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Table with columns: DATE, D-PG, OFFICIAL STATUS. Contains legislative history details from 03/03/2025 to 05/17/2026.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; modifying provisions of Lessard-Sams Outdoor
1.3 Heritage Council and Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission;
1.4 modifying provisions for acquiring land interests; adding to and deleting from
1.5 certain state parks; authorizing sales and conveyances of certain lands; modifying
1.6 effective date for electronic licensing system; providing additional unemployment
1.7 insurance benefits for certain iron ore miners; appropriating money from outdoor
1.8 heritage fund; modifying and extending prior appropriations; appropriating money
1.9 for the Agriculture Utilization Research Institute; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.10 2024, sections 84.0272, subdivisions 1, 2; 84.96, by adding a subdivision; 85.536,
1.11 subdivisions 5, 7, 8, 10; 97A.056, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; Laws
1.12 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, as amended; Laws 2024,
1.13 chapter 90, article 1, section 52; Laws 2024, chapter 106, article 1, section 2,
1.14 subdivision 5; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 85.536, subdivisions 3,
1.15 4.

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

1.17 ARTICLE 1
1.18 OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.19 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.20 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.21 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage
1.22 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in
1.23 this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year
1.24 ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026.
1.25 "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The
1.26 appropriations in this article are onetime appropriations.

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**APPROPRIATIONS**

**Available for the Year**

**Ending June 30**

**2026**

**2027**

**Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

**Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation**

**\$**

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**\$ 191,081,000**

This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage fund. The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

**Subd. 2. Prairies**

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**36,387,000**

**(a) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase 7**

\$2,334,000 the second year is to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat. Of this amount, \$191,000 is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited and \$2,143,000 is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Of the amount to the Board of Water and Soil Resources, up to \$50,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

**(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase 18**

\$4,521,000 the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire in fee and to restore and enhance lands for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

3.1 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria  
3.2 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
3.3 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
3.4 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
3.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
3.6 adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.7 **(c) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
3.8 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition,**  
3.9 **Phase 18**

3.10 \$3,502,000 the second year is to the  
3.11 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
3.12 in fee and to restore and enhance lands for  
3.13 wildlife management purposes under  
3.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
3.15 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for  
3.16 scientific and natural area purposes under  
3.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
3.18 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria  
3.19 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
3.20 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
3.21 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
3.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
3.23 adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.24 **(d) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**  
3.25 **Phase 10**

3.26 \$3,017,000 the second year is to the  
3.27 commissioner of natural resources for  
3.28 agreements to acquire land in fee and to  
3.29 restore and enhance strategic prairie grassland,  
3.30 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin  
3.31 and Watonwan Counties for wildlife  
3.32 management area purposes under Minnesota  
3.33 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, as  
3.34 follows: \$2,363,000 to Fox Lake Conservation

4.1 League, Inc.; \$583,000 to Ducks Unlimited;  
4.2 and \$71,000 to the Conservation Fund.

4.3 **(e) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**  
4.4 **Wildlife Refuge, Phase 16**

4.5 \$3,087,000 the second year is to the  
4.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.7 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in  
4.8 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
4.9 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or  
4.10 permanent conservation easements and to  
4.11 restore and enhance lands in the Northern  
4.12 Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in  
4.13 western Minnesota to add to the Northern  
4.14 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.  
4.15 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
4.16 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
4.17 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the  
4.18 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
4.19 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
4.20 native prairie.

4.21 **(f) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Program,**  
4.22 **Phase 15**

4.23 \$3,492,000 the second year is to the  
4.24 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.25 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to  
4.26 acquire land in fee and to restore and enhance  
4.27 native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and  
4.28 savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in  
4.29 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
4.30 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
4.31 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
4.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
4.33 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual  
4.34 income statements and balance sheets for  
4.35 income and expenses from land acquired and

5.1 held by The Nature Conservancy with this  
 5.2 appropriation must be submitted to the  
 5.3 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no  
 5.4 later than 180 days after the The Nature  
 5.5 Conservancy's fiscal year closes.

5.6 **(g) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of**  
 5.7 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase 12**

5.8 \$3,094,000 the second year is to the  
 5.9 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 5.10 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
 5.11 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
 5.12 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and to  
 5.13 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red  
 5.14 River Valley for wildlife management  
 5.15 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 5.16 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and  
 5.17 managed as waterfowl production areas in  
 5.18 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United  
 5.19 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to  
 5.20 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
 5.21 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
 5.22 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
 5.23 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,  
 5.24 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

5.25 **(h) RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water,**  
 5.26 **Phase 12**

5.27 \$3,744,000 the second year is to the Board of  
 5.28 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 5.29 permanent conservation easements and restore  
 5.30 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 5.31 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance  
 5.32 habitat by expanding the riparian buffer  
 5.33 program under the clean water fund for  
 5.34 additional wildlife benefits from buffers on  
 5.35 private land. Of this amount, up to \$60,000 is

6.1 to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
6.2 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
6.3 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
6.4 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,  
6.5 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.

6.6 A list of permanent conservation easements  
6.7 must be provided as part of the final report.

6.8 **(i) Accelerating USFWS Habitat**  
6.9 **Conservation Easement Program, Phase 6**

6.10 \$4,509,000 the second year is to the  
6.11 commissioner of natural resources for  
6.12 agreements to restore and enhance wetland  
6.13 and prairie habitat on habitat easements of the  
6.14 United States Fish and Wildlife Service as  
6.15 follows: \$3,019,000 to Ducks Unlimited and  
6.16 \$1,490,000 to Pheasants Forever.

6.17 **(j) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17**

6.18 \$2,139,000 the second year is to the  
6.19 commissioner of natural resources to  
6.20 accelerate restoration and enhancement of  
6.21 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife  
6.22 management areas; in scientific and natural  
6.23 areas; in aquatic management areas; on lands  
6.24 in the native prairie bank; in bluff prairies on  
6.25 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota;  
6.26 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge  
6.27 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife  
6.28 Service.

6.29 **(k) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands,**  
6.30 **Phase 9**

6.31 \$2,948,000 the second year is to the  
6.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
6.33 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance  
6.34 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on

7.1 public lands in the forest prairie transition,  
 7.2 metro urban, and prairie ecoregions of  
 7.3 Minnesota.

7.4 **Subd. 3. Forests** -0- 36,939,000

7.5 **(a) Northern Forests Legacy Project**

7.6 \$25,090,000 the second year is to the  
 7.7 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
 7.8 priority forest lands in fee in St. Louis County  
 7.9 as wildlife management areas, scientific and  
 7.10 natural areas, state forests, and county forests.  
 7.11 Of this amount, \$12,866,000 is for an  
 7.12 agreement with St. Louis County.

7.13 **(b) Sand Lake and Seven Beavers**

7.14 **Acquisition and Enhancement**

7.15 \$7,347,000 the second year is to the  
 7.16 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 7.17 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to  
 7.18 acquire priority forest habitat lands in fee as  
 7.19 The Nature Conservancy lands, Rajala Woods  
 7.20 Foundation lands, state forests, and county  
 7.21 forests. For lands held in perpetuity by The  
 7.22 Nature Conservancy and Rajala Woods  
 7.23 Foundation, annual income statements and  
 7.24 balance sheets for income and expenses from  
 7.25 land acquired with this appropriation must be  
 7.26 submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
 7.27 Heritage Council no later than 180 days after  
 7.28 each organization's respective fiscal year  
 7.29 closes.

7.30 **(c) Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation**

7.31 **Program, Phase 3**

7.32 \$2,558,000 the second year is to the  
 7.33 commissioner of natural resources for  
 7.34 agreements to acquire permanent conservation

8.1 easements and to restore and enhance forest  
 8.2 habitats in the hardwood hills ecological  
 8.3 section of west-central Minnesota as follows:  
 8.4 \$90,000 to St. John's University, \$354,000 to  
 8.5 Stearns Conservation District, and \$2,114,000  
 8.6 to Minnesota Land Trust. Of the amount to  
 8.7 Minnesota Land Trust, \$252,000 is to establish  
 8.8 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
 8.9 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 8.10 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 8.11 97A.056, subdivision 17.

8.12 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement,**  
 8.13 **Phase 6**

8.14 \$1,944,000 the second year is to the  
 8.15 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 8.16 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public  
 8.17 lands throughout Minnesota.

8.18 Subd. 4. Wetlands -0- 33,188,000

8.19 **(a) Accelerating Waterfowl Production**  
 8.20 **Area Acquisition Program, Phase 18**

8.21 \$5,431,000 the second year is to the  
 8.22 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 8.23 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
 8.24 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
 8.25 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and to  
 8.26 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands  
 8.27 to be designated and managed as waterfowl  
 8.28 production areas in Minnesota.

8.29 **(b) RIM Wetlands - Restoring Most**  
 8.30 **Productive Habitat in Minnesota, Phase 15**

8.31 \$3,502,000 the second year is to the Board of  
 8.32 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 8.33 permanent conservation easements and to  
 8.34 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat

9.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.

9.2 Of this amount, up to \$60,000 is to establish

9.3 a monitoring and enforcement fund as

9.4 approved in the accomplishment plan and

9.5 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section

9.6 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,

9.7 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.

9.8 A list of permanent conservation easements

9.9 must be provided as part of the final report.

9.10 **(c) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection**

9.11 **and Restoration Program, Phase 15**

9.12 \$6,087,000 the second year is to the

9.13 commissioner of natural resources for an

9.14 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire

9.15 land in fee for wildlife management purposes

9.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

9.17 subdivision 8, or to be designated and

9.18 managed as waterfowl production areas or

9.19 national wildlife refuges in Minnesota, in

9.20 cooperation with the United States Fish and

9.21 Wildlife Service, and to restore and enhance

9.22 prairie lands, wetlands, and land-buffering

9.23 shallow lakes.

9.24 **(d) Wetland Habitat Protection and**

9.25 **Restoration Program, Phase 11**

9.26 \$3,210,000 the second year is to the

9.27 commissioner of natural resources for an

9.28 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to

9.29 acquire permanent conservation easements

9.30 and to restore and enhance prairie, wetland,

9.31 and other habitat on permanently protected

9.32 conservation easements in high-priority

9.33 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie,

9.34 forest/prairie transition, and forest ecoregions.

9.35 Of this amount, up to \$140,000 is to establish

10.1 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
10.2 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
10.3 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.4 97A.056, subdivision 17.

10.5 **(e) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
10.6 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative,**  
10.7 **Phase 12**

10.8 \$6,661,000 the second year is to the  
10.9 commissioner of natural resources for an  
10.10 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore  
10.11 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on  
10.12 public lands and wetlands under permanent  
10.13 conservation easement for wildlife  
10.14 management.

10.15 **(f) Talcot Lake**

10.16 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the  
10.17 commissioner of natural resources for the  
10.18 survey, design, engineering, and permitting  
10.19 of the Talcot Lake restoration and  
10.20 enhancement project in Cottonwood County.

