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Overview

This bill appropriates money for disaster relief and mitigation, in the presidential disaster declaration area known as DR-4182. The Federal Emergency Management Agency website states that the disaster was due to severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides and the incident period was June 11, 2014, to July 11, 2014, with the declaration on July 21, 2014. The area includes the counties of Beltrami, Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chippewa, Dodge, Faribault, Freeborn, Hennepin, Jackson, Koochiching, Lac qui Parle, Lake of the Woods, Le Sueur, Lyon, Marshall, Martin, McLeod, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Rice, Rock, Roseau, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Todd, Wadena, Waseca, Watonwan, Wright, and Yellow Medicine, and the Indian Reservations of Bois Forte (Nett Lake), Prairie Island Community, and Red Lake.

The bill appropriates a total of \$23.455 million, all from the general fund.

Section

1 Disaster relief appropriations.

Subd. 1. Appropriations. Makes the appropriations available the day after enactment though June 30, 2018. Appropriations may be used to complete disaster relief projects started under the prior disaster relief law for the DR-4182 disaster (Laws 2015, chapter 2).

Subd. 2. Transfers. Permits transfers of general fund money appropriated for a project or program in the disaster area to another program or project funded under

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chapter 12A. Appropriation transfers must be used to cover unmet needs in the disaster area and are subject to approval by the commissioner of management and budget. Each transfer must be reported to the chairs of the senate Finance Committee and house of representatives Ways and Means Committee.

- 2 **Transportation; local road and bridge reconstruction.** \$800,000 from the general fund.
- 3 **Minnesota Historical Society.** \$100,000 from the general fund.
- 4 **Natural Resources.**
- Subd. 2. Facility and natural resource damage.** \$2,140,000 from the general fund.
- Subd. 3. Flood hazard mitigation grants.** \$3,015,000 from the general fund. Includes money for a grant to the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District for restoration of the Prior Lake outlet channel.
- 5 **Board of Water and Soil Resources.**
- Subd. 2. Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) conservation easements.** \$4,700,000 from the general fund.
- Subd. 3. Erosion, sediment, and water quality control cost-share program.** \$12,600,000 from the general fund.
- 6 **Department of Employment and Economic Development.** \$100,000 from the general fund for a grant to the Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota. Exempts this grant from a disaster relief statute that prohibits state aid that duplicates or supplements eligible Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance.
- 7 **Effective** the day after enactment.