.26	<u>General</u>	<u>13,582,000</u>	<u>13,582,000</u>	
31.27	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>255,000</u>	<u>255,000</u>	
31.28	<u>\$255,000 the first year and \$255,000 the</u>			
31.29	<u>second year are from the natural resources</u>			
31.30	<u>fund from revenue deposited under Minnesota</u>			
31.31	<u>Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),</u>			
31.32	<u>clause (5).</u>			
31.33	<b>Sec. 8. <u>SCIENCE MUSEUM</u></b>			
		<b>\$</b>	<b><u>1,260,000</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,260,000</u></b>

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

32.2				<del>229,638,000</del>
32.3	Subdivision 1. <b>Total Appropriation</b>	\$	<b>305,345,000</b>	\$ <u>226,638,000</u>

32.4	Appropriations by Fund			
32.5		2024	2025	
32.6			<del>100,098,000</del>	
32.7	General	179,534,000	<u>97,098,000</u>	
32.8	State Government			
32.9	Special Revenue	85,000	90,000	
32.10	Environmental	106,055,000	109,203,000	
32.11	Remediation	19,671,000	20,247,000	

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

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

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

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

32.24				<del>72,785,000</del>
32.25	Subd. 2. <b>Environmental Analysis and Outcomes</b>		79,311,000	<u>69,785,000</u>

32.26	Appropriations by Fund			
32.27		2024	2025	
32.28			<del>53,047,000</del>	
32.29	General	60,103,000	<u>50,047,000</u>	
32.30	Environmental	18,959,000	19,533,000	
32.31	Remediation	249,000	205,000	

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

32.34   (1) a municipal liaison to assist municipalities  
32.35   in implementing and participating in the

33.1 rulemaking process for water quality standards  
33.2 and navigating the NPDES/SDS permitting  
33.3 process;

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

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

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

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

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

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

33.29 (e) \$106,000 the first year and \$109,000 the  
33.30 second year are from the environmental fund  
33.31 for duties related to harmful chemicals in  
33.32 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,  
33.33 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this  
33.34 amount, \$68,000 the first year and \$70,000

34.1 the second year are transferred to the  
34.2 commissioner of health.

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

34.6 (g) \$1,492,000 the first year and \$1,519,000  
34.7 the second year are from the environmental  
34.8 fund to continue perfluorochemical  
34.9 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan  
34.10 communities, as recommended by the  
34.11 Environmental Health Tracking and  
34.12 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address  
34.13 other environmental health risks, including air  
34.14 quality. The communities must include Hmong  
34.15 and other immigrant farming communities.  
34.16 Of this amount, up to \$1,226,000 the first year  
34.17 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer  
34.18 to the commissioner of health.

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

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

34.33 (j) \$500,000 the first year is to facilitate the  
34.34 collaboration and modeling of greenhouse gas

35.1 impacts, costs, and benefits of strategies to  
35.2 reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.  
35.3 This is a onetime appropriation.

35.4 (k) \$50,266,000 the first year and ~~\$50,270,000~~  
35.5 \$47,270,000 the second year are to establish  
35.6 and implement a local government climate  
35.7 resiliency and water infrastructure grant  
35.8 program for local governmental units and  
35.9 Tribal governments. Of this amount,  
35.10 ~~\$49,100,000 each the first year is and~~  
35.11 \$46,100,000 the second year are for grants to  
35.12 support communities in planning and  
35.13 implementing projects that will allow for  
35.14 adaptation for a changing climate. At least 40  
35.15 percent of the money granted under this  
35.16 paragraph must be for projects in areas that  
35.17 meet environmental justice criteria. By  
35.18 December 30, 2027, the commissioner must  
35.19 submit a report on the use of grant money to  
35.20 the chairs and ranking minority members of  
35.21 the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
35.22 over environment and natural resources  
35.23 finance. This appropriation is available until  
35.24 June 30, 2027. The base for this appropriation  
35.25 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$270,000.

35.26 (l) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
35.27 city of Fergus Falls to address water-quality  
35.28 concerns at Lake Alice.

35.29 (m) \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to  
35.30 Rice County to address water-quality concerns  
35.31 at French Lake.

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

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

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

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

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

36.23 (s) \$500,000 the first year is to develop  
36.24 protocols to be used by agencies and  
36.25 departments for sampling and testing  
36.26 groundwater, surface water, public drinking  
36.27 water, and private wells for microplastics and  
36.28 nanoplastics and to begin implementation. The  
36.29 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency  
36.30 may transfer money appropriated under this  
36.31 paragraph to the commissioners of agriculture,  
36.32 natural resources, and health to implement the  
36.33 protocols developed. This is a onetime  
36.34 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
36.35 2025.

