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Overview

This is the omnibus capital investment bill. For detailed information on the appropriation amounts and funding sources, see the spreadsheet prepared by John Walz, House Fiscal Analyst, <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/fiscal/.....pdf>

Section

Article 1

Appropriations and Related Language

- 1 **Capital improvement appropriations.** Summarizes the appropriations made in the bill by agency and by fund. Total capital spending is \$816,811,000.
- 2 **University of Minnesota.** Total appropriation of \$89,373,000 to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

Subd. 2. Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR). \$38.0 million for asset preservation and replacement according to law.

Subd. 3. Duluth campus life science building. \$9.3 million to design and renovate a building for the pharmacy program and other academic programs.

Subd. 4. Morris district facilities. \$2.89 million to design and construct a biomass

heat generating facility, with \$100,000 for the construction of a football stadium shared with the Morris school district.

Subd. 5. Twin Cities Campus - Minneapolis.

(a) **Kolthoff Hall.** \$16 million to renovate Kolthoff Hall for the department of chemistry.

(b) **Education Sciences.** \$13.3 million to renovate the Education Sciences building (old Minerals Resources Research building).

(c) **Academic Health Center.** \$9.6 million to renovate and equip classrooms in the Academic Health Center.

Subd. 6. North Central Research and Outreach Center. \$283,000 to construct the Grand Rapids shops.

Subd. 7. University funding. Requires the Board of Regents to provide nonstate funding for the balance of the costs for the all projects except asset preservation under subdivision 2. This is in lieu of the one-third user financing required of the University in the past.

3 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU). Total appropriation of \$154,762,000 to the Board of Trustees.

Subd. 2. HEAPR. \$ 49 million for asset preservation and replacement according to law.

Subd. 3. Anoka Ramsey Community College - Cambridge. \$9.65 million for construction of an addition and remodeling of the main campus building for science labs and academic support.

Subd. 4. Central Lakes College. \$4.48 million for construction of shop space at the Staples West campus.

Subd. 5. Century Community and Technical College. \$4.5 million to renovate purchased space into a computer center, offices, and smart classrooms.

Subd. 6. Dakota Technical College. \$1.2 million to remodel the west side of the main campus facility for information technology and a telecommunications upgrade, library, science labs and other space.

Subd. 7. Inver Hills Community College. \$4.5 million for an addition to and remodeling of the College Center Building.

Subd. 8. Lake Superior College. \$8.3 million to construct an addition for classrooms, computer labs and other space.

Subd. 9. Minnesota State Community and Technical College - Fergus Falls. \$7 million to construct an addition for fine arts, technology and student services and for

classroom improvements.

Subd. 10. Minnesota State Community and Technical College - Moorhead. \$6.5 million to construct an addition and renovate space for allied health and other programs.

Subd. 11. Minnesota State University - Moorhead. \$9.645 million to renovate Hagen Hall for classrooms, labs and related offices.

Subd. 12. Riverland Community and Technical College. \$5.1 million to remodel space for science labs and classrooms at the Austin and Albert Lea campuses.

Subd. 13. Rochester Community and Technical College. \$10.945 million to renovate buildings for a health science center, expand the dental clinic, and create a community care clinic.

Subd. 14. St. Cloud State University. Total appropriations of \$3,800,000.

(a) \$2.9 million to remodel and convert Centennial Hall to classroom and office use, in addition to the \$10 million appropriated for this project in 2003.

(b) \$900,000 for design of an addition to and renovation of Brown Hall and Math and Science Hall for science and health instruction.

Subd. 15. St. Cloud Technical College. \$12.96 million to construct an addition and to renovate classrooms, labs and offices for health programs and co-location of a workforce center.

Subd. 16. South Central Technical College. \$4.747 million to remodel labs at the North Mankato campus and for asset preservation at the Faribault campus.

Subd. 17. Winona State University. \$10.235 million to renovate Pasteur Hall for classrooms, labs and related offices.

Subd. 18. Systemwide Renovations.

(a) **Science lab renovations.** \$900,000 to renovate science laboratories at campuses statewide.

(b) **Technology updated classrooms.** \$1 million to renovate and equip classrooms with learning technology at campuses statewide.

