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		Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
04/11/2023		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to state government; appropriating money from clean water, parks and

1.3trails, and arts and cultural heritage funds.

1.4BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5ARTICLE 1

1.6CLEAN WATER FUND

1.7Section 1. CLEAN WATER FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

1.8The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.9and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the clean water

1.10fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the

1.11Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this

1.12article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year

1.13ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024.

1.14"The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. These

1.15are onetime appropriations.

1.16	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
1.17	<u>Available for the Year</u>			
1.18	<u>Ending June 30</u>			
1.19		<u>2024</u>		<u>2025</u>
1.20	Sec. 2. <u>CLEAN WATER FUND</u>			
1.21	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>157,848,000</u>	<u>\$ 157,450,000</u>

2.1 This appropriation is from the clean water
 2.2 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each
 2.3 purpose are specified in the following sections.

2.4 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

2.5 Money appropriated in this article may not be
 2.6 spent on activities unless they are directly
 2.7 related to and necessary for a specific
 2.8 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
 2.9 article must be spent in accordance with
 2.10 Minnesota Management and Budget *MMB*
 2.11 *Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund*
 2.12 *Expenditure*. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 2.13 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise
 2.14 specified in this article, fiscal year 2024
 2.15 appropriations are available until June 30,
 2.16 2025, and fiscal year 2025 appropriations are
 2.17 available until June 30, 2026. If a project
 2.18 receives federal funds, the period of the
 2.19 appropriation is extended to equal the
 2.20 availability of federal funding.

2.21 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

2.22 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean
 2.23 water funds, in consultation with the Council
 2.24 on Disability and other appropriate
 2.25 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,
 2.26 committees, and commissions, should make
 2.27 progress toward providing people with
 2.28 disabilities greater access to programs, print
 2.29 publications, and digital media related to the
 2.30 programs the recipient funds using
 2.31 appropriations made in this article.

2.32 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** \$ **19,290,000** \$ **19,290,000**

2.33 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 2.34 second year are to increase monitoring for

3.1 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
3.2 water and groundwater and to use data
3.3 collected to assess pesticide use practices. This
3.4 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

3.5 (b) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
3.6 the second year are for monitoring and
3.7 evaluating trends in the concentration of
3.8 nitrate in groundwater; promoting, developing,
3.9 and evaluating regional and crop-specific
3.10 nutrient best management practices, cover
3.11 crops, and other vegetative cover; assessing
3.12 adoption of best management practices and
3.13 other recommended practices; education and
3.14 technical support from University of
3.15 Minnesota Extension; grants to support
3.16 agricultural demonstration and implementation
3.17 activities, including research activities at the
3.18 Rosholt Research Farm; and other actions to
3.19 protect groundwater from degradation from
3.20 nitrate. This appropriation is available until
3.21 June 30, 2028.

3.22 (c) \$3,250,000 the first year and \$3,250,000
3.23 the second year are for the agriculture best
3.24 management practices loan program. Any
3.25 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
3.26 year must be added to the corpus of the loan
3.27 fund.

3.28 (d) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
3.29 the second year are for technical assistance;
3.30 research, demonstration, and promotion
3.31 projects on properly implementing best
3.32 management practices and vegetative cover;
3.33 and more-precise information on nonpoint
3.34 contributions to impaired waters and for grants
3.35 to support on-farm demonstration of

4.1 agricultural practices. This appropriation is
4.2 available until June 30, 2028.

4.3 (e) \$40,000 the first year and \$40,000 the
4.4 second year are for maintenance of the
4.5 Minnesota Water Research Digital Library.
4.6 Costs for information technology development
4.7 or support for the digital library may be paid
4.8 to the Office of MN.IT Services. This
4.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

4.10 (f) \$3,500,000 the first year and \$3,500,000
4.11 the second year are to implement the
4.12 Minnesota agricultural water quality
4.13 certification program statewide. This
4.14 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

4.15 (g) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
4.16 second year are for a regional irrigation water
4.17 quality specialist through University of
4.18 Minnesota Extension. This appropriation is
4.19 available until June 30, 2028.

4.20 (h) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
4.21 the second year are for grants to the Board of
4.22 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
4.23 fund the Forever Green agriculture initiative
4.24 and to protect the state's natural resources
4.25 while increasing the efficiency, profitability,
4.26 and productivity of Minnesota farmers by
4.27 incorporating perennial and winter-annual
4.28 crops into existing agricultural practices. This
4.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

4.30 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
4.31 second year are for testing drinking-water
4.32 wells for pesticides and establishing a
4.33 mitigation program for water treatment of

5.1 contaminated wells. This appropriation is
 5.2 available until June 30, 2028.

