

Chapter 94

2022 Regular Session

Subject Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

Bill H.F. 3765

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Overview

This act includes fiscal year 2023 appropriations from the environment and natural resources trust fund (a constitutionally dedicated trust fund funded by proceeds from the Minnesota State Lottery). The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) typically provides recommendations to the legislature on how to spend money in the trust fund.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Appropriations.
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Technical.

2	Minnesota resources.
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Subd. 1. Total appropriation. Provides a total appropriation of \$70,881,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the environment and natural resources trust fund.

Subd. 2. Definition. Technical.

Subd. 3. Foundational natural resource data and information. Provides a total appropriation for natural resource data and information projects of \$9,004,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 4. Water resources. Provides a total appropriation for water resources projects of \$5,783,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 5. Environmental education. Provides a total appropriation for environmental education projects of \$4,269,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 6. Aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. Provides a total appropriation for invasive species projects of \$6,404,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Section Description

Subd. 7. Air quality and renewable energy. Provides a total appropriation for air quality and renewable energy projects of \$843,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 8. Methods to protect, restore, and enhance, land, water, and habitat. Provides a total appropriation for projects for protection, restoration, and enhancement methods of \$11,294,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 9. Habitat and recreation. Provides a total appropriation for habitat, and recreation projects of \$26,179,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 10. Other projects. Provides a total appropriation for various projects of \$6,973,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 11. Administrative. Provides \$132,000 for contract administration expenses of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Subds. 12 to 20. Provides 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. Provides a one-year extension for projects expiring June 30, 2022, if the recipient notifies the LCCMR and modifies the applicable work plan. Transfers unencumbered money from previous appropriations to the DNR for contract management and for state park, state recreation, and trail maintenance and development and to an emerging issues account.

3 Exceptions.

Prohibits money in the trust fund from being used by eminent domain unless the owner requests that the owner's property be acquired by eminent domain.

4 Information submitted with capital proposals.

Requires the LCCMR to consider whether to statutorily require additional information to accompany proposals for capital projects and submit recommendations to the legislature by October 15, 2022.



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