(c) **Land acquisition.** \$300,000 to acquire property near college and university campuses.

Subd. 19. Debt service. Requires the Board of Trustees to pay debt service on one-third of the principal amount of state bonds sold for projects, except for HEAPR under subdivision 2.

commissioner of administration for improvements to the Center.

Subd. 2. Campus asset preservation. \$558,000 for asset preservation.

Subd. 3. Beta building demolition. \$525,000 to demolish the building, dispose of materials and fill the site.

5 Education. Total appropriations of \$3,054,000 to the commissioner of Education.

Subd. 2. East Metro Integration District. \$1.054 million for a grant to complete land acquisition of the Crosswinds Arts and Science Middle School site. This appropriation is in addition to previous appropriations of \$3.8 million, \$16 million, and \$1.7 million for the same project.

Subd. 3. Library capital improvement grants. \$2 million for grants to libraries under the library accessibility and improvement grant program. The uses of the grants are expanded in section 40 of this bill.

6 Minnesota State Academies. Total appropriations of \$4,255,000 to the commissioner of Administration for asset preservation at both campuses.

7 Natural Resources. Total appropriations of \$72,900,000 to the commissioner of Natural Resources.

Subd. 2. Flood hazard mitigation grants. \$21 million for the state share of flood hazard mitigation grants under law, including:

- \$2 million for projects related to the Austin flood in the area included in the disaster declaration DR-1569, of which \$175,000 is for the state share of a Cannon Falls grant.

Requires the state share of the Roseau River Wildlife Management Area, Palmville, and Malung to be \$3 for every \$1 nonstate contribution. Provides that the appropriation is also for the local share of named projects if the project cost exceeds 2 percent of the municipality's median household income times the number of households. No local share is required for the Canisteo Mine project.

Subd. 3. Dam renovation and removal. \$1.4 million to renovate or remove publicly owned dams, according to priorities determined by the commissioner under law, including:

- \$200,000 for dam removal and restoration of Rush Creek in Chisago County

- \$500,000 for repair of Rapidan dam in Blue Earth County

- \$50,000 for repair of Vermillion River dam in St. Louis County

- \$400,000 to Shellrock River Watershed District to replace the Shellrock River dam.

Subd. 4. RIM - critical habitat match. \$3 million for the state match for the critical habitat private sector matching account.

Subd. 5. RIM - wildlife area land acquisition. \$12 million to acquire land for

wildlife management.

Subd. 6. Fisheries acquisition and improvement. \$1.05 million to acquire and to make public improvements of, land for aquatic management areas.

Subd. 7. Water access acquisition, betterment, and fishing piers. \$2.5 million to acquire and improve public water access on lakes and rivers.

Subd. 8. Stream protection. \$500,000 for trout stream restoration projects.

Subd. 9. Reforestation. \$1 million for increased reforestation to meet the requirements in law.

Subd. 10. Metro greenways. \$1 million for grants to local government to acquire or improve greenways and natural areas in the metro region, including purchase of conservation easements, according to priorities determined by the commissioner in consultation with local government and others.

Subd. 11. Native prairie bank easements and development. \$1 million to acquire easements and to improve native prairie bank land.

Subd. 12. Scenic and natural area acquisition and development. \$300,000 to acquire land and for development protection and improvements.

Subd. 13. State and local trail development and acquisition. \$8.5 million for trail acquisition, and development. Set asides:

- \$1.5 million for Blazing Star Trail

- \$200,000 to Bloomington to remove the Cedar Avenue bridge to prepare for a trail connection

- \$500,000 to Hennepin County for the Cedar Lake Trail

- \$500,000 for a portion of the Glacial Lakes Trail

- \$200,000 to acquire and develop the Goodhue Pioneer Trail

- \$300,000 for the Heartland Trail

- \$150,000 to Stearns County for the Lake Koronis Recreational Trail

- \$700,000 to the St. Louis and Lake counties regional railroad authority to complete the Mesabi station in St. Louis county contingent on an \$800,000 match

- \$500,000 for a portion of the Mill Towns state trail and the Sakatah Singing Hills state trail

