

Subject Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

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Overview

This bill includes the recommendations of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) for the 2026 session. It includes fiscal year 2027 appropriations from the environment and natural resources trust fund (ENRTF), a constitutionally dedicated trust fund funded by proceeds from the Minnesota State Lottery.

The LCCMR is made up of 17 members with ten legislators and seven citizens (five legislative members from each body, five citizen members appointed by the Governor, one citizen member appointed by the House of Representatives, and one citizen member appointed by the Senate). The LCCMR is tasked with making recommendations on how money in the ENRTF is spent.

Summary

Section	Description
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| 1 | Appropriations.
Technical. |
| 2 | Minnesota resources.
Subd. 1. Total appropriation. Provides a total appropriation of \$103,288,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the ENRTF.
Subd. 2. Definition. Technical.
Subd. 3. Resiliency. Provides a total appropriation for various projects building resiliency of \$10,641,000 in fiscal year 2027.
Subd. 4. Water. Provides a total appropriation for water related projects of \$17,014,000 in fiscal year 2027. |

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Subd. 5. Education and outdoor recreation. Provides a total appropriation for environmental education and outdoor recreation projects of \$37,806,000 in fiscal year 2027.

Subd. 6. Fish and wildlife. Provides a total appropriation for fish and wildlife projects of \$18,750,000 in fiscal year 2027.

Subd. 7. Energy. Provides a total appropriation for energy projects of \$773,000 in fiscal year 2027.

Subd. 8. Land. Provides a total appropriation for land restoration and other land related projects of \$17,964,000 in fiscal year 2027.

Subd. 9. Administration. Provides a total appropriation of \$340,000 in fiscal year 2027 for certain administrative expenses.

Subds. 10 to 16. Provide project requirements that apply to all recipients. The LCCMR recommends similar requirements each year, which include: specifying the availability of appropriations; data requirements; specific project requirements, including requiring ecological restoration and management plans; and requiring easements to be permanent and have a long-term monitoring and enforcement plan. Extends several previous appropriations set to expire.



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