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## Bill Summary

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### Article 1

## Appropriations

### Section

**1 Capital improvement appropriations.** States that the appropriations in this bill are from the bond proceeds fund. Includes generally applicable provisions governing spending of state general obligation bond proceeds. Includes the governor's 2014 recommended provision that money appropriated in this act not be used for asset preservation if the work can be done in a reasonable time frame using the state energy improvement financing program in Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.322, or the guaranteed energy savings program in section 16C.144.

**2 University of Minnesota.**

**Subd. 1. Total appropriation.** \$100 million.

**Subd. 2. Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR).** \$70 million.

**Subd. 3. Medical School Facility design.** \$8 million.

**Subd. 4. St. Paul; veterinary isolation laboratories renovation.** \$18 million.

**Subd. 5. St. Paul; greenhouse replacement.** \$4 million.

**Subd. 6. University share.** Provides that the appropriations are for approximately two-thirds of project costs, except for HEAPR.

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**Subd. 7. Unspent appropriations.** Allows money not needed for a completed project to be used for HEAPR. Requires a report to chairs of the house and senate Capital Investment and Higher Education Finance committees.

### **3 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.**

**Subd. 1. Total appropriation.** \$115.067 million.

**Subd. 2. Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR).** \$70 million.

**Subd. 3. Anoka Technical College.** \$2.114 million for the automotive and manufacturing technology training space.

**Subd. 4. Century College, White Bear Lake.** \$1.325 million for classroom renovation.

**Subd. 5. Dakota County Technical College.** \$7.733 million for classroom and lab space for the transportation and emerging technologies programs.

**Subd. 6. Minnesota West Community and Technical College; Canby and Jackson campuses.** \$3.267 million for a geothermal HVAC system on the Canby campus and consolidation of the powerline training program spaces on the Jackson campus.

**Subd. 7. Minnesota State Community and Technical College; Fergus Falls and Wadena campuses.** \$2.373 million to create a student services center on the Wadena campus, and a student and workforce center on the Fergus Falls campus.

**Subd. 8. Northland Community and Technical College; East Grand Forks.** \$826,000 for science and radiological technology labs.

**Subd. 9. South Central College; North Mankato.** \$8.6 million for lab, classroom, and office spaces for health care, STEM, computer, and agribusiness programs.

**Subd. 10. St. Paul College.** \$18.829 million for the Health and Science Alliance Center addition and renovation of health and West Tower spaces.

**Subd. 11. Debt service.** Requires MnSCU to pay one-third of the debt service on debt issued for the projects in this section other than HEAPR.

**Subd. 12. Unspent appropriations.** Allows money not needed for a completed project to be used for HEAPR on the same campus as the project for which the original appropriation was made. Requires a report to chairs of the house and senate Capital Investment and Higher Education Finance committees.

**4 Education.** \$2 million for the library construction grant program.

**5 Minnesota State Academies.** \$2 million for asset preservation.

**6 Perpich Center for Arts Education.** \$2 million for asset preservation.

**7 Natural Resources.**

**Subd. 1. Total.** \$60.345 million.

**Subd. 2. Natural Resources asset preservation.** \$20 million.

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**Subd. 3. Flood hazard mitigation.** \$23.67 million. For state share of projects, and also for local share if a project cost exceeds two percent of the median household income in the municipality or township multiplied by the number of households. First priority is to address needs in Moorhead and Montevideo. Lists other projects – Ada, Climax, Otter Tail County, Melrose, Oakport Township, Oslo, and the Roseau WMA impoundment and provides the commissioner flexibility in using the money. States that the Oakport project needs no further match and that the Otter Tail County outlet project is exempt from nonstate match requirement.

**Subd. 4. Buildings and facilities development.** \$3 million to predesign a consolidated office in Bemidji and to construct other unspecified buildings.

**Subd. 5. Dam renovation, repair, removal.** \$4.575 million. For Lanesboro, St. Cloud, Pelican Rapids, Norway Lake (Pine River), and Canby impoundment. Exempts Lanesboro from nonstate match.

**Subd. 6. Marsh Lake restoration.** \$1.1 million for the nonfederal share. Allows acquisition of property.

**Subd. 7. Native prairie bank acquisition and development.** \$5 million.

**Subd. 8. Reforestation and stand improvement.** \$3 million.

**Subd. 9. Unspent appropriations.** Allows money not needed for a completed project to be used for asset preservation.

### 8 **Pollution Control Agency.**

**Subd. 1. Total appropriation.** \$41.876 million.

**Subd. 2. Capital assistance program.** \$24.276 million for projects in Polk, Clay, McLeod, and Dodge counties, and the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District.

