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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division
Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; appropriating money to provide state incentives for

conservation reserve program.

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

Section 1. **CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM STATE INCENTIVES;**

APPROPRIATION.

\$1,750,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of

Water and Soil Resources to provide onetime state incentive payments to enrollees in the

federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) during the continuous enrollment period. The

board may establish payment rates based on land valuation and on environmental benefit

criteria, including but not limited to surface or ground water nutrient reduction, drinking

water protection, soil health, and pollinator and wildlife habitat enhancements. The board

may use state funds to implement the program and to provide technical assistance to

landowners or their agents to fulfill enrollment and contract provisions. The board must

consult with the commissioners of agriculture, health, natural resources, and the Pollution

Control Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture in establishing program

criteria. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2023.