10.21 **(g) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 3**

10.22 \$3,553,000 the second year is to the  
10.23 commissioner of natural resources for an  
10.24 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed  
10.25 District to restore and enhance the Roseau  
10.26 Lake and Roseau River habitat complex in  
10.27 Roseau County. The approved  
10.28 accomplishment plan must include an  
10.29 operational and management plan for the  
10.30 Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project. The  
10.31 Roseau River Watershed District must submit  
10.32 to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
10.33 progress reports and a final report that include  
10.34 monitoring data related to water quantity and

11.1 information about how flooding to adjacent  
 11.2 and downstream agricultural lands has been  
 11.3 addressed. No money from this appropriation  
 11.4 may be expended:

11.5 (1) before January 1, 2027; or

11.6 (2) during any period in which a court order  
 11.7 enjoining the project from moving forward is  
 11.8 in effect.

11.9 **(h) Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**

11.10 **Enhancement, Phase 18**

11.11 \$3,744,000 the second year is to the  
 11.12 commissioner of natural resources to enhance  
 11.13 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat  
 11.14 statewide.

11.15 **Subd. 5. Habitats**

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82,408,000

11.16 **(a) Riparian Habitat Protection in Kettle**  
 11.17 **and Snake River Watersheds, Phase 3**

11.18 \$1,137,000 the second year is to the Board of  
 11.19 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with  
 11.20 the Pine County Soil and Water Conservation  
 11.21 District, to acquire permanent conservation  
 11.22 easements and restore high-quality forests,  
 11.23 wetlands, and shoreline in the Kettle and  
 11.24 Snake River watersheds. Of this amount, up  
 11.25 to \$70,000 is to establish a monitoring and  
 11.26 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 11.27 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 11.28 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.  
 11.29 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply  
 11.30 to this project. A list of permanent  
 11.31 conservation easements must be provided as  
 11.32 part of the final report.

- 12.1 **(b) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**
- 12.2 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase**
- 12.3 **15**
- 12.4 \$2,886,000 the second year is to the
- 12.5 commissioner of natural resources for
- 12.6 agreements to acquire lands in fee and to
- 12.7 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the
- 12.8 Cannon River Watershed as follows: \$92,000
- 12.9 to Clean River Partners and \$2,794,000 to
- 12.10 Trust for Public Land.
- 12.11 **(c) DNR Aquatic Management Area**
- 12.12 **Acquisition and Trout Stream Easement**
- 12.13 **Acquisition**
- 12.14 \$2,182,000 the second year is to the
- 12.15 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
- 12.16 land in fee as aquatic management areas and
- 12.17 to acquire permanent conservation easements
- 12.18 to protect trout-stream aquatic habitat. Of this
- 12.19 amount, up to \$88,000 is to establish a
- 12.20 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
- 12.21 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
- 12.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
- 12.23 subdivision 17.
- 12.24 **(d) Washington County Habitat Protection**
- 12.25 **and Enhancement Partnership, Phase 2**
- 12.26 \$2,812,000 the second year is to the
- 12.27 commissioner of natural resources for
- 12.28 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
- 12.29 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife
- 12.30 habitats in Washington County as follows:
- 12.31 \$760,000 to Washington County and
- 12.32 \$2,052,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Of the
- 12.33 amount to Minnesota Land Trust, \$196,000 is
- 12.34 to establish a monitoring and enforcement

13.1 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
13.2 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.3 97A.056, subdivision 17.

13.4 **(e) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
13.5 **North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase 12**

13.6 \$2,317,000 the second year is to the  
13.7 commissioner of natural resources for an  
13.8 agreement with Northern Waters Land Trust  
13.9 to acquire land in fee and to restore and  
13.10 enhance wildlife habitat to sustain healthy fish  
13.11 habitat on coldwater lakes in Aitkin, Cass,  
13.12 Crow Wing, and Hubbard Counties.

13.13 **(f) Greenbelt, Phase 1**

13.14 \$1,467,000 the second year is to the  
13.15 commissioner of natural resources for an  
13.16 agreement with Comfort Lake-Forest Lake  
13.17 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and  
13.18 permanent conservation easements and to  
13.19 restore and enhance wildlife habitat within the  
13.20 Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District  
13.21 boundary.

13.22 **(g) Integrating Habitat and Clean Water,**  
13.23 **Phase 4**

13.24 \$1,827,000 the second year is to the Board of  
13.25 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
13.26 permanent conservation easements and to  
13.27 restore and enhance wildlife habitat identified  
13.28 under the One Watershed, One Plan program  
13.29 for stacked benefit to wildlife and clean water.  
13.30 Of this amount, up to \$40,000 is to establish  
13.31 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
13.32 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
13.33 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.34 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent

14.1 conservation easements must be provided as  
14.2 part of the final report.

14.3 **(h) Metro Big Rivers, Phase 16**

14.4 \$6,776,000 the second year is to the  
14.5 commissioner of natural resources for  
14.6 agreements to acquire land in fee and to  
14.7 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
14.8 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
14.9 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in  
14.10 the metropolitan area as follows: \$1,491,000  
14.11 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
14.12 Trust, Inc.; \$892,000 to Friends of the  
14.13 Mississippi River; \$1,055,000 to Great River  
14.14 Greening; and \$3,338,000 to Trust for Public  
14.15 Land.

14.16 **(i) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat**

14.17 **Corridor Project, Phase 10**

14.18 \$2,770,000 the second year is to acquire lands  
14.19 in fee and permanent conservation easements  
14.20 and to restore wildlife habitat in the  
14.21 Mississippi headwaters. Of this amount, (1)  
14.22 \$1,387,000 is to the commissioner of natural  
14.23 resources for agreements as follows: \$60,000  
14.24 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board and  
14.25 \$1,327,000 to Trust for Public Land; and (2)  
14.26 \$1,383,000 is to the Board of Water and Soil  
14.27 Resources, of which up to \$70,000 is to  
14.28 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
14.29 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
14.30 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
14.31 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
14.32 conservation easements must be provided as  
14.33 part of the final report.

- 15.1 **(j) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on**  
15.2 **Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 4**  
15.3 \$1,695,000 the second year is to the  
15.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
15.5 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
15.6 acquire permanent conservation easements  
15.7 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in  
15.8 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.  
15.9 Of this amount, up to \$196,000 is to establish  
15.10 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
15.11 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
15.12 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
15.13 97A.056, subdivision 17.
- 15.14 **(k) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of**  
15.15 **Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase**  
15.16 **5**  
15.17 \$2,983,000 the second year is to the  
15.18 commissioner of natural resources for  
15.19 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
15.20 permanent conservation easements and to  
15.21 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding  
15.22 biological significance in northeast and  
15.23 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,  
15.24 \$1,612,000 is to the Northern Waters Land  
15.25 Trust and \$1,371,000 is to Minnesota Land  
15.26 Trust. Of the amount to Minnesota Land Trust,  
15.27 up to \$140,000 is to establish a monitoring  
15.28 and enforcement fund as approved in the  
15.29 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
15.30 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
- 15.31 **(l) Red River Basin Riparian Habitat**  
15.32 **Program, Phase 2**  
15.33 \$3,920,000 the second year is to acquire  
15.34 permanent conservation easements to protect,

16.1 restore, and enhance stream and riparian  
 16.2 habitat throughout the Red River watershed.  
 16.3 Of this amount, \$116,000 is to the  
 16.4 commissioner of natural resources for  
 16.5 agreements with the Red River Watershed  
 16.6 Management Board and \$3,804,000 is to the  
 16.7 Board of Water and Soil Resources. Of the  
 16.8 amount to the Board of Water and Soil  
 16.9 Resources, up to \$250,000 is to establish a  
 16.10 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
 16.11 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 16.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 16.13 subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
 16.14 conservation easements must be provided as  
 16.15 part of the final report.

16.16 **(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
 16.17 **Restoration Program, Phase 15**

16.18 \$2,066,000 the second year is to the  
 16.19 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 16.20 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
 16.21 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and  
 16.22 to restore and enhance habitat in the Shell  
 16.23 Rock River watershed.

16.24 **(n) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
 16.25 **Restoration, Phase 14**

16.26 \$7,956,000 the second year is to the  
 16.27 commissioner of natural resources for  
 16.28 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
 16.29 permanent conservation easements and to  
 16.30 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in  
 16.31 southeast Minnesota. Of this amount,  
 16.32 \$1,035,000 is to The Nature Conservancy,  
 16.33 \$5,825,000 is to Trust for Public Land, and  
 16.34 \$1,096,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Of the  
 16.35 amount to Minnesota Land Trust, up to

17.1 \$140,000 is to establish a monitoring and  
17.2 enforcement fund as approved in the  
17.3 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
17.4 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

17.5 **(o) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection**  
17.6 **and Restoration, Phase 7**

17.7 \$3,859,000 the second year is to the  
17.8 commissioner of natural resources for  
17.9 agreements to acquire land in fee and acquire  
17.10 permanent conservation easements and to  
17.11 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in  
17.12 the St. Croix River watershed as follows:  
17.13 \$2,157,000 to Trust for Public Land, \$130,000  
17.14 to Wild Rivers Conservancy, and \$1,572,000  
17.15 to Minnesota Land Trust. Of the amount to  
17.16 Minnesota Land Trust, up to \$140,000 is to  
17.17 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
17.18 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
17.19 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
17.20 97A.056, subdivision 17.

17.21 **(p) Upper Mississippi Flyway Habitat**  
17.22 **Conservation Program**

17.23 \$2,156,000 the second year is to the  
17.24 commissioner of natural resources for an  
17.25 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
17.26 acquire permanent conservation easements  
17.27 and to restore and enhance wetlands, stream  
17.28 corridors, and associated uplands in central  
17.29 Minnesota. Of this amount, up to \$196,000 is  
17.30 to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
17.31 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
17.32 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
17.33 97A.056, subdivision 17.

- 18.1 **(q) A River of Birds in the Sky: Conserving**  
18.2 **Minnesota's Flyway**  
18.3 \$1,227,000 the second year is to the  
18.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
18.5 agreement with National Audubon Society to  
18.6 restore and enhance priority wildlife habitat  
18.7 along the St. Croix, Minnesota, and  
18.8 Mississippi river valleys.
- 18.9 **(r) Bone Lake South, Phase 2**  
18.10 \$1,432,000 the second year is to the  
18.11 commissioner of natural resources for an  
18.12 agreement with Comfort Lake-Forest Lake  
18.13 Watershed District to restore and enhance  
18.14 wildlife habitat in the Bone Lake south habitat  
18.15 complex in Washington County.
- 18.16 **(s) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
18.17 **Enhancement, Phase 9**  
18.18 \$6,517,000 the second year is to the  
18.19 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
18.20 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
18.21 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
18.22 facilitate fish passage throughout Minnesota.
- 18.23 **(t) Little Cannon River Stream Habitat**  
18.24 **Restoration**  
18.25 \$500,000 the second year is to the  
18.26 commissioner of natural resources for  
18.27 agreements for survey, design, engineering,  
18.28 and permitting of the Little Cannon River  
18.29 restoration and enhancement project in  
18.30 Goodhue County as follows: \$40,000 to Clean  
18.31 Rivers Partners, \$10,000 to Great River  
18.32 Greening, and \$450,000 to Trout Unlimited.
- 18.33 **(u) Mission Creek Watershed Connectivity**

19.1 \$1,296,000 the second year is to the  
19.2 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
19.3 and enhance coldwater stream habitat in the  
19.4 Mission Creek watershed in St. Louis County.