5.3 (j) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
 5.4 the second year are for conservation
 5.5 equipment assistance grants to purchase
 5.6 equipment or items to retrofit existing
 5.7 equipment that has climate and water quality
 5.8 benefits. This appropriation is available until
 5.9 June 30, 2028.

5.10 (k) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
 5.11 the second year are for expanding the existing
 5.12 state weather station and soil temperature
 5.13 network to provide accurate and timely
 5.14 weather data to optimize the timing of
 5.15 irrigation, fertilizer, pesticide, and manure
 5.16 applications and support land management
 5.17 decisions. This appropriation is available until
 5.18 June 30, 2028.

5.19 (l) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
 5.20 second year are for grants for research and
 5.21 demonstration sites and projects to evaluate,
 5.22 develop, demonstrate, and promote regional
 5.23 and animal-specific recommendations for
 5.24 manure crediting and to develop or revise
 5.25 manure best management practices through
 5.26 University of Minnesota Extension. This
 5.27 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

5.28 Sec. 4. **POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY** \$ **24,187,000** \$ **24,188,000**

5.29 (a) \$9,050,000 the first year and \$9,050,000
 5.30 the second year are for completing needed
 5.31 statewide assessments of surface water quality
 5.32 and trends according to Minnesota Statutes,
 5.33 chapter 114D.

6.1 (b) \$6,350,000 the first year and \$6,350,000
6.2 the second year are to update watershed
6.3 restoration and protection strategies, which
6.4 include total maximum daily load (TMDL)
6.5 studies and TMDL implementation plans
6.6 according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter
6.7 114D, for waters on the impaired waters list
6.8 approved by the United States Environmental
6.9 Protection Agency.

6.10 (c) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
6.11 the second year are for groundwater
6.12 assessment, including enhancing the ambient
6.13 monitoring network, modeling, evaluating
6.14 trends.

6.15 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
6.16 second year are for implementing the St. Louis
6.17 River System Area of Concern remedial action
6.18 plan.

6.19 (e) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
6.20 the second year are for national pollutant
6.21 discharge elimination system wastewater and
6.22 stormwater TMDL implementation efforts.

6.23 (f) \$3,550,000 the first year and \$3,550,000
6.24 the second year are for enhancing the
6.25 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
6.26 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
6.27 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
6.28 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protecting
6.29 groundwater. This appropriation includes base
6.30 grants for all counties with SSTS programs.
6.31 Counties that receive base grants must report
6.32 the number of properties with noncompliant
6.33 systems upgraded through an SSTS
6.34 replacement, connection to a centralized sewer
6.35 system, or other means, including property

7.1 abandonment or buyout. Counties also must
7.2 report the number of existing SSTS
7.3 compliance inspections conducted in areas
7.4 under county jurisdiction. The required reports
7.5 must be part of the established annual
7.6 reporting for SSTS programs. Of this amount,
7.7 at least \$900,000 each year is available to
7.8 counties for grants to low-income landowners
7.9 to address systems that pose an imminent
7.10 threat to public health or safety or fail to
7.11 protect groundwater. A county receiving a
7.12 grant under this paragraph must submit a
7.13 report to the agency listing the projects funded,
7.14 including an account of the expenditures.

7.15 (g) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
7.16 second year are for activities and grants that
7.17 reduce chloride pollution.

7.18 (h) \$337,000 the first year and \$338,000 the
7.19 second year are to support activities of the
7.20 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
7.21 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

7.22 (i) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
7.23 the second year are for a grant program for
7.24 sanitary sewer projects that are included in the
7.25 draft or any updated *Voyageurs National Park*
7.26 *Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan* to
7.27 restore the water quality of waters in
7.28 Voyageurs National Park. Grants must be
7.29 awarded to local government units for projects
7.30 approved by the Voyageurs National Park
7.31 Clean Water Joint Powers Board and must be
7.32 matched by at least 25 percent from sources
7.33 other than the clean water fund.

7.34 (j) Any unencumbered grant balances in the
7.35 first year do not cancel but are available for

8.1 grants in the second year. Notwithstanding
8.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
8.3 appropriations in this section are available
8.4 until June 30, 2028.

8.5 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**

8.6 **RESOURCES** **\$** **12,780,000** **\$** **12,780,000**

8.7 (a) \$2,550,000 the first year and \$2,550,000
8.8 the second year are for streamflow monitoring.

8.9 (b) \$1,450,000 the first year and \$1,450,000
8.10 the second year are for lake Index of
8.11 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.

