

Subject Environment and Natural Resources

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Overview

This bill contains appropriations and other provisions impacting the budgets for the Pollution Control Agency (PCA), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), and other entities.

Article 1: Environment and Natural Resources Appropriations

This article contains the fiscal year 2026 and 2027 appropriations for the PCA, DNR, BWSR, metropolitan area regional parks, Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa, the Minnesota Zoo, and the Science Museum, as well as modifications and reductions to certain appropriations from the 2024-25 biennium for some of these entities.

Section Description – Article 1: Environment and Natural Resource Appropriations

- 1 **Environment and natural resources appropriations.**
Technical.
- 2 **Pollution Control Agency.**
Appropriates \$143,693,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$148,382,000 in fiscal year 2027 to the PCA, including appropriations for the Environmental Quality Board (EQB).
- 3 **Natural Resources.**
Appropriates \$385,036,000 each year in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to the DNR, including pass through appropriations for the Office of School Trust Lands.
- 4 **Board of Water and Soil Resources.**
Appropriates \$15,792,000 each year in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to BWSR.
- 5 **Metropolitan Council.**
Appropriates \$11,490,000 each year in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to the Metropolitan Council.

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- 6 **Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa.**
Appropriates \$1,070,000 each year in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa.
- 7 **Zoological Board.**
Appropriates \$13,837,000 each year in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to the Minnesota Zoo.
- 8 **Science Museum.**
Appropriates \$1,260,000 each year in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to the Science Museum of Minnesota.
- 9 **Total Appropriation.**
Reduces the total appropriation for the PCA in fiscal year 2025 to account for the reduction in the next section.
- 10 **Environmental Analysis and Outcomes.**
Reduces a fiscal year 2025 appropriation to the PCA for a local government climate resiliency and water infrastructure grant program by \$3,000,000.
- 11 **Resource Management and Assistance.**
Corrects appropriations from the previous biennium (fiscal years 2025-25) for two loan programs to allow money that is repaid to be deposited into the relevant revolving loan program accounts (small business environmental-improvement loan program and environmental assistance grant and loan program).
- 12 **Total Appropriation.**
Reduces the total appropriation for the DNR in fiscal year 2024 to account for the reduction in the next section.
- 13 **Fish and Wildlife Management.**
Reduces a fiscal year 2024 appropriation to the DNR for enhancing prairies and grasslands and restoring wetlands on state-owned wildlife management areas (WMAs) by \$5,000,000.
- 14 **Board of Water and Soil Resources.**
Reduces a fiscal year 2025 appropriation to BWSR for conservation easements and restoration and enhancement for purposes of climate resiliency, adaptation, and carbon sequestration by \$2,000,000.

Article 2: Environment and Natural Resources Policy

This article contains a provision that appropriates money from the closed landfill investment fund (CLIF) to the PCA.

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| 1 | <p>Establishment.</p> <p>Extends a provision appropriating money from the CLIF to the PCA by four years (from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2029).</p> |
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