19.5 **(v) Mud River Enhancement Project**

19.6 \$2,957,000 the second year is to the  
19.7 commissioner of natural resources for an  
19.8 agreement with Red Lake Watershed District  
19.9 to restore and enhance the Mud River habitat  
19.10 complex in Marshall County.

19.11 **(w) Oak Savanna Restoration for Living**  
19.12 **Landscapes**

19.13 \$1,702,000 the second year is to the Board of  
19.14 Water and Soil Resources, in partnership with  
19.15 the Xerces Society, to restore and enhance oak  
19.16 savanna and associated ecosystems on local  
19.17 public and Tribal lands.

19.18 **(x) Swift Coulee Channel Restoration and**  
19.19 **Enhancement, Phase 2**

19.20 \$2,671,000 the second year is to the  
19.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
19.22 agreement with the Middle-Snake-Tamarac  
19.23 Rivers Watershed District to restore and  
19.24 enhance priority habitat associated with the  
19.25 Swift Coulee channel restoration in Marshall  
19.26 County.

19.27 **(y) Woods Creek Restoration**

19.28 \$750,000 the second year is to the  
19.29 commissioner of natural resources for an  
19.30 agreement with Cook County to restore and  
19.31 enhance coldwater stream habitat in Woods  
19.32 Creek in Cook County.

20.1 **(z) Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat**

20.2 **Enhancement and Protection**

20.3 \$750,000 the second year is to the  
20.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
20.5 agreement with Trout Unlimited for survey,  
20.6 design, engineering, and permitting of trout  
20.7 stream restoration and enhancement projects  
20.8 throughout Minnesota.

20.9 **(aa) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**

20.10 **Program: Metro Habitat**

20.11 \$13,797,000 the second year is to the  
20.12 commissioner of natural resources for a  
20.13 program to provide competitive matching  
20.14 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,  
20.15 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
20.16 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
20.17 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
20.18 in the seven-county metropolitan area and  
20.19 cities with a population of 50,000 or more.  
20.20 Grants must not be made for activities required  
20.21 to fulfill the duties of owners of lands subject  
20.22 to conservation easements. Grants must not  
20.23 be made from the appropriation in this  
20.24 paragraph for projects that have a total project  
20.25 cost exceeding \$1,000,000. Of the total  
20.26 appropriation, \$600,000 may be spent for  
20.27 personnel costs, outreach, and support to  
20.28 first-time applicants and other direct and  
20.29 necessary administrative costs. Grantees may  
20.30 acquire land or interests in land. Easements  
20.31 must be permanent. Grants may not be used  
20.32 to establish easement stewardship accounts.  
20.33 The program must require a match of at least  
20.34 ten percent from nonstate sources for all  
20.35 grants. The match may be cash or in-kind. For

21.1 grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the  
 21.2 commissioner must provide a separate,  
 21.3 simplified application process.  
 21.4 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 21.5 97A.056, subdivision 19, land acquired by fee  
 21.6 with money appropriated in this paragraph is  
 21.7 not required to be open to public taking of  
 21.8 game. All restoration or enhancement projects  
 21.9 must be on land permanently protected by a  
 21.10 permanent covenant ensuring perpetual  
 21.11 maintenance and protection of restored and  
 21.12 enhanced habitat, by a conservation easement,  
 21.13 or by public ownership or in public waters as  
 21.14 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
 21.15 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority must be  
 21.16 given to restoration and enhancement projects  
 21.17 on public lands. Minnesota Statutes, section  
 21.18 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies to grants  
 21.19 awarded under this paragraph. This  
 21.20 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.  
 21.21 No less than five percent of the amount of each  
 21.22 grant must be held back from reimbursement  
 21.23 until the grant recipient completes a grant  
 21.24 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
 21.25 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
 21.26 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

21.27 Subd. 6. **Administration**

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2,159,000

21.28 **(a) Contract Management**

21.29 \$450,000 the second year is to the  
 21.30 commissioner of natural resources for contract  
 21.31 management duties assigned in this section.  
 21.32 The commissioner must provide an  
 21.33 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
 21.34 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 21.35 on expending this appropriation. The

22.1 accomplishment plan must include a copy of  
22.2 the grant contract template and reimbursement  
22.3 manual. No money may be expended before  
22.4 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
22.5 approves the accomplishment plan. Money  
22.6 appropriated in this paragraph is available until  
22.7 June 30, 2028.

22.8 **(b) Core Functions in Partner-led OHF**

22.9 **Land Acquisitions**

22.10 \$1,377,000 the second year is to the  
22.11 commissioner of natural resources to  
22.12 administer the initial development, restoration,  
22.13 and enhancement of land acquired in fee with  
22.14 money appropriated from the outdoor heritage  
22.15 fund. This appropriation may be used for land  
22.16 acquisition costs incurred by the Department  
22.17 of Natural Resources as part of conveyance  
22.18 of parcels to the department and initial  
22.19 development activities on fee title acquisitions.  
22.20 Money appropriated in this paragraph is  
22.21 available until June 30, 2034.

22.22 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

22.23 \$192,000 the second year is to the  
22.24 commissioner of natural resources for a  
22.25 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 20  
22.26 restoration and enhancement evaluations under  
22.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
22.28 subdivision 10. Money appropriated in this  
22.29 paragraph is available until June 30, 2028.

22.30 **(d) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

22.31 \$140,000 the second year is to the Legislative  
22.32 Coordinating Commission for administrative  
22.33 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
22.34 Heritage Council and for compensating and

- 23.1 reimbursing expenses of council members.
- 23.2 This appropriation is in addition to the fiscal
- 23.3 year 2027 appropriation in Laws 2025, chapter
- 23.4 36, article 1, section 2, subdivision 6,
- 23.5 paragraph (b), and is available until June 30,
- 23.6 2027. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,
- 23.7 applies to this appropriation.
- 23.8 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**
- 23.9 (a) Money appropriated in this section may
- 23.10 not be spent on activities unless they are
- 23.11 directly related to and necessary for a specific
- 23.12 appropriation and are specified in the
- 23.13 accomplishment plan approved by the
- 23.14 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
- 23.15 Money appropriated in this section must not
- 23.16 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
- 23.17 overhead charges that are not directly related
- 23.18 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
- 23.19 Money appropriated for fee title acquisition
- 23.20 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and
- 23.21 provide for public use of the land acquired
- 23.22 with the appropriation. Public-use facilities
- 23.23 must have a minimal impact on habitat in
- 23.24 acquired lands.
- 23.25 (b) Money appropriated in this section is
- 23.26 available as follows:
- 23.27 (1) money appropriated to acquire real
- 23.28 property is available until June 30, 2030;
- 23.29 (2) money appropriated to restore and enhance
- 23.30 land acquired with an appropriation in this
- 23.31 article is available for four years after the
- 23.32 acquisition date, with a maximum end date of
- 23.33 June 30, 2034;

24.1 (3) money appropriated to restore and enhance  
24.2 other land is available until June 30, 2031;  
24.3 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money  
24.4 appropriated for a project that receives at least  
24.5 15 percent of its funding from federal funds  
24.6 is available until a date sufficient to match the  
24.7 availability of federal funding to a maximum  
24.8 of six years if the federal funding was  
24.9 confirmed and included in the original  
24.10 approved draft accomplishment plan; and  
24.11 (5) money appropriated for other projects is  
24.12 available until the end of the fiscal year in  
24.13 which it is appropriated.

24.14 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
24.15 **Equipment Expenditures**

24.16 (a) All agreements referred to in this section  
24.17 must be administered on a reimbursement  
24.18 basis unless otherwise provided in this section.  
24.19 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
24.20 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each  
24.21 appropriation's purpose made on or after July  
24.22 1, 2026, or the date of accomplishment plan  
24.23 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for  
24.24 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
24.25 this section. For the purposes of administering  
24.26 appropriations and legislatively authorized  
24.27 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage  
24.28 fund, an expense must be considered  
24.29 reimbursable by the administering agency  
24.30 when the recipient presents the agency with  
24.31 an invoice or a binding agreement with the  
24.32 landowner and the recipient attests that the  
24.33 goods have been received or the landowner  
24.34 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement  
24.35 must be made upon receiving documentation

25.1 that the items articulated in the  
25.2 accomplishment plan approved by the  
25.3 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have  
25.4 been achieved, including partial achievements  
25.5 as evidenced by progress reports approved by  
25.6 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
25.7 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
25.8 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,  
25.9 support future management of acquired lands,  
25.10 or match a federal share. The advances must  
25.11 be approved as part of the accomplishment  
25.12 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for  
25.13 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be  
25.14 itemized in and approved as part of the  
25.15 accomplishment plan.

25.16 (b) Unless otherwise provided, no money  
25.17 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund  
25.18 in this article may be used to acquire, restore,  
25.19 or enhance any real property unless the  
25.20 specific acquisition, restoration, or  
25.21 enhancement is approved as part of the  
25.22 accomplishment plan on the parcel list.

25.23 (c) Reimbursement of eligible expenses must  
25.24 be submitted no later than 12 months after the  
25.25 approval of the final report.

25.26 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

25.27 Each direct recipient of money appropriated  
25.28 in this section, as well as each recipient of a  
25.29 grant awarded according to this section, must  
25.30 provide geographic information to the  
25.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for  
25.32 mapping any lands acquired in fee with funds  
25.33 appropriated in this section and open to public  
25.34 taking of fish and game. The commissioner  
25.35 of natural resources must include the lands

26.1 acquired in fee with money appropriated in  
 26.2 this section on maps showing public recreation  
 26.3 opportunities. Maps must include information  
 26.4 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor  
 26.5 heritage fund, including a notation of any  
 26.6 restrictions.

26.7 **Subd. 10. Carryforward**

26.8 (a) The availability of the appropriation for  
 26.9 Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1,  
 26.10 article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph  
 26.11 (l), St. Louis River Restoration Initiative,  
 26.12 Phase VIII, is extended to June 30, 2027.

26.13 (b) The availability of the appropriation for  
 26.14 Laws 2022, chapter 77, article 1, section 2,  
 26.15 subdivision 5, paragraph (u), Daylighting  
 26.16 Phalen Creek, is extended to June 30, 2028.

26.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 10 is effective the day following final enactment.

26.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.056, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

26.19 Subd. 2. **Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.** (a) The Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
 26.20 Heritage Council of 12 members is created in the legislative branch, consisting of:

26.21 (1) two public members appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the  
 26.22 Committee on Rules and Administration;

26.23 (2) two public members appointed by the speaker of the house;

26.24 (3) four public members appointed by the governor;

26.25 (4) two members of the senate appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees  
 26.26 of the Committee on Rules and Administration; and

26.27 (5) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house.

26.28 (b) Members appointed under paragraph (a) must not be registered lobbyists. In making  
 26.29 appointments, the governor, senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on  
 26.30 Rules and Administration, and the speaker of the house shall consider geographic balance,  
 26.31 gender, age, ethnicity, and varying interests including hunting and fishing. The governor's  
 26.32 appointments to the council are subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

27.1 (c) Public members appointed under paragraph (a) shall have practical experience or  
27.2 expertise or demonstrated knowledge in the science, policy, or practice of restoring,  
27.3 protecting, and enhancing wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife.