8.12 (c) \$455,000 the first year and \$455,000 the
8.13 second year are for assessing mercury and
8.14 other fish contaminants, including PFAS
8.15 compounds, and monitoring to track the status
8.16 of impaired waters over time.

8.17 (d) \$2,150,000 the first year and \$2,150,000
8.18 the second year are for developing targeted,
8.19 science-based watershed restoration and
8.20 protection strategies and for technical
8.21 assistance for local governments.

8.22 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
8.23 the second year are for water-supply planning,
8.24 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities
8.25 and analysis.

8.26 (f) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000
8.27 the second year are for technical assistance to
8.28 support local implementation of nonpoint
8.29 source restoration and protection activities and
8.30 targeted forest stewardship for water quality.

8.31 (g) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
8.32 second year are for applied research and tools,
8.33 including maintaining and updating spatial
8.34 data for watershed boundaries, streams, and

- 9.1 water bodies and integrating high-resolution
9.2 digital elevation data and for assessing the
9.3 effectiveness of forestry best management
9.4 practices for water quality.
- 9.5 (h) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
9.6 second year are for maintaining and updating
9.7 buffer maps and for technical guidance on
9.8 interpreting buffer maps for local units of
9.9 government implementing buffer
9.10 requirements. Maps must be provided to local
9.11 units of government and made available to
9.12 landowners on the Department of Natural
9.13 Resources website.
- 9.14 (i) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
9.15 second year are for accelerating completion
9.16 of or updates to county geologic atlases and
9.17 supplementing water chemistry or chemical
9.18 movement studies.
- 9.19 (j) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
9.20 second year are for increasing native
9.21 freshwater mussel production capacity and
9.22 restoring and monitoring freshwater mussel
9.23 restoration efforts.
- 9.24 (k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
9.25 second year are for implementing water
9.26 storage projects on state-administered land to
9.27 enhance water quality and ecological benefits.
- 9.28 (l) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
9.29 the second year are for providing technical
9.30 and financial assistance for county and local
9.31 governments to replace failing or ineffective
9.32 culverts using modern designs that restore
9.33 floodplain connectivity, biological
9.34 connectivity, and channel stability. This

10.1 appropriation is available for up to two
 10.2 additional years.

10.3 **Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 10.4 **RESOURCES**

\$ 78,064,000 \$ 78,063,000

10.5 (a) \$39,500,000 the first year and \$39,500,000
 10.6 the second year are for grants to implement
 10.7 state-approved watershed-based plans. The
 10.8 grants may be used to implement projects or
 10.9 programs that protect, enhance, and restore
 10.10 surface water quality in lakes, rivers, and
 10.11 streams; protect groundwater from
 10.12 degradation; and protect drinking water
 10.13 sources. Projects must be identified in a
 10.14 comprehensive watershed plan developed
 10.15 under the One Watershed, One Plan program
 10.16 and seven-county metropolitan groundwater
 10.17 or surface water management frameworks as
 10.18 provided for in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
 10.19 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D. Grant recipients
 10.20 must identify a nonstate match and may use
 10.21 other legacy funds to supplement projects
 10.22 funded under this paragraph. This
 10.23 appropriation may be used for:

10.24 (1) implementing state-approved plans,
 10.25 including within the following watershed
 10.26 planning areas: Bois de Sioux - Mustinka,
 10.27 Buffalo-Red River, Cannon River, Cedar -
 10.28 Wapsipinicon, Chippewa River, Clearwater
 10.29 River, Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota, Crow
 10.30 Wing River, Des Moines River, Greater
 10.31 Zumbro River, Hawk Creek - Middle
 10.32 Minnesota, Kettle and Upper St. Croix, Lac
 10.33 qui Parle-Yellow Bank, Lake of the Woods,
 10.34 Lake Superior North, Le Sueur River, Leech
 10.35 Lake River, Long Prairie River, Lower