- \$115,000 for necessary upgrades of the North Shore Trail

- \$1.5 million for a road extension to connect with the Oberstar Tunnel on the Paul Bunyan trail
- \$435,000 to develop the Preston-Forestville portion of the Blufflands Trail
- \$450,000 to acquire and construct the Leroy to Rose Creek portion of the Shooting Star Trail
- \$500,000 to St. Louis Park to construct a crossing over CSAH 25 through the local recreation grants program
- \$220,000 to Stearns County Trail for a matching grant to link the Lake Wobegon Trail and the Central Lakes State Trail
- \$340,000 to construct the ATV and OHV trails authorized in 2003 with the debt service paid according to law (10% from the dedicated off-highway motorcycle account, 90% from the dedicated ATV account).

Subd. 14. Fish hatchery improvements. \$1.7 million to renovate fish culture facilities.

Subd. 15. RIM - wildlife management area development. \$600,000 for wildlife management area improvements and protection under law.

Subd. 16. State forest land acquisitions. \$850,000 to acquire private lands from willing sellers for state forest infill and within forest legacy areas.

Subd. 17. Forest roads and bridges. \$300,000 for improvements to forest roads and bridges statewide.

Subd. 18. State park and recreation area acquisition. \$3 million to acquire private lands from willing sellers for state park and recreation area infill.

Subd. 19. State park and recreation area building development. \$2.75 million to improve state parks and recreation areas according to the management plan required in law.

Subd. 20. Lake Superior safe harbor. \$1.8 million to improve public access and small craft harbors on Lake Superior with the Corps of Engineers and for capital purchases from Lake County.

Subd. 21. Statewide asset preservation. \$2 million for asset preservation at DNR buildings statewide.

Subd. 22. Field office renovation. \$300,000 for field office construction and improvements.

Subd. 23. Lake Superior Zoo. \$400,000 to Duluth for improvements to the zoo, contingent on an equal match.

Subd. 24. Local initiative grants. \$1.1 million for local park grants, including replacing urban forests.

Subd. 25. Nonmetro regional parks. \$4.85 million for grants to counties and public regional parks organizations outside the metropolitan area. Requires \$2 nonstate match for every \$3 in state funds. \$900,000 is for St. Cloud area trail organization.

8 **Pollution Control Agency.** Total appropriation of \$14,000,000 for the closed landfill program.

9 **Office of Environmental Assistance.** Total appropriation of \$4,000,000 for the solid waste capital assistance grants for Red Wing (\$2 million) and Olmsted County (\$2 million).

10 **Board of Water and Soil Resources.** Total appropriation of \$27,362,000.

Subd. 2. RIM and CREP conservation easements. \$23 million to acquire conservation easements from owners of marginal lands for the protection of soil, water and habitat. Requires the board to absorb administrative costs.

Subd. 3. Wetland replacement due to public road projects. \$4.362 million to acquire or restore wetlands as replacement for wetlands impacted by public roads. Property must be purchased at fair market value. The Board may enter into agreements for acquisition of land or wetland banking credits. Land may be acquired in the name of the political subdivision.

11 **Agriculture.** Total appropriation of \$5,470,000.

Subd. 2. Agricultural water management research partnership. \$570,000 is appropriated to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for projects at research outreach centers at Crookston, Morris, Lamberton, and Waseca in partnership with the Department of Agriculture.

Subd. 3. Joint plant pathology research. \$4.9 million to the commissioner of agriculture to design, construct, furnish, and equip a level 3 plant biological control containment research facility at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus.

12 **Minnesota Zoo.** Total appropriation of \$15,000,000.

Subd. 2 Phase I master plan. \$9 million to construct facilities for the Gateway to the North exhibit, consistent with the master plan.

Subd. 3 Asset preservation. \$6 million for asset preservation at the zoo.

13 **Administration.** Total appropriation of \$8,500,000.

Subd. 2. Exterior repair of transportation building. \$3 million to repair and renovate the building exterior.

Subd. 3. Capital asset preservation and replacement account (CAPRA). \$3 million for asset preservation according to law. Of this, \$350,000 is for an exterior vault to house electrical transformers for the State Office Building.

Subd. 4. Asset preservation \$2.5 million for asset preservation.