27.4 (d) Legislative members appointed under paragraph (a) shall include the chairs of the  
27.5 legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources finance or  
27.6 their designee, one member from the minority party of the senate, and one member from  
27.7 the minority party of the house of representatives.

27.8 (e) Public members serve four-year terms. Appointed legislative members serve at the  
27.9 pleasure of the appointing authority. Public and legislative members continue to serve until  
27.10 their successors are appointed. Public members shall be initially appointed according to the  
27.11 following schedule of terms:

27.12 (1) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first Monday  
27.13 in January 2011;

27.14 (2) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the  
27.15 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January  
27.16 2011;

27.17 (3) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending the first  
27.18 Monday in January 2011;

27.19 (4) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first Monday  
27.20 in January 2013;

27.21 (5) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the  
27.22 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January  
27.23 2013; and

27.24 (6) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending the first  
27.25 Monday in January 2013.

27.26 (f) Terms, compensation, and removal of public members are as provided in section  
27.27 15.0575, except that a public member may be compensated at the rate of up to \$125 a day.  
27.28 A vacancy on the council may be filled by the appointing authority for the remainder of the  
27.29 unexpired term. A public member of the council may not serve more than eight years, except  
27.30 a public member may serve an additional six months as necessary to fill a vacancy.

27.31 (g) Members shall elect a chair, vice-chair, secretary, and other officers as determined  
27.32 by the council. The chair may convene meetings as necessary to conduct the duties prescribed  
27.33 by this section.

28.1 ~~(h) The Legislative Coordinating Commission may appoint nonpartisan staff and contract~~  
 28.2 ~~with consultants as necessary to support the functions of the council. The council has final~~  
 28.3 ~~approval authority for the hiring of a candidate for executive director. Up to one percent of~~  
 28.4 ~~the money appropriated from the fund may be used to pay for administrative expenses of~~  
 28.5 ~~the council and for compensation and expense reimbursement of council members.~~

28.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 28.7 read:

28.8 Subd. 2a. **Administration; executive director.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating  
 28.9 Commission may appoint nonpartisan staff and contract with consultants as necessary to  
 28.10 support the functions of the council.

28.11 (b) The council has final approval authority for hiring a candidate for executive director.  
 28.12 Notwithstanding subdivision 5, a quorum of the council may discuss, interview, and select  
 28.13 candidates for executive director in a meeting closed to the public.

28.14 (c) Up to one percent of the money appropriated from the fund may be used to pay for  
 28.15 administrative expenses of the council and for compensation and expense reimbursement  
 28.16 of council members.

28.17 Sec. 5. Laws 2024, chapter 106, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

28.18 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 101,294,000

28.19 **(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**  
 28.20 **Restoration, Phase 5**

28.21 \$4,711,000 the second year is to the  
 28.22 commissioner of natural resources for  
 28.23 agreements to acquire land in fee and acquire  
 28.24 permanent conservation easements and to  
 28.25 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in  
 28.26 the St. Croix River watershed as follows:  
 28.27 \$1,905,000 to Trust for Public Land; \$110,000  
 28.28 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and \$2,696,000  
 28.29 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$224,000 to  
 28.30 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
 28.31 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
 28.32 in the accomplishment plan and subject to

29.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
29.2 subdivision 17.

29.3 **(b) Pine and Leech Watershed Targeted RIM**  
29.4 **Easement Permanent Land Protection, Phase 3**

29.5 \$2,242,000 the second year is to the Board of  
29.6 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with  
29.7 the Crow Wing County Soil and Water  
29.8 Conservation District, to acquire permanent  
29.9 conservation easements of high-quality forest,  
29.10 wetland, and shoreline habitat. Up to \$120,000  
29.11 of the total amount is for establishing a  
29.12 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
29.13 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
29.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
29.15 subdivision 17. Subdivision 8, paragraph (b),  
29.16 does not apply to this project. A list of  
29.17 permanent conservation easements must be  
29.18 provided as part of the final report.

29.19 **(c) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**  
29.20 **Biological Significance, Phase 3**

29.21 \$3,321,000 the second year is to the  
29.22 commissioner of natural resources for  
29.23 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
29.24 permanent conservation easements and to  
29.25 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding  
29.26 biological significance in northeast and  
29.27 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,  
29.28 \$1,083,000 is to the Northern Waters Land  
29.29 Trust and \$2,238,000 is to Minnesota Land  
29.30 Trust. Up to \$224,000 to Minnesota Land  
29.31 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and  
29.32 enforcement fund as approved in the  
29.33 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
29.34 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

29.35 **(d) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
29.36 **Restoration Program, Phase 13**

30.1 \$2,060,000 the second year is to the  
30.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
30.3 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
30.4 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and  
30.5 restore and enhance habitat in the Shell Rock  
30.6 River watershed.

30.7 **(e) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**  
30.8 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase 13**

30.9 \$2,555,000 the second year is to the  
30.10 commissioner of natural resources for  
30.11 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore  
30.12 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Cannon  
30.13 River watershed as follows: \$54,000 to Clean  
30.14 River Partners; \$888,000 to Great River  
30.15 Greening; and \$1,613,000 to Trust for Public  
30.16 Land.

30.17 **(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**  
30.18 **Project, Phase 8**

30.19 \$2,706,000 the second year is to acquire lands  
30.20 in fee and permanent conservation easements  
30.21 and to restore wildlife habitat in the  
30.22 Mississippi headwaters. Of this amount:  
30.23 (1) \$1,706,000 is to the commissioner of  
30.24 natural resources for agreements as follows:  
30.25 \$57,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board  
30.26 and \$1,649,000 to Trust for Public Land; and  
30.27 (2) \$1,000,000 is to the Board of Water and  
30.28 Soil Resources, of which up to \$100,000 is to  
30.29 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
30.30 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
30.31 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
30.32 97A.056, subdivision 17.

30.33 **(g) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
30.34 **North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase 10**

31.1 \$2,687,000 the second year is to the  
31.2 commissioner of natural resources for  
31.3 agreements to acquire land in fee and in  
31.4 permanent conservation easements and to  
31.5 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
31.6 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in  
31.7 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard  
31.8 Counties as follows: \$2,252,000 to Northern  
31.9 Waters Land Trust and \$435,000 to Minnesota  
31.10 Land Trust. Up to \$56,000 to Minnesota Land  
31.11 Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
31.12 enforcement fund as approved in the  
31.13 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
31.14 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

31.15 **(h) Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program**

31.16 \$5,119,000 the second year is to acquire  
31.17 permanent conservation easements to protect,  
31.18 restore, and enhance stream and riparian  
31.19 habitat throughout the Red River watershed.  
31.20 Of this amount, \$169,000 is to the  
31.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
31.22 agreement with the Red River Watershed  
31.23 Management Board and \$4,950,000 is to the  
31.24 Board of Water and Soil Resources. Up to  
31.25 \$380,000 of the total amount is for  
31.26 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
31.27 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
31.28 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
31.29 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,  
31.30 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.  
31.31 A list of permanent conservation easements  
31.32 must be provided as part of the final report.

31.33 **(i) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout,**  
31.34 **Phase 2**

32.1 \$2,486,000 the second year is to the  
 32.2 commissioner of natural resources for  
 32.3 agreements to acquire permanent conservation  
 32.4 easements and to restore and enhance habitat  
 32.5 in targeted watersheds of southeast Minnesota  
 32.6 to improve heritage brook trout and coldwater  
 32.7 aquatic communities. Of this amount,  
 32.8 \$400,000 is to The Nature Conservancy,  
 32.9 \$612,000 is to Trout Unlimited, and  
 32.10 \$1,474,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
 32.11 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
 32.12 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
 32.13 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 32.14 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 32.15 97A.056, subdivision 17.

32.16 **(j) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
 32.17 **Restoration, Phase 12**

32.18 \$3,052,000 the second year is to the  
 32.19 commissioner of natural resources for  
 32.20 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
 32.21 permanent conservation easements and to  
 32.22 restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public  
 32.23 lands and permanent conservation easements  
 32.24 in southeast Minnesota as follows: \$970,000  
 32.25 to The Nature Conservancy, \$964,000 to Trust  
 32.26 for Public Land, and \$1,118,000 to Minnesota  
 32.27 Land Trust. Up to \$112,000 to Minnesota  
 32.28 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
 32.29 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 32.30 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 32.31 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

32.32 **(k) Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**  
 32.33 **Restoration, Phase 4**

32.34 \$2,345,000 the second year is to acquire land  
 32.35 in permanent conservation easement and to  
 32.36 restore river and related habitat in the Wild

33.1 Rice River corridor. Of this amount, \$30,000  
33.2 is to the commissioner of natural resources for  
33.3 an agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed  
33.4 District and \$2,315,000 is to the Board of  
33.5 Water and Soil Resources. The Board of Water  
33.6 and Soil Resources may use up to \$60,000 for  
33.7 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
33.8 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
33.9 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
33.10 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,  
33.11 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.  
33.12 A list of permanent conservation easements  
33.13 must be provided as part of the final report.

33.14 **(l) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
33.15 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**  
33.16 **16**

33.17 \$1,359,000 the second year is to the  
33.18 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
33.19 in fee and restore and enhance lands for  
33.20 wildlife management purposes under  
33.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
33.22 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for  
33.23 scientific and natural area purposes under  
33.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
33.25 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria  
33.26 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
33.27 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
33.28 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
33.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
33.30 adjacent to protected native prairie.

33.31 **(m) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**  
33.32 **Southwest Minnesota, Phase 3**

33.33 \$2,872,000 the second year is to the  
33.34 commissioner of natural resources for an  
33.35 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
33.36 acquire permanent conservation easements

34.1 and to restore and enhance high-quality  
34.2 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of  
34.3 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a  
34.4 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
34.5 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
34.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
34.7 subdivision 17.

34.8 **(n) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**  
34.9 **and Restoration, Phase 5**

34.10 \$3,965,000 the second year is to the  
34.11 commissioner of natural resources for  
34.12 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
34.13 permanent conservation easements and restore  
34.14 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River  
34.15 watershed as follows: \$375,000 to Great River  
34.16 Greening; \$1,199,000 to Sauk River  
34.17 Watershed District; \$1,192,000 to Pheasants  
34.18 Forever; and \$1,199,000 to Minnesota Land  
34.19 Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land  
34.20 Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
34.21 enforcement fund as approved in the  
34.22 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
34.23 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

34.24 **(o) Metro Big Rivers, Phase 14**

34.25 \$8,123,000 the second year is to the  
34.26 commissioner of natural resources for  
34.27 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
34.28 permanent conservation easements and to  
34.29 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
34.30 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
34.31 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries  
34.32 within the metropolitan area as follows:  
34.33 \$1,250,000 to Minnesota Valley National  
34.34 Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$420,000 to  
34.35 Friends of the Mississippi River; \$803,000 to

35.1 Great River Greening; \$2,750,000 to Trust for  
35.2 Public Land; and \$2,900,000 to Minnesota  
35.3 Land Trust. Up to \$224,000 to Minnesota  
35.4 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
35.5 enforcement fund as approved in the  
35.6 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
35.7 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

35.8 **(p) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**  
35.9 **Phase 9**

35.10 \$1,802,000 the second year is to the  
35.11 commissioner of natural resources for  
35.12 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife  
35.13 habitat on public lands and easements in the  
35.14 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting  
35.15 minor watersheds as follows: \$1,508,000 to  
35.16 Great River Greening and \$294,000 to  
35.17 Sherburne County.