37.1 (t) \$50,000 the first year is from the  
37.2 remediation fund for the work group on PFAS  
37.3 manufacturer fees and report required under  
37.4 this act.

37.5 (u) \$387,000 the first year and \$90,000 the  
37.6 second year are to develop and implement the  
37.7 requirements for fish kills under Minnesota  
37.8 Statutes, sections 103G.216 and 103G.2165.  
37.9 Of this amount, up to \$331,000 the first year  
37.10 and \$90,000 the second year may be  
37.11 transferred to the commissioners of health,  
37.12 natural resources, agriculture, and public  
37.13 safety and to the Board of Regents of the  
37.14 University of Minnesota as necessary to  
37.15 implement those sections. The base for this  
37.16 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and beyond  
37.17 is \$7,000.

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

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

37.28 (x) \$2,333,000 the first year and \$2,333,000  
37.29 the second year are to adopt rules and  
37.30 implement air toxics emissions requirements  
37.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.  
37.32 The general fund appropriations are onetime  
37.33 and are available until June 30, 2027. The base  
37.34 for this appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2026

38.1 and \$1,400,000 from the environmental fund  
38.2 in fiscal year 2027 and beyond.

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

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

38.5	Subd. 7. <b>Resource Management and Assistance</b>	82,000,000	57,974,000
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38.6	Appropriations by Fund		
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38.7		2024	2025
38.8	General	38,464,000	13,850,000
38.9	Environmental	43,536,000	44,124,000

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

38.15 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
38.16 the second year are for competitive recycling  
38.17 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
38.18 115A.565. Of this amount, \$300,000 the first  
38.19 year and \$300,000 the second year are from  
38.20 the general fund, and \$700,000 the first year  
38.21 and \$700,000 the second year are from the  
38.22 environmental fund. This appropriation is  
38.23 available until June 30, 2027.

38.24 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the  
38.25 second year are from the environmental fund  
38.26 for emission-reduction activities and grants to  
38.27 small businesses and other  
38.28 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this  
38.29 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000  
38.30 the second year are to continue work with  
38.31 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner  
38.32 may enter into an agreement with  
38.33 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.

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

39.4 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the  
39.5 second year are from the environmental fund  
39.6 for environmental assistance grants or loans  
39.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.

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

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

39.22 (h) \$2,797,000 the first year and \$2,811,000  
39.23 the second year are from the environmental  
39.24 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,  
39.25 section 473.844.

39.26 (i) \$318,000 the first year and \$324,000 the  
39.27 second year are from the environmental fund  
39.28 to address chemicals in products, including to  
39.29 implement and enforce flame retardant  
39.30 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section  
39.31 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and  
39.32 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging  
39.33 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section  
39.34 325F.075. Of this amount, \$78,000 the first

40.1 year and \$80,000 the second year are  
40.2 transferred to the commissioner of health.

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

40.8 (k) \$1,790,000 the first year and \$70,000 the  
40.9 second year are for accelerating pollution  
40.10 prevention at small businesses. Of this amount,  
40.11 \$1,720,000 the first year is for transfer to the  
40.12 environmental fund for zero-interest loans  
40.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993, to  
40.14 phase out high-polluting equipment, products,  
40.15 and processes and replace with new options.  
40.16 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
40.17 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

40.18 (l) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the  
40.19 second year are to support the Greenstep Cities  
40.20 program. This is a onetime appropriation. This  
40.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

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

40.26 (n) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the  
40.27 second year are from the environmental fund  
40.28 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.

40.29 (o) \$4,210,000 the first year and \$210,000 the  
40.30 second year are for PFAS reduction grants.  
40.31 Of this amount, \$4,000,000 the first year is  
40.32 for grants to industry and public entities to  
40.33 identify sources of PFAS entering facilities  
40.34 and to develop pollution prevention and

41.1 reduction initiatives to reduce PFAS entering  
41.2 facilities, prevent releases, and monitor the  
41.3 effectiveness of these projects. Priority must  
41.4 be given to projects in underserved  
41.5 communities. This is a onetime appropriation  
41.6 and is available until June 30, 2027.

