

Subject Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

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Overview

This bill includes fiscal year 2023 appropriations from the environment and natural resources trust fund (a constitutionally dedicated trust fund funded by proceeds from the Minnesota State Lottery). The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) typically provides recommendations to the legislature on how to spend money in the trust fund, however, the LCCMR did not provide recommendations for fiscal year 2023 as they were unable to come to agreement and pass recommendations with the super majority required. This bill is based on one of the motions proposed.

Summary

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1	Minnesota resources.
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Subd. 1. Total appropriation. Provides a total appropriation of \$70,881,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the environment and natural resources trust fund.

Subd. 2. Definition. Technical.

Subd. 3. Foundational natural resource data and information. Provides a total appropriation for natural resource data and information projects of \$10,328,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 4. Water resources. Provides a total appropriation for water resources projects of \$6,450,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 5. Environmental education. Provides a total appropriation for environmental education projects of \$4,638,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 6. Aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. Provides a total appropriation for invasive species projects of \$6,404,000 in fiscal year 2023.

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Subd. 7. Air quality and renewable energy. Provides a total appropriation for air quality and renewable energy projects of \$1,772,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 8. Methods to protect, restore, and enhance, land, water, and habitat. Provides a total appropriation for projects for protection, restoration, and enhancement methods of \$14,441,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 9. Land acquisition, habitat, and recreation. Provides a total appropriation for land acquisition, habitat, and recreation projects of \$26,466,000 in fiscal year 2023.

Subd. 10. Administrative and emerging issues. Provides \$382,000 for contract administration expenses of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and an emerging issues account.

Subds. 11 to 18. 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. Extends several previous appropriations set to expire. Provides a one-year extension for projects expiring June 30, 2022, if the recipient notifies the LCCMR and modifies the applicable work plan.



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