35.18 **(q) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
35.19 **Enhancement, Phase 7**

35.20 \$4,206,000 the second year is to the  
35.21 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
35.22 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
35.23 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
35.24 facilitate fish passage.

35.25 **(r) Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat**  
35.26 **Enhancement**

35.27 \$2,308,000 the second year is to the  
35.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
35.29 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and  
35.30 enhance habitat for trout and other species in  
35.31 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams  
35.32 throughout Minnesota.

35.33 **(s) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase 7**

35.34 \$1,572,000 the second year is to the  
35.35 commissioner of natural resources for an

36.1 agreement with the Arrowhead Regional  
36.2 Development Commission, in cooperation  
36.3 with the Lake Superior Steelhead Association,  
36.4 to restore and enhance trout habitat in the  
36.5 Knife River watershed. If the Arrowhead  
36.6 Regional Development Commission declines  
36.7 to serve as the fiscal agent for the project, an  
36.8 alternative fiscal agent must be identified in  
36.9 the accomplishment plan for the project.

36.10 **(t) DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative,**  
36.11 **Phase 11**

36.12 \$2,163,000 the second year is to the  
36.13 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
36.14 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and  
36.15 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.  
36.16 Of this amount, \$716,000 is for an agreement  
36.17 with Minnesota Land Trust.

36.18 **(u) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 2**

36.19 \$3,054,000 the second year is to the  
36.20 commissioner of natural resources for an  
36.21 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed  
36.22 District to restore and enhance the Roseau  
36.23 Lake and Roseau River habitat complex in  
36.24 Roseau County, Minnesota.

36.25 **(v) Highbanks Ravine Bat Hibernaculum**

36.26 \$2,300,000 the second year is to the  
36.27 commissioner of natural resources for an  
36.28 agreement with the city of St. Cloud to  
36.29 enhance the Highbanks Ravine Bat  
36.30 Hibernaculum in St. Cloud.

36.31 **(w) Owámmiyomni Native Landscape and River**  
36.32 **Restoration, St. Anthony Falls**

36.33 \$1,918,000 the second year is to the  
36.34 commissioner of natural resources for an

37.1 agreement with Friends of the Falls to restore  
37.2 and enhance wildlife habitat at Upper St.  
37.3 Anthony Falls. This appropriation may only  
37.4 be spent for site grading, oak savanna, and  
37.5 aquatic habitat portions of the project.

37.6 **(x) Silver Lake Dam Fish Passage Modification**

37.7 \$2,368,000 the second year is to the  
37.8 commissioner of natural resources for an  
37.9 agreement with the city of Rochester to restore  
37.10 and enhance aquatic habitat in Silver Lake and  
37.11 the south fork of the Zumbro River by  
37.12 modifying the existing low-head dam in  
37.13 Rochester.

37.14 **(y) Little Devil Track River Restoration**

37.15 \$3,000,000 the second year is to the  
37.16 commissioner of natural resources for an  
37.17 agreement with Cook County to restore and  
37.18 enhance stream habitat in the Little Devil  
37.19 Track River.

37.20 **(z) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
37.21 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**  
37.22 **16**

37.23 \$15,000,000 the second year is to the  
37.24 commissioner of natural resources for a  
37.25 program to provide competitive matching  
37.26 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,  
37.27 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
37.28 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
37.29 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
37.30 in Minnesota. Unless there are not enough  
37.31 eligible grant applications received, of this  
37.32 amount, at least \$4,000,000 is for grants in the  
37.33 seven-county metropolitan area and cities with  
37.34 a population of 50,000 or more and at least  
37.35 \$4,000,000 is for grants to applicants that have

38.1 not previously applied for money from the  
38.2 outdoor heritage fund. Grants must not be  
38.3 made for activities required to fulfill the duties  
38.4 of owners of lands subject to conservation  
38.5 easements. Grants must not be made from the  
38.6 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
38.7 that have a total project cost exceeding  
38.8 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,  
38.9 \$600,000 may be spent for personnel costs,  
38.10 outreach, and support to first-time applicants  
38.11 and other direct and necessary administrative  
38.12 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests  
38.13 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants  
38.14 may not be used to establish easement  
38.15 stewardship accounts. The program must  
38.16 require a match of at least ten percent from  
38.17 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may  
38.18 be cash or in-kind. For grant applications of  
38.19 \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must  
38.20 provide a separate, simplified application  
38.21 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the  
38.22 commissioner of natural resources must, when  
38.23 evaluating projects of equal value, give  
38.24 priority to organizations that have a history of  
38.25 receiving, or a charter to receive, private  
38.26 contributions for local conservation or habitat  
38.27 projects. All restoration or enhancement  
38.28 projects must be on land permanently  
38.29 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring  
38.30 perpetual maintenance and protection of  
38.31 restored and enhanced habitat, by a  
38.32 conservation easement, or by public ownership  
38.33 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota  
38.34 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.  
38.35 Priority must be given to restoration and  
38.36 enhancement projects on public lands.

39.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
39.2 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
39.3 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
39.4 available until June 30, 2027. No less than five  
39.5 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
39.6 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
39.7 recipient completes a grant accomplishment  
39.8 report by the deadline and in the form  
39.9 prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
39.10 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
39.11 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
39.12 program in the summary of game and fish law  
39.13 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
39.14 97A.051, subdivision 2.

39.15 **(aa) Protecting Upper Mississippi River from**  
39.16 **Invasive Carp**

39.17 \$12,000,000 the second year is to the  
39.18 commissioner of natural resources to fund  
39.19 activities to protect the upper Mississippi  
39.20 River from invasive carp. Activities within  
39.21 this appropriation include agreements with  
39.22 federal partners, such as the United States Fish  
39.23 and Wildlife Service, to design, construct, and  
39.24 begin operating and maintaining a structural  
39.25 deterrent for invasive carp at Lock and Dam  
39.26 No. 5 on the Mississippi River to protect  
39.27 Minnesota's aquatic habitat through an  
39.28 adaptive management approach. Deterrent  
39.29 design must be fully completed ~~within two~~  
39.30 years of the date of this appropriation by June  
39.31 30, 2027. Deterrent installation must be  
39.32 completed by June 30, 2029. Money not spent  
39.33 or obligated for design installation and  
39.34 operation of the deterrent may be used for  
39.35 testing technologies to support the future  
39.36 effectiveness of the deterrent. A detailed

40.1 accomplishment plan must be submitted to  
 40.2 and approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
 40.3 Heritage Council before money is released.  
 40.4 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 40.5 2029.

40.6 **Sec. 6. LESSARD-SAMS OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL; TRANSITION.**

40.7 Section 3 is effective July 1, 2026, and applies to appointments of public members of  
 40.8 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council made on or after that date. Years served on  
 40.9 the council before July 1, 2026, count toward the limits imposed by section 3. Members  
 40.10 appointed before July 1, 2026, may serve out the remainder of their terms if their service  
 40.11 has exceeded the term limits imposed by section 3.

40.12 **ARTICLE 2**

40.13 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

40.14 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 85.536, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

40.15 **Subd. 5. Districts; plans and hearings.** (a) The commissioner of natural resources, in  
 40.16 consultation with the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Coalition, shall establish  
 40.17 six regional parks and trails districts in the state encompassing the area outside the  
 40.18 seven-county metropolitan area. The commissioner shall establish districts by combining  
 40.19 counties and may not assign a county to more than one district.

40.20 (b) The commission shall develop a strategic plan and criteria for determining parks and  
 40.21 trails of regional significance that are eligible for funding from the parks and trails fund and  
 40.22 meet the criteria under subdivision 6.

40.23 (c) Counties within each district may jointly prepare, after consultation with all affected  
 40.24 municipalities, and submit to the commission, and from time to time revise and resubmit  
 40.25 to the commission, a master plan for the acquisition and development of parks and trails of  
 40.26 regional significance located within the district. ~~Districtwide plans and master plans for~~  
 40.27 ~~individual parks and trails must meet the protocols and criteria as set forth in the greater~~  
 40.28 ~~Minnesota regional parks and trails strategic plan. The counties, after consultation with the~~  
 40.29 ~~commission, shall jointly hold a public hearing on the proposed plan and budget at a time~~  
 40.30 ~~and place determined by the counties. Not less than 15 days before the hearing, the counties~~  
 40.31 ~~shall provide notice of the hearing stating the date, time, and place of the hearing and the~~  
 40.32 ~~place where the proposed plan and budget may be examined by any interested person. At~~

41.1 ~~any hearing, interested persons shall be permitted to present their views on the plan and~~  
 41.2 ~~budget.~~

41.3 (d) The commission shall review each master plan to determine whether it meets the  
 41.4 conditions of subdivision 6. If it does not, the commission shall return the plan with its  
 41.5 comments to the district for revision and resubmittal.

41.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 85.536, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

41.7 Subd. 7. **Recommendations.** (a) In recommending grants under this section, the  
 41.8 commission shall make recommendations consistent with master plans.

41.9 (b) The commission shall determine recommended grant amounts through an adopted  
 41.10 merit-based evaluation process that includes the level of local financial support. The  
 41.11 evaluation process is not subject to the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14, and section  
 41.12 14.386 does not apply.

41.13 (c) When recommending grants, the commission shall consider balance of the grant  
 41.14 benefits across greater Minnesota.

41.15 (d) Grants may be recommended only for ~~parks and trails~~ projects included in a plan  
 41.16 approved by the commission under subdivision 5.

41.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 85.536, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

41.18 Subd. 8. **Chair.** The commission shall ~~annually~~ biennially elect from among its members  
 41.19 a chair and other officers necessary for the performance of its duties.

41.20 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 85.536, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

41.21 Subd. 10. **Report.** The commission shall submit a report by January 15 each year listing  
 41.22 its recommendations by regional parks and trails district under subdivision 7, ~~in priority~~  
 41.23 ~~order~~, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the senate and house  
 41.24 of representatives with primary jurisdiction over legacy appropriations.

41.25 Sec. 5. **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

41.26 (a) The availability of the grant to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad  
 41.27 Authority for the Mesabi Trail project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2024  
 41.28 appropriation under Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), is extended  
 41.29 to June 30, 2027.

42.1 (b) The availability of the grant to Olmsted County for the Oxbow Park and Zollman  
 42.2 Zoo project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,  
 42.3 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), is extended to June 30, 2027.

42.4 (c) The availability of the grant to Stearns County for the Kraemer Lake and Wildwood  
 42.5 County Park project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2024 appropriation under  
 42.6 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), is extended to June 30, 2027.