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

41.32 (q) \$16,562,000 the first year is for grants to  
41.33 a Minnesota nonprofit corporation that owns  
41.34 a cogeneration facility that serves a St. Paul  
41.35 district heating and cooling system to preserve

42.1 existing biomass energy infrastructure for  
42.2 purposes of local and regional emerald ash  
42.3 borer response efforts. The commissioner of  
42.4 the Pollution Control Agency may require the  
42.5 nonprofit corporation to charge a fee per ton  
42.6 of wood waste delivered to the facility. This  
42.7 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
42.8 until June 30, 2030.

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

42.17 (s) \$680,000 the first year is for the resource  
42.18 management report required in this act. This  
42.19 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
42.20 until June 30, 2026.

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

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

42.32 (v) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a lead tackle  
42.33 reduction program that provides outreach,  
42.34 education, and opportunities to safely dispose

43.1 of and exchange lead tackle throughout the

43.2 state. This is a onetime appropriation and is

43.3 available until June 30, 2027.

43.4 (w) \$17,000 the first year is for rulemaking

43.5 for the capital assistance program. This is a

43.6 onetime appropriation.

43.7 (x) Any unencumbered grant and loan

43.8 balances in the first year do not cancel but are

43.9 available for grants and loans in the second

43.10 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,

43.11 section 16A.28, the appropriations

43.12 encumbered on or before June 30, 2025, as

43.13 contracts or grants for environmental

43.14 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,

43.15 section 115A.0716; technical and research

43.16 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section

43.17 115A.152; technical assistance under

43.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and

43.19 pollution prevention assistance under

43.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are

43.21 available until June 30, 2027.

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

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

43.24			<del>535,868,000</del>		
43.25	Subdivision 1. <b>Total Appropriation</b>	\$	<u>530,868,000</u>	\$	<b>403,116,000</b>

43.26	Appropriations by Fund		
43.27		2024	2025
43.28		<del>281,054,000</del>	
43.29	General	<u>276,054,000</u>	150,078,000
43.30	Natural Resources	123,986,000	123,706,000
43.31	Game and Fish	129,920,000	128,513,000
43.32	Remediation	117,000	117,000
43.33	Permanent School	791,000	702,000

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

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

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

44.6		<del>111,125,000</del>	
44.7	Subd. 6. <b>Fish and Wildlife Management</b>	<u>106,125,000</u>	96,963,000

44.8	Appropriations by Fund		
44.9		2024	2025
44.10		<del>23,643,000</del>	
44.11	General	<u>18,643,000</u>	9,888,000
44.12	Natural Resources	2,082,000	2,082,000
44.13	Game and Fish	85,400,000	84,993,000

44.14 (a) \$11,158,000 the first year and \$11,158,000  
44.15 the second year are from the heritage  
44.16 enhancement account in the game and fish  
44.17 fund only for activities specified under  
44.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
44.19 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding  
44.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five  
44.21 percent of this appropriation may be used for  
44.22 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and  
44.23 retention.

44.24 (b) \$982,000 the first year and \$982,000 the  
44.25 second year are from the general fund and  
44.26 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the  
44.27 second year are from the game and fish fund  
44.28 for statewide response and management of  
44.29 chronic wasting disease. The commissioner  
44.30 and the Board of Animal Health must each  
44.31 submit annual reports on chronic wasting  
44.32 disease activities funded in this biennium to  
44.33 the chairs and ranking minority members of  
44.34 the legislative committees and divisions with  
44.35 jurisdiction over environment and natural

45.1 resources and agriculture. The general fund  
45.2 base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026  
45.3 and beyond is \$282,000.

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

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

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

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

45.28 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
45.29 second year are from the general fund and  
45.30 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
45.31 second year are from the heritage enhancement  
45.32 account in the game and fish fund for grants  
45.33 for natural-resource-based education and  
45.34 recreation programs serving youth under

46.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976, and for  
46.2 grant administration. Priority must be given  
46.3 to projects benefiting underserved  
46.4 communities. The base for this appropriation  
46.5 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$500,000  
46.6 from the heritage enhancement account in the  
46.7 game and fish fund. The general fund  
46.8 appropriation is onetime.

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

46.29 (i) \$767,000 the first year is from the heritage  
46.30 enhancement account in the game and fish  
46.31 fund to examine the effects of neonicotinoid  
46.32 exposure on the reproduction and survival of  
46.33 Minnesota's game species, including deer and  
46.34 prairie chicken. This is a onetime

47.1 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
47.2 2027.

