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Bill Summary

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Overview

Provides an annual supplemental appropriation to county program aid (CPA), which counties must use on programs to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species. Provides \$5 million for 2014 and \$10 million each year thereafter.

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- 1** **Definitions.** Defines “watercraft trailer launch” and “watercraft trailer parking space.”
- 2** **County need aid.** Provides that 50% of the appropriation in sections 4 and 5 is to be distributed to the counties based on the number of public launch sites in each county, and 50% is to be distributed based on the number of parking spaces at public launch sites in each county.
- 3** **Use of proceeds.** Provides that the amount each county receives from the appropriation under sections 4 and 5 must be used solely to prevent the introduction of or limit the spread of invasive species at all access sites within the county. Provides that the county may fund programs directly, or through a joint powers board, soil and water conservation district, watershed district, or lake association.
- 4** **Counties; appropriation.** Provides for a \$10 million annual supplemental appropriation to county program aid for the purposes described in section 3, beginning in 2015. Provides that for aids payable in 2015 only, the payments will be made on March 15 and July 20. For 2016 and thereafter, payments will be made along with the “regular” CPA payments on July 20 and Dec. 26.
- 5** **2014 supplemental aid for aquatic invasive species.** Provides \$5 million in supplemental

Section

county program aid in 2014 for funding programs to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.