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Bill Summary

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Overview

The bill repeals existing statutes pertaining to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) operating a Minnesota conservation corps for youth and adults ages 15 to 26, and transfers this duty and related assets to an existing nonprofit corporation.

Section

- 1** **Minnesota conservation corps.** Provides for the transfer of duties, including setting up bylaws, hiring staff and corps members, permitting fees, a preferred bidding process for state contracts, limitations on projects, and providing for audits to the nonprofit Minnesota Conservation Corps.
- 2** **Transfer of assets.** Transfers assets, such as computers, tools, and equipment used by the DNR for conservation corps purposes to the nonprofit corporation.
- 3** **Transfer of funds.** Transfers any funds still in accounts for conservation corps purposes to the nonprofit corporation.
- 4** **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$1,200,000 in each of the next two fiscal years to the nonprofit corporation for conservation corps activities.
- 5** **Repealer.** Repeals existing law in the DNR statutes that pertained to DNR conservation corps purposes.