14 **Capitol Area Architectural Planning Board.** Total appropriation of \$1,870,000 to the commissioner of Administration for repair and restoration of the third floor public areas and the dome of the Capitol.

15 Military Affairs. Total appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the adjutant general.

Subd. 2. Asset preservation. \$4 million is for asset preservation and ADA upgrades at facilities throughout the state.

Subd. 3. Facility life safety improvements. \$1 million for life/safety improvements at facilities throughout the state.

16 Veteran's Affairs. Total appropriation of \$670,000 to the commissioner of Administration to complete the World War II veterans' memorial on the Capitol mall. This final appropriation is contingent on the deposit of nonstate funds in an account for perpetual maintenance.

17 Transportation. Total appropriations of \$82,500,000 to the commissioner of transportation.

Subd. 2. Local bridge replacement and rehabilitation. \$50 million from the bond proceeds account in the state transportation fund for grants to political subdivisions for repair or replacement of key bridges on the state transportation system.

Subd. 3. Local road improvement program. \$18.5 million is deposited in the local road improvement fund for grants through a program established in statute in 2002. \$12.5 million is for routes of regional significance, of which \$2.5 million is for the new rural road safety account, and \$6 million is for trunk highway corridor project grants.

Subd. 4. Port development assistance. \$1 million.

Subd. 5. Northstar Commuter Rail. \$10 million for final design and project management (maximum \$2 million); acquisition of land for stations, maintenance facilities, and park and ride lots; and final design and project management of an extension of the LRT line to connect with the commuter rail line. Contingent on \$2 million from local governments and approval by Federal Transit Administration. Any amount remaining when a full federal funding agreement is reached may be used for construction, furnishing and equipping the system.

Subd. 6. Rail service improvements. \$3 million. Of this \$500,000 is for Canisteo railroad project, and \$100,000 is for the city of Golden Valley to reconstruct a railroad bridge.

18 Metropolitan council. Total appropriation of \$19,850,000 to the Metropolitan Council.

Subd. 2. Cedar Avenue bus rapid transit (BRT). \$10 million for environmental studies, engineering, lane improvements and station construction for BRT on Cedar Avenue between the Mall of America and Lakeville.

Subd. 3. Central corridor transitway. \$1 million to match federal funds for design, EIS, acquisition of right-of-way, engineering of the transitway between St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Subd. 4. Metropolitan regional parks capital improvements. \$8.85 million for capital improvements and acquisition by the council and local governments for regional recreational open-lands according to the policy plan with priority for park

rehabilitation and acquisition. Set asides:

\$50,000 to Minneapolis for the Grand Rounds National Scenic byway

\$300,000 to St. Paul for predesign and design of Como Park Zoo renovation

\$3 million to St. Paul for improvements and public park development on Raspberry Island

\$500,000 to South St. Paul for closure, capping, and remediation of about 80 acres of the Port Crosby construction and demolition landfill as preparation for development of the area as a park and restoration of land along the Mississippi River as parkland.

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Human Services. Total appropriation of \$25,873,000 to the commissioner of human services.

Subd. 2. St. Peter Regional Treatment Center sex offender facility. \$3.259 million for the design of a new facility with up to 150 beds for the sexual offenders program.

Subd. 3. Forensic nursing facility. \$12.6 million for a facility located at the Ah Gwah Ching state-owned nursing home site. Requires the facility to be publicly operated.

Subd. 4. Systemwide - campus redevelopment/reuse/demolition. \$6 million to demolish or improve surplus, nonfunctional or deteriorated properties of the department. Set asides:

\$900,000 for work on the Willmar Regional Treatment Center campus to reuse it for health care, mental health care, chemical dependency treatment, housing and other public purposes recommended in the master plan and reuse study for the campus.

\$100,000 for grants to cities, counties, and towns to purchase and place grave markers with names of individuals at cemeteries located on the sites of current or former regional treatment centers or state hospitals. Requires grantees to consult with various interested groups and the families of the deceased persons. Requires nonstate match.

Subd. 5. Systemwide roof renovation and replacement. \$1.014 million.

Subd. 6. Asset preservation. \$3 million

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Veterans Home Board. Total appropriation of \$5,406,000 to the commissioner of Administration.

Subd. 2. Asset preservation. \$5 million.