**Subd. 3. Closed landfill construction.** \$16.1 million for projects in Anoka, Carlton, and St. Louis counties.

**Subd. 4. Superfund program.** \$1.5 million for a drinking water treatment system in Spring Park (Hennepin County) and Bayport (Washington County).

9 **Agriculture.** \$50,000 for window replacement in East Grand Forks potato inspection facility.

10 **Board of Water and Soil Resources.** \$20 million for RIM reserve.

11 **Minnesota Zoo.** \$4 million for asset preservation and \$16 million to complete the Heart of the Zoo II project.

12 **Administration.** \$2 million for CAPRA and \$20.054 million for Capitol restoration to address water infiltration, settlement, and deterioration issues.

13 **Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission.** \$4.2 million for National Sports Center fields.

14 **Military Affairs.** \$5.5 million for asset preservation; \$1.42 million for the Owatonna armory; and \$4.5 million for the West St. Paul armory. Allows money not needed for a completed project to be used for asset preservation.

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- 15 Public Safety.** \$3.1 million for a railroad and pipeline incident training facility at Camp Ripley; \$2.5 million for the MERIT Center in Marshall, contingent on \$3.5 million nonstate; \$2.1 million for Windom regional emergency services facility, contingent on \$1 million nonstate; and \$255,000 for a fire hall in Hallock, contingent on \$70,000 nonstate.
- 16 Transportation.**
- Subd. 1. Total.** \$135.622 million.
  - Subd. 2. Highway rail grade separations.** \$64.617 million for rail grade separation projects in Moorhead, Willmar, Red Wing, Coon Rapids. Each requires a nonstate match.
  - Subd. 3. State quiet zone program.** \$10 million. See article 2, section 2.
  - Subd. 4. Port development assistance.** \$10 million.
  - Subd. 5. Minneapolis – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge.** \$31.875 million. Requires \$10.625 million nonstate.
  - Subd. 6. St. Paul – Kellogg-Third Street bridge design.** \$7.1 million. No match required.
  - Subd. 7. Roseau County transportation center.** \$3.9 million. Requires a match.
  - Subd. 8. Ramsey County grade separation design.** \$1 million. Requires \$500,000 nonstate.
  - Subd. 9. St. James sanitary sewer and highway 4 reconstruction.** \$7.13 million for public infrastructure required for reconstruction of the highway. No match required.
- 17 Metropolitan Council.** \$5 million for regional parks and trails; \$5 million for inflow and infiltration grants; \$5 million for Penn Avenue North, Minneapolis, improvements to be coordinated with the C-Line arterial bus rapid transit improvements, contingent on a nonstate match; \$14.5 million for Como Zoo seal and sea lion exhibit renovation, contingent on \$1.1 million nonstate.
- 18 Human Services.**
- Subd. 1. Total.** \$34.292 million.
  - Subd. 2. Minnesota Sex Offender Program – less restrictive alternatives.** \$10.782 million for two new community-based residential treatment facilities.
  - Subd. 3. Early childhood learning and child protections facilities.** \$5 million.
  - Subd. 4. Asset Preservation.** \$3.01 million.
  - Subd. 5. St. Paul – Dorothy Day connection center.** \$12 million.
  - Subd. 6. Duluth – Homeless youth housing and services.** \$3.5 million.
- 19 Veterans Affairs.** \$4.361 million for asset preservation of veterans' homes, and \$650,000 for the bridge over Minnehaha Creek to the Minneapolis Veterans Home.
- 20 Corrections.**

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**Subd. 1. Total.** \$62.6 million.

**Subd. 2. Asset preservation.** \$10 million.

**Subd. 3. MCF – St. Cloud.** \$32.6 million for new intake unit and loading dock, and re-mortar the granite wall.

**Subd. 4. MCF – Lino Lakes.** \$4 million to renovate a vacant building into a living unit.

**Subd. 5. MCF – Rush City.** \$14.8 million for a chemical dependency and sex offender treatment facility.

**Subd. 6. Northeast Regional Corrections Center.** \$1.2 million for a replacement food processing facility. No match required.

### **21 Employment and Economic Development.**

**Subd. 1. Total.** \$23.28 million.

**Subd. 2. Innovative business development public infrastructure grants.** \$2 million.

**Subd. 3. Transportation economic development grants.** \$10 million.

**Subd. 4. Hallock – community pool.** \$360,000, contingent on \$90,000 nonstate.

**Subd. 5. Litchfield – power generation improvements.** \$5 million, contingent on match.

**Subd. 6. Red Wing, river town renaissance.** \$4.48 million to complete the project begun with the appropriation in 2014.