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

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

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

47.14 (m) Up to \$5,750,000 the first year and up to  
47.15 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for  
47.16 transfer from the critical habitat private sector  
47.17 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota  
47.18 fund for wildlife management areas  
47.19 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement  
47.20 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
47.21 84.943, subdivision 5b.

47.22 (n) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
47.23 section 297A.94, \$300,000 the first year and  
47.24 \$300,000 the second year are from the heritage  
47.25 enhancement account in the game and fish  
47.26 fund for shooting sports facility grants under  
47.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10, including  
47.28 grants for archery facilities. Grants must be  
47.29 matched with a nonstate match, which may  
47.30 include in-kind contributions. This is a  
47.31 onetime appropriation and is available until  
47.32 June 30, 2026. This appropriation must be  
47.33 allocated as follows:

48.1 (1) \$200,000 each fiscal year is for grants of  
48.2 \$25,000 or less; and

48.3 (2) \$100,000 each fiscal year is for grants in  
48.4 excess of \$25,000.

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

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

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

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

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

48.33	Sec. 4. <b>BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL</b>			<b>58,131,000</b>
48.34	<b>RESOURCES</b>	\$	<b>61,943,000</b>	\$ <u><b>56,131,000</b></u>

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

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

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

49.25 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000  
49.26 the second year are for cost-sharing programs  
49.27 of soil and water conservation districts for  
49.28 accomplishing projects and practices  
49.29 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
49.30 103C.501, including perennially vegetated  
49.31 riparian buffers, erosion control, water  
49.32 retention and treatment, water quality  
49.33 cost-sharing for feedlots under 500 animal  
49.34 units and nutrient and manure management  
49.35 projects in watersheds where there are

50.1 impaired waters, and other high-priority  
50.2 conservation practices; and

50.3 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
50.4 second year are for county cooperative weed  
50.5 management programs and to restore native  
50.6 plants at selected invasive species management  
50.7 sites.

50.8 (d) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the  
50.9 second year are to provide technical assistance  
50.10 to local drainage management officials and  
50.11 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The  
50.12 board must coordinate the activities of the  
50.13 Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota  
50.14 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.  
50.15 The Drainage Work Group must review a  
50.16 drainage authority's power under Minnesota  
50.17 Statutes, chapter 103E, to consider the  
50.18 abandonment or dismantling of drainage  
50.19 systems; to re-meander, restore, or reconstruct  
50.20 a natural waterway that has been modified by  
50.21 drainage; or to deconstruct dikes, dams, or  
50.22 other water-control structures.

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

50.29 (f) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the  
50.30 second year are for grants to Area II  
50.31 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain  
50.32 management. The base for fiscal year 2026  
50.33 and later is \$140,000.

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

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

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

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

51.26 (k) \$10,557,000 the first year and \$10,557,000  
51.27 the second year are for soil health activities to  
51.28 achieve water quality, soil productivity,  
51.29 climate change resiliency, or carbon  
51.30 sequestration benefits consistent with  
51.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.06. This is  
51.32 a onetime appropriation and is available until  
51.33 June 30, 2027. The board may use grants to  
51.34 local governments, including soil and water  
51.35 conservation districts, and agreements with

52.1 the United States Department of Agriculture;  
52.2 the University of Minnesota, Office for Soil  
52.3 Health; AgCentric, Minnesota State Northern  
52.4 Center of Excellence; and other practitioners  
52.5 and partners to accomplish this work.

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

52.14 (m) \$10,500,000 the first year and  
52.15 ~~\$10,500,000~~ \$8,500,000 the second year are  
52.16 for conservation easements and to restore and  
52.17 enhance grasslands and adjacent lands  
52.18 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, sections  
52.19 103F.501 to 103F.531, for the purposes of  
52.20 climate resiliency, adaptation, carbon  
52.21 sequestration, and related benefits. Of this  
52.22 amount, up to \$423,000 is for deposit in the  
52.23 water and soil conservation easement  
52.24 stewardship account established under  
52.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This is  
52.26 a onetime appropriation and is available until  
52.27 June 30, 2029. The board must give priority  
52.28 to leveraging nonstate funding, including  
52.29 practices, programs, and projects funded by  
52.30 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the  
52.31 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,  
52.32 the Conservation Reserve Program, the  
52.33 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal  
52.34 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities  
52.35 Program.