Subd. 3. Luverne dementia wander area. \$306,000 for an addition.

Subd. 4. Willmar veterans nursing home. \$100,000 for predesign of a nursing home on the Willmar campus of the regional treatment center.

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Corrections. Total appropriation of \$106,394,000 to the commissioner of Administration.

Subd. 2. Minnesota Correctional Facility - Faribault expansion. \$84.844 million.

Subd. 3. Minnesota Correctional Facility - Stillwater. \$10 million for a new 150 bed segregation unit, including remodeling of an existing unit and wall removal.

Subd. 4. Asset preservation. \$11 million for capital improvements at correctional facilities throughout the state.

Subd. 5. Minnesota Correctional Facility - Willow River. \$350,000 for the purchase of a prefabricated building, foundation preparation, and utilities for a 24-bed building. Permits this funding to be used with any other available to do up to 75 beds.

Subd. 6. St. Croix boys and girls camp. \$200,000 to acquire property for which the state has right of first refusal, to use for a new challenge incarceration program.

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Employment and Economic Development. Total appropriation of \$115,380,000 to the commissioner of Employment and Economic Development, unless otherwise stated.

Subd. 2. State match for federal grants. \$14.38 million for the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) to match federal grants for the water pollution control revolving fund and the drinking water revolving fund. State money is allocated based on federal appropriations to the programs and must be used for capital projects.

Subd. 3. Minnesota redevelopment account. \$20 million is for transfer to the redevelopment account.

Of the one-half for the metropolitan area, \$5 million is for the Sears site project.

Of the one-half for greater Minnesota, \$600,000 is for the city of Rushford for the Institute of Nanotechnology, and \$300,000 is for the city of Worthington for storm damaged infrastructure replacement and repair.

Subd. 4. Wastewater infrastructure funding (WIF). \$29 million to the Public Facilities Authority for grants to municipalities through the WIF program. The PFA is directed to fund the 2005 projects in priority order to the extent practical, for applicants that submit plans to the Pollution Control Agency or have a federal funding commitment by December 1, 2006. Set asides are:

\$1.5 million for Aurora to reconstruct its wastewater treatment plant damaged by a May 5, 2004, explosion.

\$4.95 million for Duluth for sanitary sewer overflow storage facilities. Requires a match.

\$1.5 million for Two Harbors to retire loans incurred for an equalization basin and chlorine contact tank adjacent to the wastewater treatment plan. Requires a nonstate contribution of \$325,000.

\$1.55 million for Bayport to complete the sewer system from the prison pond in Bayport to the St. Croix River.

\$2.5 million for Burnsville to build a new facility to provide additional potable water from the Burnsville quarry. Requires a nonstate contribution of \$6 million. Allows expenditures made since January 1, 2002, to count towards the nonstate contribution.

\$2 million for New Brighton to relocate a sanitary sewer interceptor to allow for redevelopment in that area.

\$5 million for corrective actions on systems built since 2001 with federal USDA Rural Economic and Community Development funds. Cities are Dunnell, Dumont, Henriette, Lewisville, McGrath, and Ostrander.

Subd. 5. Bioscience development. \$20 million for design, construction, equipping of transportation, development and redevelopment infrastructure. Equally divided among St. Paul, Minneapolis, Rochester, and rural Minnesota.

Subd. 6. Austin flood relief. \$2 million, of which \$800,000 is for Austin, \$600,000 is for Albert Lea, \$400,000 is for Freeborn county for the Turtle Creek Watershed, and \$200,000 is for Blooming Prairie.

Subd. 7. University of Minnesota - Mayo Clinic biotechnology research facility. \$20 million to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the purchase of three floors in the Mayo Clinic's Stabile Building in Rochester for collaborative scientific research. The three floors are to be owned by the University and operated by the Mayo clinic under a use agreement approved by the commissioner of Finance.

Subd. 8. Total maximum daily load grants. \$10 million for this new program (see new statutory language).

23 **Housing Finance Agency.** Total appropriation of \$10,000,000 for permanent supportive housing loans.

24 **Minnesota Historical Society.** Total appropriation of \$6,000,000 to the Society.

Subd. 2. Historic sites asset preservation. \$4 million is for asset preservation at state historic sites and buildings, according to priorities determined by the Society based on need.