**Subd. 7. St. Paul – Minnesota Humanities Center.** \$1.44 million.

**22 Public Facilities Authority.** \$21.667 million for wastewater infrastructure funding; \$400,000 for Hallock sanitary sewer, contingent on \$200,000 nonstate.

**23 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.** \$10 million for rehabilitation of public housing.

**24 Minnesota Historical Society.** \$34.4 million for a new visitor center at Historic Fort Snelling; and \$2.5 million for asset preservation statewide.

**25 Bond sale expenses.** Appropriates \$768,000 to MMB to pay the costs of selling the bonds.

**26 Bond sale authorization.** Authorizes MMB to sell \$769,007,000 in state general obligation bonds to provide the money for the appropriations in this act.

**27 Bond sale schedule.** Sets the limit on the amount that may be transferred from the general fund to the state bond fund to pay debt service during the biennium and directs MMB to time selling the bonds so as to not exceed that amount.

**28 Effective date.**

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**Article 2**

**Miscellaneous**

- 1 **Lewis and Clark appropriation bonds.** Authorizes \$48 million in appropriation bonds to complete the project and \$3.3 million per year from the general fund to pay debt service over the 25 years of the bonds.
- 2 **Establishment of quiet zones.** Amends the statute that authorizes local governments to apply to the Federal Railroad Administration for quiet zones to specify that the quiet zones are at public highway-rail grade crossings. Establishes the program for the appropriation in article 1, section 16, subdivision 3.
- 3 **Additional authorization.** Authorizes \$40 million in housing infrastructure bonds.
- 4 **Additional authorization.** Authorizes up to \$3.2 million from the general fund for debt service on the housing infrastructure bonds.
- 5 **Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall.** Amends the 2012 bond appropriation for a project that MnSCU has determined not to do and allows that money to be used for HEAPR on the same campus.
- 6 **Veterans Affairs.** Authorizes the amount remaining from the 2012 appropriation for the Minneapolis Veterans Home to be added to the 2013 appropriation. As of January 2015, there was \$395,343 uncommitted.
- 7 **Library construction grants.** Amends the 2014 appropriation to switch funding for the Bagley library to the general fund. (\$50,000)
- 8 **Cottage Grove – HERO center.** Amends the 2014 appropriation to eliminate the match requirement and to change the partner from MnSCU to the city of Woodbury. Also strikes the specific address.
- 9 **Minnesota Sex Offender Program, St. Peter.** Amends the 2014 appropriation to change the building being renovated from the Bartlett Building to the Tomlinson Building and parts of Green Acres and Sunrise.
- 10 **Early childhood learning and child protection facilities.** Amends the 2014 appropriation for the YWCA of Minneapolis project to allow the money to also be used for the entire building's HVAC and sprinkler systems, and the pool walls and ceiling.
- 11 **Lake Elmo water supply.** Corrects the 2014 appropriation to refer to Inwood Avenue instead of Lake Elmo Avenue.
- 12 **Red Wing – River Renaissance.** Reduces the scope of the project funded in 2014.
- 13 **St. Paul – Historic Palace Theater renovation.** Changes the grantee for the 2014 appropriation from the city to the HRA.

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- 14 St. Paul – Minnesota Children’s Museum.** Reduces the 2014 nonstate contribution from \$7.485 million to \$4 million.
- 15 Minneapolis Community and Technical College; sale of aviation training center.** Appropriates the net proceeds of the sale of the aviation training center at the Flying Cloud Airport to MnSCU to use for HEAPR projects at the Minneapolis Community and Technical College campus, instead of going to the state, and declares that once the sale is complete the property is no longer state bond-financed property.
- 16 Conveyance of state bond-financed property.** Conveys state bond-financed property from the state to Hennepin County. According to MMB, this was a Department of Human Services site that was used for intensive residential treatment services but was shuttered several years ago. Hennepin County will be using it for a similar purpose. It was financed with approximately \$822,000 of \$1.5 million appropriated for the Metro Area Predischarge Program in 1994, chapter 643, section 8, subdivision 3. It will remain state bond financed property.
- 17 West Metro Education Program; property conveyance.** Authorizes the Joint Powers District No. 6069, West Metro Education Program, to convey the real and personal property of the FAIR school in downtown Minneapolis to the Minneapolis school district and the FAIR school in Crystal to the Robbinsdale school district. The provisions that implement this transfer are in the omnibus education bill.
- 18 Federal reimbursement; McQuade Harbor.** Requires the federal reimbursement to be credited to the bond proceeds fund and appropriates that amount to DNR for one or more of three safe harbors projects.
- 19 Effective date.** Day after enactment unless otherwise stated.