42.7 (d) The availability of the grant to Redwood County for the Plum Creek Park project  
 42.8 from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023, chapter 40,  
 42.9 article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), is extended to June 30, 2027.

42.10 (e) The availability of the grant to the city of Sandstone for the Robinson Quarry Park  
 42.11 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2025 appropriation under Laws 2023,  
 42.12 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), is extended to June 30, 2028.

42.13 (f) The availability of the appropriations for coordination and projects between partners  
 42.14 from the parks and trails fund in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 under Laws 2023, chapter 40,  
 42.15 article 3, section 3, paragraph (f), is extended to June 30, 2028.

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

42.17 Sec. 6. **REPEALER.**

42.18 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 85.536, subdivisions 3 and 4, are repealed.

### 42.19 **ARTICLE 3**

#### 42.20 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

42.21 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, as amended by Laws  
 42.22 2025, chapter 36, article 4, section 15, is amended to read:

42.23	<b>Subd. 6. Department of Administration</b>	17,040,000	14,105,000
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42.24 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are  
 42.25 appropriated to the commissioner of  
 42.26 administration for grants to the named  
 42.27 organizations for the purposes specified in this  
 42.28 subdivision. The commissioner of  
 42.29 administration may use a portion of this  
 42.30 appropriation for costs that are directly related

43.1 to and necessary for the administration of  
43.2 grants in this subdivision.

43.3 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the  
43.4 commissioner and recipients of appropriations  
43.5 under this subdivision must ensure that money  
43.6 appropriated in this subdivision is used to  
43.7 supplement and not substitute for traditional  
43.8 sources of funding.

43.9 **(c) Minnesota Public Radio**

43.10 \$2,050,000 each year is for Minnesota Public  
43.11 Radio to create programming and expand news  
43.12 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and  
43.13 history.

43.14 **(d) Association of Minnesota Public Educational**  
43.15 **Radio Stations**

43.16 \$2,050,000 the first year and \$2,050,000 the  
43.17 second year are to the Association of  
43.18 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations  
43.19 for production and acquisition grants in  
43.20 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section  
43.21 129D.19.

43.22 **(e) Public Television**

43.23 \$5,000,000 the first year and \$4,500,000 the  
43.24 second year are to the Minnesota Public  
43.25 Television Association for production and  
43.26 acquisition grants according to Minnesota  
43.27 Statutes, section 129D.18. Of the amount in  
43.28 the first year, \$1,000,000 is for producing  
43.29 Minnesota military and veterans' history  
43.30 stories and unique immigrant stories from  
43.31 around the state.

43.32 **(f) Wilderness Inquiry**

43.33 \$500,000 the first year and \$600,000 the  
43.34 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to

44.1 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,  
44.2 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth  
44.3 and families to natural resources.

44.4 **(g) Como Park Zoo**

44.5 \$1,725,000 each year is to the Como Park Zoo  
44.6 and Conservatory for program development  
44.7 that features educational programs and habitat  
44.8 enhancement, special exhibits, music  
44.9 appreciation programs, and historical garden  
44.10 access and preservation.

44.11 **(h) Science Museum of Minnesota**

44.12 \$825,000 each year is to the Science Museum  
44.13 of Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts  
44.14 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and  
44.15 cultural heritage, including student and teacher  
44.16 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and  
44.17 community-based exhibits that preserve  
44.18 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

44.19 **(i) Appetite for Change**

44.20 \$200,000 the first year is to the nonprofit  
44.21 Appetite for Change for the Community Cooks  
44.22 programming, which will preserve the cultural  
44.23 heritage of growing and cooking food in  
44.24 Minnesota.

44.25 **(j) Lake Superior Zoo**

44.26 \$150,000 each year is to the Lake Superior  
44.27 Zoo to develop educational exhibits and  
44.28 programs.

44.29 **(k) Great Lakes Aquarium**

44.30 \$250,000 each year is to the Lake Superior  
44.31 Center Authority to prepare, fabricate, and  
44.32 install a hands-on exhibit with interactive  
44.33 learning components to educate Minnesotans

45.1 on the history of the natural landscape of the  
45.2 state.

45.3 **(l) State Band**

45.4 \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second  
45.5 year are to the Minnesota state band to provide  
45.6 free concerts throughout the state.

45.7 **(m) Veterans Memorial Park in Wyoming**

45.8 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the city  
45.9 of Wyoming to build the Veterans Memorial  
45.10 Plaza and related interpretive walk in Railroad  
45.11 Park.

45.12 **(n) Great Northern Festival**

45.13 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second  
45.14 year are for a grant to support the Great  
45.15 Northern Festival, which connects attendees  
45.16 to parks, outdoor spaces, and cultural venues  
45.17 through a festival.

45.18 **(o) Governor's Council on Developmental  
45.19 Disabilities**

45.20 \$50,000 the first year is to the Minnesota  
45.21 Governor's Council on Developmental  
45.22 Disabilities to continue to preserve and raise  
45.23 awareness of the history of Minnesotans with  
45.24 developmental disabilities.

45.25 **(p) Minnesota Council on Disability**

45.26 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the  
45.27 second year are to the Minnesota Council on  
45.28 Disability to provide educational opportunities  
45.29 in the arts, history, and cultural heritage of  
45.30 Minnesotans with disabilities in conjunction  
45.31 with the 50th anniversary of the Minnesota  
45.32 Council on Disability. This appropriation is  
45.33 available until June 30, 2027.

46.1 **(q) Keller Regional Park**

46.2 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to Ramsey  
46.3 County to preserve Minnesota's cultural  
46.4 heritage by enhancing the tuj lub courts at  
46.5 Keller Regional Park.

46.6 **(r) Vietnam War Anniversary**

46.7 \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
46.8 commissioner of veterans affairs to prepare  
46.9 and host a commemoration program for the  
46.10 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

46.11 **(s) St. Paul Cultural Art Installation**

46.12 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to  
46.13 ~~Forecast Public Art for an~~ the city of St. Paul  
46.14 for a public art installation celebrating  
46.15 Olympic gold medalist Suni Lee. The project  
46.16 funded by this paragraph must be located in  
46.17 St. Paul at the Conway Recreation Center or,  
46.18 if that site is not practicable, at Lake Phalen  
46.19 at the platform containing the bust of Suni  
46.20 Lee. This appropriation is available until June  
46.21 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.

46.22 **(t) One Heartland Center**

46.23 \$50,000 each year is for a grant to One  
46.24 Heartland Center for programming and  
46.25 outdoor activities for families and youth in  
46.26 Minnesota.

46.27 **(u) Forest Lake Veterans Memorial**

46.28 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
46.29 Forest Lake Veterans Memorial Committee  
46.30 to construct a memorial to veterans of the  
46.31 United States armed forces at Lakeside  
46.32 Memorial Park in the city of Forest Lake. This  
46.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

47.1 **(v) Hmong Plaza**

47.2 \$450,000 the first year is for a grant to the city  
47.3 of St. Paul to construct the Hmong Plaza at  
47.4 Phalen Lake.

47.5 **(w) Camille Gage Artist Fellowship**

47.6 \$55,000 the first year and \$55,000 the second  
47.7 year are for a grant to YWCA Minneapolis to  
47.8 fund an annual fellowship to be known as the  
47.9 Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship. Of this  
47.10 amount, up to \$5,000 each year may be used  
47.11 for administrative expenses. YWCA  
47.12 Minneapolis must select a person for the  
47.13 Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship after an  
47.14 application process that allows both  
47.15 applications by interested persons and  
47.16 nominations of persons by third parties. By  
47.17 October 1, 2026, YWCA Minneapolis must  
47.18 report to the chairs and ranking minority  
47.19 members of the legislative committees and  
47.20 divisions with jurisdiction over legacy on the  
47.21 use of money appropriated under this  
47.22 paragraph and on the activities of the person  
47.23 selected for the Camille J. Gage Artist  
47.24 Fellowship under this paragraph. This  
47.25 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

47.26 **(x) Minnesota African American Heritage  
47.27 Museum and Gallery**

47.28 \$235,000 the first year and \$125,000 the  
47.29 second year are for arts and cultural heritage  
47.30 programming celebrating African American  
47.31 and Black communities in Minnesota. Of the  
47.32 amount in the first year, \$110,000 is for C.  
47.33 Caldwell Fine Arts for an outdoor mural  
47.34 project in North Minneapolis to work with

48.1 young people to develop skills while using art  
48.2 as the impetus.

48.3 **(y) Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota**

48.4 \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second  
48.5 year are for a grant to the Tibetan American  
48.6 Foundation of Minnesota to celebrate and  
48.7 teach the art, culture, and heritage of Tibetan  
48.8 Americans in Minnesota.

48.9 **(z) Hong De Wu Guan**

48.10 \$25,000 the first year is for a grant to Hong  
48.11 De Wu Guan to create cultural arts projects  
48.12 like Lion Dance for after-school programs for  
48.13 youth.

48.14 **(aa) Sepak Takraw of USA**

48.15 \$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
48.16 Sepak Takraw of USA to work with youth and  
48.17 after-school programs in the community to  
48.18 teach the cultural games of tuj lub and sepak  
48.19 takraw. This appropriation may not be used  
48.20 to hold events.

48.21 **(bb) 30,000 Feet**

48.22 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second  
48.23 year are for a grant to 30,000 Feet, a nonprofit  
48.24 organization, to help youth and community  
48.25 artists further develop their artistic skills, to  
48.26 create community art and artistic  
48.27 performances, and to promote and share  
48.28 African American history and culture through  
48.29 the arts.

48.30 **(cc) Siengkane Lao Minnesota**

48.31 \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second  
48.32 year are for a grant to Siengkane Lao MN to

49.1 create cultural arts projects and to preserve  
49.2 traditional performances.

49.3 **(dd) Hmong Cultural Center**

49.4 \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
49.5 second year are for a grant to the Hmong  
49.6 Cultural Center of Minnesota for  
49.7 museum-related programming and educational  
49.8 outreach activities to teach the public about  
49.9 the historical, cultural, and folk arts heritage  
49.10 of Hmong Minnesotans.

49.11 **(ee) Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio**

49.12 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
49.13 second year are for a grant to Comunidades  
49.14 Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) to  
49.15 expand arts programming to celebrate Latino  
49.16 cultural heritage; support local artists; and  
49.17 provide professional development, networking,  
49.18 and presentation opportunities.

49.19 **(ff) Hmong RPA Writing System**

49.20 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the  
49.21 second year are for grants to recipients who  
49.22 have demonstrated knowledge and interest in  
49.23 preserving Hmong culture to preserve Hmong  
49.24 Minnesotans' heritage, history, language, and  
49.25 culture. Grants must be used in conjunction  
49.26 with Minnesota universities to improve and  
49.27 develop a unified and standardized Latin  
49.28 alphabet form of the Hmong RPA writing  
49.29 system. No portion of this appropriation may  
49.30 be used to encourage religious membership  
49.31 or to conduct personal ceremonies or events.  
49.32 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
49.33 2028.

49.34 **(gg) Somali Museum of Minnesota**

50.1 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the  
50.2 second year are for a grant to the Somali  
50.3 Museum of Minnesota for heritage arts and  
50.4 cultural vitality programs to provide classes,  
50.5 exhibits, presentations, and outreach about the  
50.6 Somali community and heritage in Minnesota.