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

53.22 (o) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
53.23 the second year are to enhance existing  
53.24 easements established under Minnesota  
53.25 Statutes, sections 103F.501 to 103F.531.  
53.26 Enhancements are for the purposes of climate  
53.27 resiliency, adaptation, and carbon  
53.28 sequestration and include but are not limited  
53.29 to increasing biodiversity and mitigating the  
53.30 effects of rainfall and runoff events. This is a  
53.31 onetime appropriation and is available until  
53.32 June 30, 2029. The board must give priority  
53.33 to leveraging nonstate funding, including  
53.34 practices, programs, and projects funded by  
53.35 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the  
53.36 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,

54.1 the Conservation Reserve Program, the  
54.2 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal  
54.3 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities  
54.4 Program.

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

54.22 (q) \$4,673,000 the first year and \$4,673,000  
54.23 the second year are for natural resources block  
54.24 grants to local governments to implement the  
54.25 Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland  
54.26 management program under Minnesota  
54.27 Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water  
54.28 management responsibilities under Minnesota  
54.29 Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce  
54.30 the amount of the natural resources block grant  
54.31 to a county by an amount equal to any  
54.32 reduction in the county's general services  
54.33 allocation to a soil and water conservation  
54.34 district from the county's previous year  
54.35 allocation when the board determines that the

55.1 reduction was disproportionate. The base for  
55.2 this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and  
55.3 beyond is \$3,423,000.

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

55.10 (s) \$3,000,000 the first year is to provide  
55.11 onetime state incentive payments to enrollees  
55.12 in the federal Conservation Reserve Program  
55.13 (CRP) during the continuous enrollment  
55.14 period and to enroll complementary areas in  
55.15 conservation easements consistent with  
55.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515. The  
55.17 board may establish payment rates based on  
55.18 land valuation and on environmental benefit  
55.19 criteria, including but not limited to surface  
55.20 water or groundwater pollution reduction,  
55.21 drinking water protection, soil health,  
55.22 pollinator and wildlife habitat, and other  
55.23 conservation enhancements. The board may  
55.24 use state funds to implement the program and  
55.25 to provide technical assistance to landowners  
55.26 or their agents to fulfill enrollment and  
55.27 contract provisions. The board must consult  
55.28 with the commissioners of agriculture, health,  
55.29 natural resources, and the Pollution Control  
55.30 Agency and the United States Department of  
55.31 Agriculture in establishing program criteria.  
55.32 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
55.33 available until June 30, 2027.

55.34 (t) \$2,000,000 the first year is to acquire  
55.35 conservation easements from landowners to

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

56.22 (u) \$5,623,000 the first year and \$5,804,000  
56.23 the second year are for agency administration  
56.24 and operation of the Board of Water and Soil  
56.25 Resources.

56.26 (v) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
56.27 second year are for the habitat-friendly utilities  
56.28 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
56.29 103B.105. This is a onetime appropriation and  
56.30 is available until June 30, 2027.

56.31 (w) The board may shift money in this section  
56.32 and may adjust the technical and  
56.33 administrative assistance portion of the funds  
56.34 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or  
56.35 to address accountability, oversight, local

57.1 government performance, or high-priority  
57.2 needs.

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

57.10 (y) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
57.11 section 16B.97, grants awarded from  
57.12 appropriations in this section are exempt from  
57.13 the Department of Administration, Office of  
57.14 Grants Management Policy 08-08 Grant  
57.15 Payments and 08-10 Grant Monitoring.

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

57.17 **ARTICLE 2**

57.18 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY**

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

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

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

57.27 (c) If the commissioner determines that a release or threatened release from a qualified  
57.28 facility for which the commissioner has assumed obligations for environmental response  
57.29 actions under section 115B.40 or 115B.406 constitutes an emergency requiring immediate  
57.30 action to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage either to the public health or welfare or the  
57.31 environment or to a system designed to protect the public health or welfare or the  
57.32 environment, up to \$9,000,000 in addition to the amount appropriated under paragraph (b)  
57.33 is appropriated to the commissioner in the first year of the biennium and may be spent by

58.1 the commissioner to take reasonable and necessary emergency response actions. Money  
58.2 not spent in the first year of the biennium may be spent in the second year. If money is  
58.3 appropriated under this paragraph, the commissioner must notify the chairs of the senate  
58.4 and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over environment policy and  
58.5 finance as soon as possible. The commissioner must maintain the fund balance to ensure  
58.6 long-term viability of the fund and reflect the responsibility of the landfill cleanup program  
58.7 in perpetuity.

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

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