- 11.1 Minnesota River East, Lower Minnesota River
 11.2 West, Lower St. Croix River,
 11.3 Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers, Mississippi
 11.4 River Brainerd, Mississippi River Headwaters,
 11.5 Mississippi River St. Cloud, Mississippi River
 11.6 Winona/La Crescent, Missouri River Basin,
 11.7 Nemadji River, North Fork Crow River, Otter
 11.8 Tail, Pine River, Pomme de Terre River,
 11.9 Rainy-Rapid River, Rainy River Headwaters
 11.10 - Vermilion River, Rainy River-Rainy
 11.11 Lake/Lower Rainy River, Red Lake River,
 11.12 Redeye River, Root River, Roseau River, Rum
 11.13 River, Sand Hill River, Sauk River, Shell Rock
 11.14 and Winnebago River, Snake River, South
 11.15 Fork of the Crow River, St. Louis River, Thief
 11.16 River, Two Rivers Plus, Upper and Lower Red
 11.17 Lake, Upper Minnesota River, Upper
 11.18 Mississippi - Grand Rapids, Watonwan River,
 11.19 Wild Rice - Marsh, and Yellow Medicine
 11.20 River;
 11.21 (2) seven-county metropolitan groundwater
 11.22 or surface water management frameworks;
 11.23 and
 11.24 (3) other comprehensive watershed
 11.25 management plan planning areas that have a
 11.26 board-approved and local-government-adopted
 11.27 plan as authorized in Minnesota Statutes,
 11.28 section 103B.801.
 11.29 The board must establish eligibility criteria
 11.30 and determine whether a planning area is ready
 11.31 to proceed and has the nonstate match
 11.32 committed.
 11.33 (b) \$8,500,000 the first year and \$8,500,000
 11.34 the second year are for grants to local
 11.35 government units to protect and restore surface

- 12.1 water and drinking water; to keep water on
12.2 the land; to protect, enhance, and restore water
12.3 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to
12.4 protect groundwater and drinking water,
12.5 including feedlot water quality and subsurface
12.6 sewage treatment system projects and stream
12.7 bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration,
12.8 and ravine stabilization projects. The projects
12.9 must use practices demonstrated to be
12.10 effective, be of long-lasting public benefit,
12.11 include a match, and be consistent with total
12.12 maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation
12.13 plans, watershed restoration and protection
12.14 strategies (WRAPS), or local water
12.15 management plans or their equivalents. Up to
12.16 20 percent of this appropriation is available
12.17 for land-treatment projects and practices that
12.18 benefit drinking water.
- 12.19 (c) \$5,500,000 the first year and \$5,500,000
12.20 the second year are for accelerated
12.21 implementation, local resource protection,
12.22 enhancement grants, statewide analytical
12.23 targeting or technology tools that fill an
12.24 identified gap, program enhancements for
12.25 technical assistance, citizen and community
12.26 outreach, compliance, and training and
12.27 certification.
- 12.28 (d) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000
12.29 the second year are:
- 12.30 (1) to provide state oversight and
12.31 accountability, evaluate and communicate
12.32 results, provide implementation tools, and
12.33 measure the value of conservation program
12.34 implementation by local governments; and

- 13.1 (2) to prepare, in consultation with the
13.2 commissioners of natural resources, health,
13.3 agriculture, and the Pollution Control Agency,
13.4 and submit to the legislature by March 1 each
13.5 even-numbered year a biennial report detailing
13.6 the recipients and projects funded and the
13.7 results accomplished under this section.
- 13.8 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
13.9 the second year are to provide assistance,
13.10 oversight, and grants for supporting local
13.11 governments in implementing and complying
13.12 with riparian protection and excessive soil loss
13.13 requirements.
- 13.14 (f) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
13.15 the second year are for a working lands
13.16 floodplain program and to purchase, restore,
13.17 or preserve riparian land and floodplains
13.18 adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and
13.19 tributaries, by conservation easements or
13.20 contracts to keep water on the land, to decrease
13.21 sediment, pollutant, and nutrient transport;
13.22 reduce hydrologic impacts to surface waters;
13.23 and increase protection and recharge for
13.24 groundwater. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in
13.25 a conservation easement stewardship account
13.26 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
13.27 section 103B.103.
- 13.28 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
13.29 the second year are for permanent
13.30 conservation easements on wellhead protection
13.31 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
13.32 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), or for
13.33 grants to local units of government for fee title
13.34 acquisition to permanently protect
13.35 groundwater supply sources on wellhead

- 14.1 protection areas or for otherwise ensuring
14.2 long-term protection of groundwater supply
14.3 sources as described under alternative
14.4 management tools in the Department of
14.5 Agriculture Minnesota Nitrogen Fertilizer
14.6 Management Plan, including using
14.7 low-nitrogen cropping systems or
14.8 implementing nitrogen fertilizer best
14.9 management practices. Priority must be placed
14.10 on land that is located where the vulnerability
14.11 of the drinking water supply is designated as
14.12 high or very high by the commissioner of
14.13 health, where drinking water protection plans
14.14 have identified specific activities that will
14.15 achieve long-term protection, and on lands
14.16 with expiring conservation reserve program
14.17 contracts. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in a
14.18 conservation easement stewardship account
14.19 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
14.20 section 103B.103.
- 14.21 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
14.22 second year are for a technical evaluation
14.23 panel to conduct restoration evaluations under
14.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
14.25 subdivision 6.
- 14.26 (i) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
14.27 the second year are for assistance, oversight,
14.28 and grants to local governments to transition
14.29 local water management plans to a watershed
14.30 approach as provided for in Minnesota
14.31 Statutes, section 103B.801.
- 14.32 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
14.33 the second year are for technical assistance
14.34 and grants for the conservation drainage
14.35 program, in consultation with the Drainage

