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Overview

This act appropriates state general obligation bond proceeds for capital improvement projects. It is effective May 25, 2013.

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- 1** **Summary.** Total appropriation is \$176.795 million of state general obligation bond proceeds. Of this \$22.68 million is user-financed and \$2 million is offset by a cancellation of a previous appropriation.
- 2** **Natural resources.** Appropriates \$20 million for the flood hazard mitigation grant program, which provides grants for up to 50 percent of project costs. Lists counties, towns, cities, and watershed districts intended to be funded. Permits the commissioner of natural resources to allocate money to other projects on the commissioner's priority list if a project listed in the act is not ready to proceed. Provides that the appropriation is also for the local share of a project if the cost exceeds 2 percent of the median household income in a city or township multiplied by the number of households in the city or township.

- 3** **Administration.**

Subd. 2. Capitol renovation and restoration. Appropriates \$109 million for the project. (It is expected that next year there will be an additional \$94.5 million appropriated.) The money is for work on the Capitol and for work in the State Office Building, Administration Building, Centennial Office Building, 321 Grove Street Building, and other buildings and parking facilities in the Capitol area necessary to provide swing space and permanent space needed due to the renovation.

Requires the Capitol Preservation Commission to approve the schematic design, design

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development, and work packages.

Directs the commissioner to do life safety, water management, and selective restoration of architectural features as part of the exterior stone repair.

Prohibits permanent buildings or other structures and facilities on the area of Leif Erikson Park.

Subd. 3. Tenant approval. Provides for each tenant to approve plans for that tenant's space in the Capitol. Provides that the general fund appropriation for relocation of a tenant, included in the omnibus tax act (Laws 2013, chapter 143, article 12, section 22) is not available until that tenant has approved the relocation plan. Lists required elements of the relocation plan.

Subd. 4. Legislative office building. Provides that the plans and specifications for a new legislative office building for the Senate must be approved by the House of Representatives Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. The provisions for the new legislative office building are included in the omnibus tax act (Laws 2013, chapter 143, article 12, section 21) and in that act only provided for Senate approval.

Subd. 5. Parking facilities. Appropriates \$22.68 million, user financed, for parking facilities for the Capitol complex to provide a net replacement of approximately 675 stalls.

Prohibits demolition of the Ford Building for the parking facilities unless approved by the House and Senate Rules committees.

Exempts the parking facilities project from statutes governing design and project bidding if the commissioner elects to use a design-build project delivery method. Provides a design-build selection process for the project.

- 4 Veterans Affairs.** Appropriates \$18.935 million for the Minneapolis Veterans Home project. This is the state share, 35 percent, of the total project cost of \$54.1 million.
- 5 Public Facilities Authority.** Appropriates \$8 million for the 20 percent state match for the estimated 2014 federal capitalization grants; \$40 million. The program provides low-interest loans for municipal, publicly-owned clean water projects (wastewater and storm water) and drinking water public infrastructure projects. In order to comply with state and federal standards, funds are used to either build or upgrade wastewater treatment plants or build drinking water storage, treatment, and distribution systems.
- 6 Bond sale expenses.**
- 7 Bond sale schedule.** Sets the maximum amount for transfer from the general fund to the bond fund to pay debt service during the biennium on all outstanding debt.
- 8 Bond sale authorization.** Authorizes \$178.795 million in state general obligation bonds to be sold for the projects in this act.

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- 9 Cancellation; bond sale authorization reduction.** Cancels the 2009 \$2 million appropriation for the Alexandria aircraft surveillance facility.
- 10, 11, 13 Fergus Falls regional treatment center.** Extends availability of the 2002, 2005, and 2006 bond appropriations until December 31, 2016, and allows use of the money to prepare the center for sale and redevelopment.
- 12, 15, 16 Old Cedar Avenue Bridge.** Extends the 2006, 2008, and 2010 appropriations until December 31, 2017, and allows use of the money to renovate and restore, or to replace the bridge.
- 14 Bioscience Business Development (Granary Road).** Extends the availability of the 2008 appropriation until June 30, 2015.
- 17 Enterprise Technology.** Modifies the 2011 project description for state data centers.
- 18 Capitol restoration; collection of rent.** Prohibits the commissioner of administration from collecting rent to cover bond interest costs or building depreciation costs for any appropriation utilized for the Capitol restoration project between 2012 and 2017.
- 19 Effective date.** May 25, 2013.