Subd. 3. County and local preservation grants. \$2 million is for allocation to county and local jurisdictions as equal match for capital historic preservation projects for publicly owned facilities.

25 **Grants to political subdivisions.** Total appropriation of \$37,324,000 to commissioner of Employment and Economic Development unless otherwise indicated.

Subd. 2. Big Island. \$3 million to the city of Orono to acquire the Big Island Veterans camp in Lake Minnetonka. Requires an equal match from nonstate sources.

Subd. 3. Blue Earth police and fire station. \$642,000 to the commissioner of public safety for a grant to the city of Blue Earth for a police and fire station. Requires an equal nonstate match.

Subd. 4. Buffalo Lake maintenance garage and street repair. \$635,000 for a grant

to Buffalo Lake to reconstruct the garage and streets damaged by a tornado.

Subd. 5. Crookston and Red Lake Falls riverbank protection. \$800,000 to the Public Facilities Authority for a grant to the city of Crookston for emergency riverbank protection and erosion control along the Red Lake River near U.S. 2. \$200,000 is for the city of Red Lake Falls for the same purposes.

Subd. 6. Lewis and Clark rural water system. \$2 million to the Public Facilities Authority for grants to counties, rural water systems, or municipalities served by the system, to acquire land, design and construct more facilities to serve southwestern Minnesota. Requires the joint powers board to approve projects funded. Requires \$8 federal and \$1 local for every \$1 of state funding.

Subd. 7. Lowry corridor. \$1.2 million for a grant to Hennepin county for phase I capital improvements from Girard Avenue North to the I-94 bridge in Minneapolis.

Subd. 8. Minnesota Planetarium. \$6 million for a grant to Minneapolis to build the new planetarium and space discovery center in conjunction with the new library.

Subd. 9. Phalen corridor, St. Paul. \$3 million for land acquisition, complete contamination remediation and to construct Phalen Boulevard.

Subd. 10. Rochester Regional Public Safety Training Center. \$627,000 to the commissioner of Administration for Phase I to develop a live burn training simulator adjacent to the existing National Guard facility. Requires an equal nonstate match.

Subd. 11. Roseau infrastructure repair and improvements. \$13.22 million for capital expenditures arising out the 2002 flood. Allows reimbursement of capital costs paid after the effective date of this act.

Subd. 12. Rural infrastructure. \$5 million for grants under the greater Minnesota business development public infrastructure grant program.

Subd. 13. Shubert Theater. \$1 million to the commissioner of Administration for a grant to the city of Minneapolis to build an atrium and create the Minnesota Shubert Center. Permits the city to enter into an agreement for operation or management of the center.

26 **Bond sale expenses.**

27 **Bond sale schedule.** Directs the commissioner of finance to issue bonds so that general fund expenditures for debt service do not exceed the budgeted amount.

28 **Bond sale authorization.**

29 **Nonstate commitments to capital projects.** Provides that a requirement of nonstate sources for a capital project must be in an amount that when added to the appropriation is sufficient to complete the project. Provides that an appropriation is not available until the commitment is determined to be sufficient, and the commissioner of Finance makes that determination.

30 **Definitions (state certificates of indebtedness).** Updates the limitation on the amount of certificates of indebtedness the State may sell to meet cash flow requirements by conforming to the current federal arbitrage limitations. That limitation is five percent of the actual working capital expenditures from the general fund in the preceding fiscal year.

- 31 **Parks and outdoor recreation areas.** Permits the commissioner of Natural Resources to make grants to create veterans memorial gardens and parks under the local parks grants program.
- 32 **Applicability (Total maximum daily loads).** Adds a cross-reference to new Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073, which authorizes the Public Facilities Authority to make grants to municipalities or wastewater treatment projects made necessary by wasteload reductions under total maximum daily load plans. These grants will be reviewed by the Commissioner of the Pollution Agency using the same procedures as for other wastewater treatment grants.

Overview of sections 33 to 39

The Greater Minnesota Redevelopment program, created in the 2002 bonding act, is recast to its prior statewide application. Also in 2002, the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act was designated as the complementary metropolitan area program. Throughout these sections "greater Minnesota" is changed to "Minnesota." Otherwise the program is essentially unchanged.