- 15.1 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
15.2 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13,
15.3 and including projects to improve
15.4 multipurpose water management under
15.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.
- 15.6 (k) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
15.7 the second year are to purchase permanent
15.8 conservation easements to protect lands
15.9 adjacent to public waters that have good water
15.10 quality but that are threatened with
15.11 degradation. Up to \$150,000 is for deposit in
15.12 a conservation easement stewardship account
15.13 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
15.14 section 103B.103.
- 15.15 (l) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the
15.16 second year are for grants or contracts for a
15.17 program to systematically collect data and
15.18 produce county, watershed, and statewide
15.19 estimates of soil erosion caused by water and
15.20 wind, along with tracking adoption of
15.21 conservation measures, including cover crops,
15.22 to address erosion. This appropriation may be
15.23 used for grants to or contracts with the
15.24 University of Minnesota to complete this
15.25 work.
- 15.26 (m) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
15.27 second year are for developing and
15.28 implementing a water legacy grant program
15.29 to expand partnerships for clean water.
- 15.30 (n) \$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000
15.31 the second year are for permanent
15.32 conservation easements to protect and restore
15.33 wetlands and associated uplands. Up to
15.34 \$300,000 is for deposit in a conservation
15.35 easement stewardship account established

16.1 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
16.2 103B.103.

16.3 (o) \$6,038,500 the first year and \$6,038,500
16.4 the second year are for financial and technical
16.5 assistance to enhance adoption of cover crops
16.6 and other soil health practices to achieve water
16.7 quality or drinking water benefits. The board
16.8 may use grants to local governments and
16.9 agreements with the United States Department
16.10 of Agriculture, AgCentric at Minnesota State
16.11 Center for Excellence, and other practitioners
16.12 and partners to accomplish this work. Up to
16.13 \$450,000 is for an agreement with the
16.14 University of Minnesota Office for Soil Health
16.15 for applied research and education on
16.16 Minnesota's agroecosystems and soil health
16.17 management systems. This appropriation is
16.18 available until June 30, 2028, and may be
16.19 extended to leverage available federal funds.

16.20 (p) The board must contract for delivery of
16.21 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
16.22 for restoration, maintenance, training, and
16.23 other activities under this section for up to
16.24 \$750,000 the first year and up to \$750,000 the
16.25 second year.

16.26 (q) The board may shift grant, implementation,
16.27 or easement funds in this section and may
16.28 adjust the technical and administrative
16.29 assistance portion of the funds to leverage
16.30 federal or other nonstate funds or to address
16.31 oversight responsibilities or high-priority
16.32 activities identified by the board consistent
16.33 with local water management plans.

17.1 (r) The board must require grantees to specify
17.2 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
17.3 grants.

17.4 (s) The appropriations in this section are
17.5 available until June 30, 2028, except grant or
17.6 easement funds are available for five years
17.7 after the date a grant or other agreement is
17.8 executed. Returned grant funds must be
17.9 regranted consistent with the purposes of this
17.10 section.

17.11 **Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH \$ 11,296,000 \$ 11,904,000**

17.12 (a) \$4,746,000 the first year and \$5,354,000
17.13 the second year are for developing
17.14 health-based, Minnesota-specific water
17.15 guidance for contaminants found or anticipated
17.16 to be found in Minnesota drinking water, to
17.17 certify private laboratories to conduct analyses
17.18 for these contaminants, and to increase the
17.19 capacity of the department's laboratory to
17.20 analyze for these contaminants.

17.21 (b) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
17.22 the second year are for ensuring safe drinking
17.23 water for private well users, including studying
17.24 the occurrence and magnitude of contaminants
17.25 in private wells; developing guidance and
17.26 conducting outreach and education about well
17.27 testing and mitigation; awarding grants to local
17.28 governments; and designing voluntary
17.29 interventions to reduce health risks to private
17.30 well owners.

