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Overview

This bill appropriates money for disaster relief needed due to storms and flooding that occurred on or after June 11, 2014, in the disaster declaration area known as DR-4182. The FEMA 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 \$13.3 million from the general fund, \$9.366 million from the bond proceeds fund, and \$800,000 from the state transportation fund bond proceeds account (which is not trunk highway bonding).

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1 Disaster relief appropriations.

Subd. 1. Appropriations. Appropriations in this bill are from the bond proceeds fund and other named funds for relief needed due to storms and flooding that occurred on or after June 11, 2014, in the disaster declaration area known as DR-4182. Includes generally applicable provisions governing spending of state general obligation bond

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proceeds. Makes the appropriations available the day after enactment. The general fund appropriations are available until June 30, 2018. The bond proceeds appropriations are available until the capital project is completed or abandoned, subject to the statute that provides for cancellation of a capital appropriation for any project not proceeding that was enacted more than four years before January 1 of an odd-numbered year.

Subd. 2. Transfers. Permits transfers of general fund money appropriated for a project or program for assistance in the disaster area, to another program or project funded under the disaster relief statute. Appropriation transfers must be used to cover unmet needs in a program or project under the disaster relief statute 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 state transportation 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 bond proceeds fund.

Subd. 3. Flood hazard mitigation grants. \$2,515,000 from the bond proceeds fund and \$500,000 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 bond proceeds 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.

7 **Bond sale expenses.** \$11,000 from the bond proceeds fund to MMB.

8 **Bond sale authorization.**

Subd. 1. Bond proceeds fund. \$9,355,000 authorized.

Subd. 2. Transportation fund. \$800,000 authorized. These are general obligation bonds and the proceeds go into the state transportation fund. (They are not trunk highway bonds.)

9 **Effective** the day after enactment.