- 33 **Creation of accounts.** Strikes "greater Minnesota" from the names of the accounts created.
- 34 **Development authority.** Strikes the language in the definition of "development authority" limiting the program to greater Minnesota.
- 35 **Accounts.** Strikes "greater Minnesota" in the section governing criteria for use of funds appropriated to the program.
- 36 **Projects.** Strikes "greater Minnesota" in the section describing projects eligible for funding.
- 37 **Partnerships.** Strikes language giving priority to projects that meet the tax increment financing requirements for redevelopment in the section governing criteria for use of funds appropriated to the program.
- 38 **Annual report.** Strikes "greater Minnesota" in the section requiring an annual report on the redevelopment account.
- 39 **Commissioner discretion.** Requires an equal distribution of grants funds between projects in the metropolitan area and outside the metropolitan area, unless not enough funds are applied for in one part to allow for equal distribution.
- 40 **Library accessibility and improvement grants.** Expands the library access grant program to include improvements in addition to removing architectural barriers to people with disabilities. The maximum amount of a grant to improve accessibility is increased from \$150,00 to \$200,000. The maximum amount of a grant for other renovation or expansion of a library or construction of a new library is set at \$1 million or 50 percent of the approved cost, whichever is less.
- 41 **Disposition of surplus property (MnSCU).** Authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to sell lands the Board has declared to be surplus and to keep the proceeds of the sale for college and university purposes.
- 42 **Rural road safety account.** Creates a rural road safety account in the local road improvement fund to make grants to counties to assist in paying the costs of capital improvement projects on county state-aid highways that are intended primarily to reduce traffic crashes, deaths, injuries, and property damage. One-third of the money in the account must be used for projects in the seven-county metro area and the remainder must be used for projects elsewhere.
- 43 **Total maximum daily load grants.** Creates a program of grants by the Public Facilities Authority to municipalities to cover one-half the cost of wastewater treatment projects made necessary by wasteload reductions under total maximum daily load plans required by the federal Clean Air Act. The Pollution Control Agency would calculate the eligible project cost as it does for other wastewater treatment grants. Grants would be made in order of approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency of a total maximum daily

load plan and only after the Public Facilities Authority has determined that the additional financing necessary to complete the project has been committed from other sources.

- 44 **Paramount Arts District Regional Arts Center.** Amends the 1998/1999 bond appropriation to allow the St. Cloud HRA to transfer the facility to the city of St. Cloud.
- 45 **Health.** Transfers from the Department of Health to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities a \$775,000 appropriation made in 2003 to construct a community dental clinic at Lake Superior Community College in Duluth and a dental hygiene clinic in Moorhead.
- 46 **Stillwater levee flood control project.** Extends to June 30, 2006, the expiration date for a grant from the department of Natural Resources to Stillwater for flood hazard mitigation.
- 47 **Minnesota Zoo Marine Center debt service.** Relieves the Zoo of paying debt service on bonds issued for the Marine Center.
- 48 **Transfer of MHFA bonding authority to HESO.** Permits the Housing Finance Agency to transfer \$50 million of its tax-exempt bonding authority under the bond allocation statute to the Higher Education Services Office to issue bonds for qualified student loans.
- 49 **Sale of Fuji Ya property; reuse of proceeds.** Permits the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to sell a state bond financed property, known as the Fuji Ya site, originally acquired as part of the Great River Road project, and use the proceeds of the sale for another project on the site. It gives the Park Board \$750,000 of the net proceeds of the sale for capital improvements for a public parking facility on the site if there is a 99 year lease from the private owner to the Park Board. It then evenly divides the remaining net proceeds between the state and the Park Board, directing the Park Board to use the money on capital improvements included in the "Above the Falls" master plan.
- 50 **Effective date.** Day after enactment.

Article 2 Overview

This article reduces the authorizations in laws from 1983 to 2002 for the issuance of state general obligation bonds to reflect specific changes in law, executive vetoes sustained or not challenged, administrative actions reflecting cancellations or abandonment of all or the unused balance from specific projects, and other actions that result in the adjusted authorizations.

Effective the day after enactment.