17.31 (c) \$3,750,000 the first year and \$3,750,000
17.32 the second year are for protecting sources of
17.33 drinking water, including planning,
17.34 implementation, and surveillance activities

18.1 and grants to local governments and public
18.2 water systems.

18.3 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
18.4 second year are to develop and deliver
18.5 groundwater restoration and protection
18.6 strategies on a watershed scale for use in local
18.7 comprehensive water planning efforts, to
18.8 provide resources to local governments for
18.9 activities that protect sources of drinking
18.10 water, and to enhance approaches that improve
18.11 the capacity of local governmental units to
18.12 protect and restore groundwater resources.

18.13 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
18.14 second year are to develop public health
18.15 policies and an action plan to address threats
18.16 to safe drinking water, including development
18.17 of a statewide plan for protecting drinking
18.18 water that incorporates select
18.19 recommendations from the University of
18.20 Minnesota's *Future of Drinking Water* report.

18.21 (f) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
18.22 second year are for developing a statewide
18.23 recreational water portal that includes an
18.24 inventory of public beaches and information
18.25 about local monitoring results and closures
18.26 and that provides information about preventing
18.27 illness and recreational water stewardship.

18.28 (g) Unless otherwise specified, the
18.29 appropriations in this section are available
18.30 until June 30, 2027.

18.31 **Sec. 8. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

18.32 (a) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000
18.33 the second year are to implement projects that
18.34 address emerging threats to the drinking water

\$	<u>1,875,000</u>	\$	<u>1,875,000</u>
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19.1 supply; provide cost-effective regional
19.2 solutions; leverage interjurisdictional
19.3 coordination; support local implementation of
19.4 water supply reliability projects; support the
19.5 growing needs of community water suppliers
19.6 facing challenges, including PFAS,
19.7 groundwater appropriation limitations, system
19.8 reliability and resilience, and increased
19.9 regional growth; and prevent degradation of
19.10 groundwater resources in the metropolitan
19.11 area. These projects provide communities
19.12 with:

19.13 (1) potential solutions to leverage regional
19.14 water use by using surface water, stormwater,
19.15 wastewater, and groundwater;

19.16 (2) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
19.17 for different alternatives;

19.18 (3) development of planning-level cost
19.19 estimates, including capital costs and operating
19.20 costs;

19.21 (4) identification of funding mechanisms and
19.22 an equitable cost-sharing structure for
19.23 regionally beneficial water supply
19.24 development projects; and

19.25 (5) development of subregional groundwater
19.26 models and strategies.

19.27 (b) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
19.28 second year are for the water demand
19.29 reduction grants to assist municipalities in the
19.30 metropolitan area with implementing water
19.31 demand reduction measures to ensure the
19.32 reliability and protection of drinking water
19.33 supplies.

19.34 Sec. 9. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA \$ 2,000,000 \$ 1,000,000

20.1 (a) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 20.2 second year are for developing Part A of
 20.3 county geologic atlases. This appropriation is
 20.4 available until June 30, 2030.

20.5 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 20.6 the second year are for a program to evaluate
 20.7 performance and technology transfer for
 20.8 stormwater best management practices, to
 20.9 evaluate best management performance and
 20.10 effectiveness to support meeting total
 20.11 maximum daily loads, to develop standards
 20.12 and incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using
 20.13 minimal impact design standards as the model,
 20.14 and to implement a system to transfer
 20.15 knowledge and technology across local
 20.16 government, industry, and regulatory sectors.
 20.17 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 20.18 2030.

20.19 Sec. 10. **LEGISLATURE** \$ **6,000** \$ **-0-**

20.20 \$6,000 the first year is for the Legislative
 20.21 Coordinating Commission for the website
 20.22 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
 20.23 3.303, subdivision 10.

20.24 Sec. 11. **PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY** \$ **8,350,000** \$ **8,350,000**

20.25 (a) \$8,250,000 the first year and \$8,250,000
 20.26 the second year are for the point source
 20.27 implementation grants program under
 20.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
 20.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2030.

20.30 (b) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 20.31 second year are for small community
 20.32 wastewater treatment grants and loans under
 20.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
 20.34 appropriation is available until June 30, 2030.

21.1 (c) If there is any uncommitted money at the
21.2 end of each fiscal year under paragraph (a) or
21.3 (b), the Public Facilities Authority may
21.4 transfer the remaining funds to eligible
21.5 projects under any of the programs listed in
21.6 this section according to a project's priority
21.7 rank on the Pollution Control Agency's project
21.8 priority list.

21.9 **ARTICLE 2**
21.10 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

21.11 Section 1. **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

21.12 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
21.13 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the parks and
21.14 trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures
21.15 "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure
21.16 are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The
21.17 first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is
21.18 fiscal years 2024 and 2025. These are onetime appropriations.

