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Overview

This bill includes the fiscal year 2019 appropriations from the environment and natural resources trust fund (a constitutionally dedicated trust fund funded by proceeds from the Minnesota State Lottery). The bill is based upon the recommendations approved by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

Section

1 Appropriations. Technical.

2 Minnesota resources.

Subd. 1. Total appropriation. Provides a total appropriation of \$89,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$45,739,000 in fiscal year 2019 from the environment and natural resources trust fund.

Subd. 2. Trust fund definition. Technical.

Subd. 3. Foundational natural resource data and information. Provides a total appropriation for natural resource data and information projects of \$7,293,000 in fiscal year 2019.

Subd. 4. Water resources. Provides a total appropriation for water resources projects of \$89,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$5,186,000 in fiscal year 2019.

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Subd. 5. Technical assistance, outreach, and environmental education. Provides a total appropriation for technical assistance, outreach, and environmental education projects of \$5,168,000 in fiscal year 2019.

Subd. 6. Aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. Provides a total appropriation for invasive species projects of \$5,760,000 in fiscal year 2019.

Subd. 7. Air quality and renewable energy. Provides a total appropriation for air quality and renewable energy projects of \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2019.

Subd. 8. Methods to protect or restore land, water, and habitat. Provides a total appropriation for projects for protection, restoration, and enhancement methods of \$3,519,000 in fiscal year 2019.

Subd. 9. Land acquisition, habitat, and recreation. Provides a total appropriation for land acquisition projects of \$17,439,000 in fiscal year 2019.

Subd. 10. Emerging issues account. Provides \$39,000 for an emerging issues account.

Subd. 11. Contract agreement reimbursement. Provides a total appropriation of \$135,000 for contraction administration expenses of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Subds. 12 to 19. Provides project requirements that apply to all recipients. The LCCMR recommends similar requirements each year, which include: specifying the availability of appropriations; data requirements; specific project requirements, including requiring ecological restoration and management plans; and requiring easements to be permanent and have a long-term monitoring and enforcement plan. Also allows previous appropriations set to expire to be extended.

- 3 **Nongovernmental organization acquisition; local government notice.** Adds § 116P.08, subd. 8. Requires nongovernmental organizations submitting a proposal to the LCCMR to acquire land in fee with money from the environment and natural resources trust fund to notify the county and town boards where the land is located before submitting the proposal. Allows a county or town board to submit a resolution to the LCCMR favoring or opposing the land sale.
- 4 **Land acquisition for habitat and recreation.** Amends a prior appropriation from 2015 for the native prairie bank program to increase the amount that may be deposited in a conservation easement stewardship account.
- 5 **Methods to protect or restore land, water, and habitat.** Amends a prior appropriation from 2017 for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) to provide an amount that may be deposited in a monitoring and enforcement fund.