50.7 **(hh) Minnesota Museum of American Art**

50.8 \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the  
50.9 second year are for a grant to the Minnesota  
50.10 Museum of American Art for exhibit  
50.11 programming and for a Native American  
50.12 Fellowship at the museum.

50.13 **(ii) Fanka Programs**

50.14 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
50.15 second year are for a grant to Ka Joog  
50.16 statewide Somali-based collaborative  
50.17 programs for arts and cultural heritage. The  
50.18 funding must be used for Fanka programs to  
50.19 provide arts education and workshops, mentor  
50.20 programs, and community presentations and  
50.21 community engagement events throughout  
50.22 Minnesota.

50.23 **(jj) The Bakken Museum**

50.24 \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to The  
50.25 Bakken Museum for interactive exhibits and  
50.26 outreach programs on arts and cultural  
50.27 heritage.

50.28 **(kk) 4-H Shooting Sports**

50.29 \$50,000 the first year is to the University of  
50.30 Minnesota Extension Office to provide grants  
50.31 to Minnesota 4-H chapters that have members  
50.32 participating in state and national  
50.33 4-H-sanctioned shooting sports events.  
50.34 Eligible costs for grant money include

51.1 shooting sports equipment and supplies and  
 51.2 event fees associated with participating in state  
 51.3 shooting sports events.

51.4 **(ll) Public Art Saint Paul**

51.5 \$75,000 each year is for a grant to Public Art  
 51.6 Saint Paul for art programming at the Wakpa  
 51.7 Triennial Art Festival to showcase new art  
 51.8 across the Twin Cities by Minnesota artists in  
 51.9 outdoor and indoor settings and to encourage  
 51.10 visitors to experience the arts and culture  
 51.11 produced by local arts and culture  
 51.12 organizations.

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

51.14 **ARTICLE 4**

51.15 **STATE LANDS**

51.16 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.0272, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

51.17 Subdivision 1. **Acquisition procedure.** When the commissioner of natural resources is  
 51.18 authorized to acquire ~~lands or interests in lands~~ fee title or an easement interest in land, the  
 51.19 procedure set forth in this section ~~shall apply~~ applies. The commissioner of natural resources  
 51.20 shall first prepare a fact sheet showing the lands to be acquired, the legal authority for their  
 51.21 acquisition, and the qualities of the land that make it a desirable acquisition. The  
 51.22 commissioner of natural resources shall cause the lands to be appraised. An appraiser shall  
 51.23 before entering upon the duties of office take and subscribe an oath to faithfully and  
 51.24 impartially discharge the duties as appraiser according to the best of the appraiser's ability  
 51.25 and that the appraiser is not interested directly or indirectly in any of the lands to be appraised  
 51.26 or the timber or improvements thereon or in the sale thereof and has entered into no  
 51.27 agreement or combination to purchase the same or any part thereof, which oath shall be  
 51.28 attached to the report of the appraisal. The commissioner of natural resources may pay less  
 51.29 than the appraised value, but shall not agree to pay more than ten percent above the appraised  
 51.30 value, except that if the commissioner pays less than the appraised value for a parcel of  
 51.31 land, the difference between the purchase price and the appraised value may be used to  
 51.32 apply to purchases at more than the appraised value. The sum of accumulated differences  
 51.33 between appraised amounts and purchases for more than the appraised amount may not  
 51.34 exceed the sum of accumulated differences between appraised amounts and purchases for

52.1 less than the appraised amount. New appraisals may be made at the discretion of the  
52.2 commissioner of natural resources.

52.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.0272, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

52.4 Subd. 2. **Stream easements.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 1, the commissioner may  
52.5 acquire permanent stream easements for angler access, fish management, and habitat work  
52.6 and easements to access permanent stream easements acquired under this subdivision for  
52.7 a onetime payment based on a value attributed to ~~both the stream and~~ the easement corridor,  
52.8 and any access easement. The payment ~~shall equal~~ equals:

52.9 (1) the per linear foot of stream within the easement corridor times \$5; plus

52.10 (2) the easement corridor acres times the estimated market value; plus

52.11 (3) the access corridor acres times the estimated market value.

52.12 (b) The estimated market value is equal to:

52.13 (1) the agricultural market value plus the rural vacant market value plus the managed  
52.14 forest market value; divided by

52.15 (2) the acres of agricultural land plus the rural vacant land plus the managed forest land.

52.16 (c) The agricultural market value, rural vacant market value, and managed forest market  
52.17 value or equivalent are determined from data collected by the Department of Revenue during  
52.18 its annual spring mini abstract survey. If the Department of Revenue changes its property  
52.19 type groups for its annual spring mini abstract survey, the agricultural market value, the  
52.20 rural vacant market value, and the managed forest market value shall be determined by the  
52.21 commissioner from data collected by the Department of Revenue in a manner that provides  
52.22 the most reasonable substitute for the market values as presently reported. The commissioner  
52.23 must use the most recent available data for the city or township within which the easement  
52.24 corridor is located.

52.25 (d) The commissioner shall periodically review the easement payment rates under this  
52.26 subdivision to determine whether the stream easement payments reflect current shoreland  
52.27 market values. If the commissioner determines that the easements do not reflect current  
52.28 shoreland market values, the commissioner shall report to the senate and house of  
52.29 representatives natural resources policy committees with recommendations for changes to  
52.30 this subdivision that are necessary for the stream easement payment rates to reflect current  
52.31 shoreland market values. The recommendations may include an adjustment to the dollar  
52.32 amount in paragraph (a), clause (1).

53.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.96, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
53.2 read:

53.3 Subd. 10. Access easement. The commissioner may acquire easements to access native  
53.4 prairie acquired under this section. The commissioner may pay the landowner or land  
53.5 administrator for access easements an amount equal to or less than 50 percent of the payment  
53.6 rate under subdivision 5.

53.7 Sec. 4. Laws 2024, chapter 90, article 1, section 52, is amended to read:

53.8 Sec. 52. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

53.9 (a) Sections 4 to 51, 4, 7, 10 to 12, 14 to 17, and 19 to 51, and the amendments to  
53.10 Minnesota Rules, parts 6100.5002, 6213.0100, 6213.0400, 6213.0500, 6232.0200, 6232.0300,  
53.11 6232.0400, 6232.0500, 6232.0900, 6232.1250, 6232.1300, 6232.1600, 6232.1950, 6232.1970,  
53.12 6232.1980, 6232.2550, 6232.2800, 6232.3100, 6232.4400, 6234.1600, 6234.1700, 6234.2000,  
53.13 6234.2600, 6236.0300, 6236.0500, 6236.0950, 6237.0200, 6262.1000, 6262.3200, 6264.0400,  
53.14 and 6266.0700, and the repealer as adopted by the commissioner of natural resources and  
53.15 published in the State Register, volume 49, page 1416, June 30, 2025, are effective upon  
53.16 full implementation of the replacement electronic license, permits, and pass portions of the  
53.17 electronic license system.

53.18 (b) Sections 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, and 18 are effective upon full implementation of the vehicle  
53.19 registration portions of the electronic license system.

53.20 (c) The commissioner of natural resources must notify the revisor of statutes when the  
53.21 replacement electronic license system is fully implemented; portions of the replacement  
53.22 electronic licensing system governed by the sections and rule modifications described in  
53.23 paragraph (a) are fully implemented and when the portions of the replacement electronic  
53.24 licensing system governed by the sections described in paragraph (b) are fully implemented.

53.25 Sec. 5. **ADDITIONS TO STATE PARKS.**

53.26 Subdivision 1. [85.012] [Subd. 21.] Frontenac State Park, Goodhue County. The  
53.27 following area is added to Frontenac State Park: Lot 3, Block 1, VILLA MARIA ADDITION,  
53.28 according to the recorded plat thereof, Goodhue County, Minnesota.

53.29 Subd. 2. [85.012] [Subd. 24a.] Great River Bluffs State Park, Winona County. The  
53.30 following area is added to Great River Bluffs State Park: the West Half of the Southeast  
53.31 Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 33, Township 106 North, Range 5 West, Winona  
53.32 County, Minnesota.

54.1 **Sec. 6. DELETION FROM STATE PARK.**

54.2 **[85.012] [Subd. 42.] Mille Lacs Kathio State Park, Mille Lacs County.** The following  
54.3 area is deleted from Mille Lacs Kathio State Park: that part of Government Lot 3, Section  
54.4 33, Township 43 North, Range 27 West, Mille Lacs County, Minnesota, lying easterly of  
54.5 the easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Trunk Highway 169. Excepting therefrom the following  
54.6 described tract of land: commencing at the northwest corner of said Government Lot 3, said  
54.7 corner being marked by a 2-½-inch aluminum post with brass cap (Bureau of Land  
54.8 Management Monument); thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds East, assumed  
54.9 bearing, along the north line of said Government Lot 3, a distance of 1,076.85 feet to the  
54.10 point of beginning of the land to be described; thence continuing North 89 degrees 43  
54.11 minutes 55 seconds East, along said north line, a distance of 40.88 feet to a ¾-inch iron rod  
54.12 with disk stamped MN DNR PROPERTY; thence continuing North 89 degrees 43 minutes  
54.13 55 seconds East, along said north line, a distance of 299.64 feet to a ¾-inch rebar with  
54.14 plastic cap stamped MN DNR LS 47461; thence South 14 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds  
54.15 East, a distance of 170.18 feet to a ¾-inch iron rod with disk stamped MN DNR PROPERTY;  
54.16 thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 413.14 feet to a ¾-inch  
54.17 iron rod; thence continuing South 89 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of  
54.18 10.50 feet; thence North 07 degrees 53 minutes 17 seconds East, a distance of 70.68 feet;  
54.19 thence North 18 degrees 01 minute 43 seconds East, a distance of 100.09 feet to the point  
54.20 of beginning.

54.21 **Sec. 7. PUBLIC SALE OF SURPLUS LAND BORDERING PUBLIC WATER;**  
54.22 **BECKER COUNTY.**

54.23 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.45, the commissioner of natural  
54.24 resources may sell by public sale the surplus land bordering public water that is described  
54.25 in paragraph (c).

54.26 (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct  
54.27 errors and ensure accuracy.

54.28 (c) The land that may be sold is located in Becker County and is described as: all that  
54.29 part of Government Lot 1, Section 9, Township 138 North, Range 43 West, Becker County,  
54.30 Minnesota, bounded by the water's edge of Rossman Lake and the following described  
54.31 lines: commencing at meander corner No. 17 located at the northwesterly corner of said  
54.32 Government Lot 1; thence North 89 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on an assumed  
54.33 bearing 98.96 feet on and along the north line of said Section 9; thence South 10 degrees  
54.34 10 minutes 30 seconds East, 233.06 feet to a point on the centerline of a township road and

55.1 the point of beginning; thence South 10 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East, 355.37 feet  
 55.2 on and along the centerline of said township road; thence South 87 degrees 05 minutes 10  
 55.3 seconds East, 33.46 feet to the northwesterly corner of Erickson Shores, a plat recorded in  
 55.4 the Office of the Register of Deeds, Becker County; thence South 87 degrees 05 minutes  
 55.5 10 seconds East, 443.59 feet on and along the north line of said plat to the northwesterly  
 55.6 corner of Lot 1 of Block 1 of said plat; thence North 58 degrees 09 minutes 38 seconds  
 55.7 East, 135 feet, more or less, on and along the north line of said Lot 1 of Block 1 to the  
 55.8 water's edge of said Rossman Lake and there terminating. And also, from the point of  
 55.9 beginning; thence North 88 degrees 40 minutes 54 seconds East, 263 feet, more or less, to  
 55.10 the water's edge of Rossman Lake and there terminating. Including all riparian rights to the  
 55.11 contained 4.3 acres, more or less, and subject to all existing easements.