21.19	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
21.20	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
21.21	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
21.22	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

21.23 Sec. 2. **PARKS AND TRAILS**

21.24	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>66,631,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>63,779,000</u>
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21.25 The amounts that may be spent for each
21.26 purpose are specified in the following sections.

21.27 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

21.28 Money appropriated in this article may not be
21.29 spent on activities unless they are directly
21.30 related to and necessary for a specific
21.31 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
21.32 article must be spent in accordance with
21.33 Minnesota Management and Budget *MMB*

22.1 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund

22.2 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota

22.3 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise

22.4 specified in this article, fiscal year 2024

22.5 appropriations are available until June 30,

22.6 2026, and fiscal year 2025 appropriations are

22.7 available until June 30, 2027. If a project

22.8 receives federal funds, the period of the

22.9 appropriation is extended to equal the

22.10 availability of federal funding.

22.11 Subd. 3. **Disability Access**

22.12 Where appropriate, grant recipients of parks

22.13 and trails funds, in consultation with the

22.14 Council on Disability and other appropriate

22.15 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,

22.16 committees, and commissions, should make

22.17 progress toward providing people with

22.18 disabilities greater access to programs, print

22.19 publications, and digital media related to the

22.20 programs the recipient funds using

22.21 appropriations made in this article.

22.22 Sec. 3. **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**

22.23 **RESOURCES**

\$

39,805,000

\$

38,538,000

22.24 (a) \$26,823,000 the first year and \$25,241,000

22.25 the second year are for state parks, recreation

22.26 areas, and trails to:

22.27 (1) connect people to the outdoors;

22.28 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;

22.29 (3) maintain existing holdings; and

22.30 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with

22.31 partners to implement the 25-year long-range

22.32 parks and trails legacy plan.

22.33 (b) \$12,305,000 the first year and \$12,660,000

22.34 the second year are for grants for parks and

23.1 trails of regional significance outside the
23.2 seven-county metropolitan area under
23.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants
23.4 awarded under this paragraph must be based
23.5 on the lists of recommended projects
23.6 submitted to the legislative committees under
23.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,
23.8 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota
23.9 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
23.10 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
23.11 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph
23.12 must support parks and trails of regional or
23.13 statewide significance that meet the applicable
23.14 definitions and criteria for regional parks and
23.15 trails contained in the *Greater Minnesota*
23.16 *Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan*
23.17 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional
23.18 Parks and Trails Commission on April 22,
23.19 2015. Grant recipients identified under this
23.20 paragraph must submit a grant application to
23.21 the commissioner of natural resources. Up to
23.22 2.5 percent of the appropriation may be used
23.23 by the commissioner for the actual cost of
23.24 issuing and monitoring the grants for the
23.25 commission. Of the amount appropriated,
23.26 \$475,000 the first year and \$475,000 the
23.27 second year are for the Greater Minnesota
23.28 Regional Parks and Trails Commission to
23.29 carry out its duties under Minnesota Statutes,
23.30 section 85.536, including the continued
23.31 development of a statewide system plan for
23.32 regional parks and trails outside the
23.33 seven-county metropolitan area.

23.34 (c) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
23.35 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
23.36 Commission must submit a list of projects that

24.1 contains the commission's recommendations
24.2 for funding from the parks and trails fund for
24.3 fiscal year 2025 to the chairs and ranking
24.4 minority members of the legislative
24.5 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
24.6 over environment and natural resources and
24.7 the parks and trails fund.

24.8 (d) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
24.9 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
24.10 Commission must submit a report that contains
24.11 the commission's criteria for funding from the
24.12 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
24.13 used to determine if a park or trail is of
24.14 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking
24.15 minority members of the legislative
24.16 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
24.17 over environment and natural resources and
24.18 the parks and trails fund.

24.19 (e) \$677,000 the first year and \$637,000 the
24.20 second year are for coordination and projects
24.21 between the department, the Metropolitan
24.22 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
24.23 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
24.24 web-based information for park and trail users;
24.25 and support of activities of the Parks and
24.26 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

24.27 (f) The commissioner must contract for
24.28 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
24.29 for restoration, maintenance, and other
24.30 activities under this section for at least
24.31 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
24.32 second year.

24.33 (g) Grant recipients of an appropriation under
24.34 this section must give consideration to
24.35 contracting with Conservation Corps

25.1 Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and
 25.2 other activities.

