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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The LCMR, formerly made up of ten legislators from each legislative body, was reconstituted in legislation last year to become the LCCMR, or the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources, consisting of seven citizens and five legislators from each body. They also were required to make annual recommendations to the full legislature on the environment and natural resources trust fund dollars (40 percent of state lottery net proceeds) for expenditure. This is their first effort.

#### Section

**1 Technical.**

**2 Appropriations.** The LCCMR is recommending a total of \$23,366,000 for resources appropriation, of which \$500,000 is for the state Land and Water Conservation Account in statute.

**Subd. 3. LCCMR and Contract Administration.** \$1,318, 000 is recommended for LCCMR and contract administration of the projects.

**Subd. 4. Land.** \$14,835,000 is recommended for projects on land, including:

- Forest legacy conservation easements;
- Minnesota habitat corridors partnership continuation;
- Metro conservation corridors continuation;

- State trail and park inholdings acquisition;
- Metro regional park system land acquisition; and
- Nonmetropolitan regional park land acquisition.

**Subd. 5. Water resources.** \$5,051,000 is recommended for funding 15 water resource projects.

**Subd. 6. Natural resource information.** \$2,002,000 is recommended for funding natural resource information projects, including continuing the county biological survey and soil survey.

**Subd. 7. Emerging issues account.** \$160,000 is recommended to fund an "emerging issues account," which was part of the 2006 law creating the new LCCMR.

**Subds. 8 to 16** are standard subdivisions in other requirements annually made in making LCCMR project funding.

**3 Public meetings.** Ensures that all related meetings of the LCCMR are open to the public when a quorum occurs along with commission action.