25.3 Sec. 4. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL \$ 26,823,000 \$ 25,241,000

25.4 (a) \$26,823,000 the first year and \$25,241,000
 25.5 the second year are for distribution according
 25.6 to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53,
 25.7 subdivision 3.

25.8 (b) Money appropriated under this section and
 25.9 distributed to implementing agencies must be
 25.10 used only to fund the list of projects approved
 25.11 by the elected representatives of each of the
 25.12 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.

25.13 Projects funded by the money appropriated
 25.14 under this section must be substantially
 25.15 consistent with the project descriptions and
 25.16 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.

25.17 Any money remaining after completing the
 25.18 listed projects may be spent by the
 25.19 implementing agencies on projects to support
 25.20 parks and trails.

25.21 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
 25.22 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money
 25.23 appropriated under this section must ensure
 25.24 that the money is used to supplement and not
 25.25 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

25.26 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
 25.27 appropriations under this section must give
 25.28 consideration to contracting with Conservation
 25.29 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,
 25.30 and other activities.

25.31 Sec. 5. LEGISLATURE \$ 3,000 \$ -0-

25.32 \$3,000 the first year is for the Legislative
 25.33 Coordinating Commission for the website

26.1 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
26.2 3.303, subdivision 10.

26.3 **ARTICLE 3**
26.4 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

26.5 Section 1. **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

26.6 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities
26.7 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural
26.8 heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under
26.9 the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in
26.10 this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal
26.11 year ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year
26.12 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.
26.13 All appropriations in this article are onetime.

26.14	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
26.15	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
26.16	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
26.17	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

26.18 Sec. 2. **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE**

26.19	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>49,324,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>41,475,000</u>
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26.20 The amounts that may be spent for each
26.21 purpose are specified in the following
26.22 subdivisions.

26.23 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

26.24 Money appropriated in this article must not
26.25 be spent on activities unless they are directly
26.26 related to and necessary for a specific
26.27 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
26.28 article must not be spent on institutional
26.29 overhead charges that are not directly related
26.30 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
26.31 Money appropriated in this article must be
26.32 spent in accordance with Minnesota
26.33 Management and Budget *MMB Guidance to*
26.34 *Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure.*

27.1 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 27.2 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this
 27.3 article, fiscal year 2024 appropriations are
 27.4 available until June 30, 2025, and fiscal year
 27.5 2025 appropriations are available until June
 27.6 30, 2026. If a project receives federal funds,
 27.7 the period of the appropriation is extended to
 27.8 equal the availability of federal funding.

27.9 **Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board** 49,320,000 41,475,000

27.10 The amounts in this subdivision are
 27.11 appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts
 27.12 Board for arts, arts education, arts
 27.13 preservation, and arts access under Minnesota
 27.14 Statutes, section 129D.17, subdivision 4. Grant
 27.15 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
 27.16 State Arts Board and other recipients of
 27.17 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
 27.18 that these funds are used to supplement and
 27.19 not substitute for traditional sources of
 27.20 funding. Each grant program established in
 27.21 this appropriation must be separately
 27.22 administered from other state appropriations
 27.23 for program planning and outcome
 27.24 measurements, but may take into consideration
 27.25 other state resources awarded in the selection
 27.26 of applicants and grant award size.

27.27 **Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society** -0- -0-

27.28 (a) \$2,226,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for
 27.29 historic and cultural programs and purposes
 27.30 related to the heritage of the state. This is a
 27.31 onetime appropriation and any unencumbered
 27.32 balance remaining in fiscal year 2023 does not
 27.33 cancel but is available until June 30, 2024.

28.1 (b) \$358,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for history
28.2 partnerships involving multiple organizations,
28.3 which may include the Minnesota Historical
28.4 Society, to preserve and enhance access to
28.5 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage in
28.6 all regions of the state. This is a onetime
28.7 appropriation and any unencumbered balance
28.8 remaining in fiscal year 2023 does not cancel
28.9 but is available until June 30, 2024.

28.10 (c) \$510,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for one or
28.11 more contracts to be competitively awarded
28.12 to conduct statewide surveys or investigations
28.13 of Minnesota's sites of historical,
28.14 archaeological, and cultural significance. This
28.15 is a onetime appropriation and any
28.16 unencumbered balance remaining in fiscal
28.17 year 2023 does not cancel but is available until
28.18 June 30, 2024.

28.19 **Subd. 5. Legislative Coordinating Commission**

4,000

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28.20 The amount in this subdivision is appropriated
28.21 for the Legislative Coordinating Commission
28.22 to maintain the website required under
28.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
28.24 10.

28.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.