55.12 (d) The land borders Rossman Lake and is not contiguous to other state lands. The  
 55.13 Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed for natural  
 55.14 resource purposes and that the state's land management interests would best be served if  
 55.15 the land was returned to private ownership.

55.16 **Sec. 8. PRIVATE SALE OF SURPLUS LAND BORDERING PUBLIC WATER;**  
 55.17 **MILLE LACS COUNTY.**

55.18 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09, and 94.10, the  
 55.19 commissioner of natural resources may sell by private sale the surplus land bordering public  
 55.20 water that is described in paragraph (c) to a federally recognized Indian Tribe, subject to  
 55.21 the state's reservation of access and dam easements over the land described in paragraph  
 55.22 (c) if the state elects to reserve such easements.

55.23 (b) The land must not be sold for less than the appraised value. The buyer must reimburse  
 55.24 the commissioner for all costs and expenses, including staff costs, incurred by the  
 55.25 commissioner in making the property salable and in selling the property. The commissioner  
 55.26 may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

55.27 (c) The land that may be sold is all of or a portion of the land located in Mille Lacs  
 55.28 County and described as: that part of Government Lot 3, Section 33, Township 43 North,  
 55.29 Range 27 West, Mille Lacs County, Minnesota, lying easterly of the easterly right-of-way  
 55.30 line of U.S. Trunk Highway 169. Excepting therefrom the following described tract of land:  
 55.31 commencing at the northwest corner of said Government Lot 3, said corner being marked  
 55.32 by a 2-½-inch aluminum post with brass cap (Bureau of Land Management Monument);  
 55.33 thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the north line  
 55.34 of said Government Lot 3, a distance of 1,076.85 feet to the point of beginning of the land

56.1 to be described; thence continuing North 89 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds East, along said  
 56.2 north line, a distance of 40.88 feet to a 3/4-inch iron rod with disk stamped MN DNR  
 56.3 PROPERTY; thence continuing North 89 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds East, along said  
 56.4 north line, a distance of 299.64 feet to a 3/4-inch rebar with plastic cap stamped MN DNR  
 56.5 LS 47461; thence South 14 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds East, a distance of 170.18 feet  
 56.6 to a 3/4-inch iron rod with disk stamped MN DNR PROPERTY; thence South 89 degrees  
 56.7 43 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 413.14 feet to a 3/4-inch iron rod; thence continuing  
 56.8 South 89 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 10.50 feet; thence North 07  
 56.9 degrees 53 minutes 17 seconds East, a distance of 70.68 feet; thence North 18 degrees 01  
 56.10 minute 43 seconds East, a distance of 100.09 feet to the point of beginning.

56.11 (d) The land to be sold borders on Mille Lacs Lake. The Department of Natural Resources  
 56.12 has determined that the state's land management interests would best be served if the land  
 56.13 was conveyed to a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

56.14 **Sec. 9. PRIVATE CONVEYANCE OF SURPLUS LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**  
 56.15 **WATER; PINE COUNTY.**

56.16 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09, and 94.10, the  
 56.17 commissioner of natural resources may convey by private sale the surplus land bordering  
 56.18 public water that is described in paragraph (c) for no consideration, subject to the state's  
 56.19 reservation of an access easement over the land described in paragraph (c).

56.20 (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct  
 56.21 errors and ensure accuracy.

56.22 (c) The land that may be conveyed is located in Pine County and is described as: that  
 56.23 part of the West 105 feet of the West 205 feet of that part of Lot 48, Auditor's Subdivision  
 56.24 of Section 24, Township 41, Range 21, Pine County, Minnesota, lying South of a line  
 56.25 described as follows: commencing at a point on the west line of said Lot 48, 570 feet South  
 56.26 of the northwest corner of said lot; thence southeasterly to a point in the east line of said  
 56.27 Lot 48, midway between the northeast corner and the southeast corner of said lot, and lying  
 56.28 North of the northerly water's edge of the North Branch of the Grindstone River, including  
 56.29 all riparian rights.

56.30 (d) The land borders the Grindstone River. The Department of Natural Resources has  
 56.31 determined that the conveyance will ensure that the private landowners have continued  
 56.32 access to the Grindstone River after the Grindstone River dam is removed and the channel  
 56.33 restored to a natural alignment.

57.1 **Sec. 10. CONVEYANCE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND; REDWOOD COUNTY.**

57.2 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.281 to 16B.298, or any other law  
 57.3 to the contrary, upon approval by the Minnesota Historical Society's Executive Council,  
 57.4 the director of the Minnesota Historical Society may convey to the Lower Sioux Indian  
 57.5 Community in the state of Minnesota, for no consideration, the surplus land and real property  
 57.6 described in paragraph (c).

57.7 (b) The Minnesota Historical Society may make necessary changes to the legal description  
 57.8 to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

57.9 (c) The land to be conveyed is located in Redwood County and is described as: Tract  
 57.10 "C" that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 112,  
 57.11 Range 34, Redwood County, Minnesota, lying southerly of the centerline of CSAH 2 as  
 57.12 shown on Redwood County Right of Way Plat No. 3 C.S.A.H. Number 2 as of public record,  
 57.13 Redwood County, Minnesota.

57.14 (d) The Minnesota Historical Society has determined that the state's land management  
 57.15 interests and interpretive program interests would best be served if portions of the Lower  
 57.16 Sioux Agency Historic Site were conveyed to the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the  
 57.17 state of Minnesota.

57.18 **Sec. 11. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

57.19 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
 57.20 other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land  
 57.21 described in paragraph (c).

57.22 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
 57.23 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

57.24 (c) The land to be sold is located in St. Louis County and is described as:  
 57.25 Government Lot 2, EXCEPT the South 760 feet; AND EXCEPT that part of Government  
 57.26 Lot 2, shown as Parcel 75 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way  
 57.27 Plat No. 69-181, Section 18, Township 62 North, Range 20 West.

57.28 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
 57.29 be served if the land was returned to private ownership to resolve a structure encroachment.

58.1 **Sec. 12. PRIVATE SALE OF LAND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

58.2 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale and competitive bidding requirements of Minnesota  
58.3 Statutes, chapter 373, or other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may sell by private sale  
58.4 the county fee-owned lands described in paragraph (b).

58.5 (b) The lands to be sold are located in St. Louis County, Section 34, Township 51 North,  
58.6 Range 18 West, and are described as:

58.7 (1) Lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 12, Block B, including part of the vacated alley adjacent and  
58.8 including part of vacated 3rd Avenue adjacent, Brookston;

58.9 (2) Lots 4 thru 9, Block B, including part of the vacated alley adjacent, and including  
58.10 part of 3rd Street S adjacent to Lots 6 and 7, and including part of 3rd Avenue adjacent to  
58.11 Lots 4 thru 6 tool house, Brookston; and

58.12 (3) that part of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter lying southerly of the Brookston  
58.13 Plat and westerly of County State-Aid Highway 31.

58.14 (c) St. Louis County has determined that the county's interest would best be served if  
58.15 the lands were sold.

58.16 **Sec. 13. PRIVATE CONVEYANCE OF SURPLUS LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**  
58.17 **WATER; WABASHA COUNTY.**

58.18 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09, and 94.10, the  
58.19 commissioner of natural resources may convey by private sale the surplus land that is  
58.20 described in paragraph (c) to the city of Elgin for no consideration.

58.21 (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct  
58.22 errors and ensure accuracy.

58.23 (c) The land that may be conveyed is located in Wabasha County and is described as:

58.24 (1) OUTLOT A, OUTLOT B, and OUTLOT C of WHITEWATER WAY, according  
58.25 to the plat on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Wabasha  
58.26 County, Minnesota; and

58.27 (2) that part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 108  
58.28 North, Range 12 West, Wabasha County, Minnesota, described as follows: beginning at a  
58.29 point of intersection of the north line of the south 165.00 feet of the Northwest Quarter of  
58.30 the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27, with the east line of the West Half of the Northeast  
58.31 Quarter of said Section 27; thence on an assumed bearing of North 89 degrees 44 minutes  
58.32 01 second West, along said north line of the south 165.00 feet, a distance of 250 feet, more

59.1 or less, to the centerline of the North Fork of the White Water River; thence northeasterly  
 59.2 along said centerline, to a point of intersection with the east line of the West Half of the  
 59.3 Northeast Quarter of said Section 27; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 14 seconds East,  
 59.4 along said east line to the point of beginning.

59.5 (d) The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed for  
 59.6 natural resource purposes and that the state's land management interests would best be  
 59.7 served if the land was conveyed to and used by the city of Elgin for nonmotorized public  
 59.8 recreation and public fishing access.

59.9 (e) The conveyance must provide that the lands revert to the state if the city of Elgin:

59.10 (1) fails to provide the public use intended on the property;

59.11 (2) without the written approval of the commissioner, allows a public use other than the  
 59.12 public use agreed to by the commissioner at the time of conveyance; or

59.13 (3) abandons the public use of the property.

59.14 (f) The commissioner must require that the city of Elgin reimburse the commissioner  
 59.15 for all costs and expenses, including staff costs, incurred by the commissioner in making  
 59.16 the property salable and in conveying the property.

59.17 **Sec. 14. CONVEYANCE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND; WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

59.18 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.281 to 16B.298, or any other law  
 59.19 to the contrary, upon approval by the Minnesota Historical Society's Executive Council,  
 59.20 the director of the Minnesota Historical Society may convey to the city of Marine on Saint  
 59.21 Croix, for no consideration, the surplus land and real property described in paragraph (c).

59.22 (b) The Minnesota Historical Society may make necessary changes to the legal description  
 59.23 to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

59.24 (c) The land to be conveyed is located in Washington County and is described as: that  
 59.25 part of Block 47 of Marine, according to the recorded plat thereof, Washington County,  
 59.26 Minnesota, described as follows: commencing at the southwest corner of said Block 47;  
 59.27 thence North 24 degrees 18 minutes 37 seconds West, assumed bearing, along the westerly  
 59.28 line of said Block 47, a distance of 98.35 feet, to the point of beginning of the tract of land  
 59.29 to be described; thence continuing North 24 degrees 18 minutes 37 seconds West, along  
 59.30 said westerly line of Block 47, a distance of 61.38 feet; thence North 66 degrees 16 minutes  
 59.31 53 seconds East, 89.81 feet; thence South 24 degrees 27 minutes 39 seconds East, 59.63

60.1 feet; thence South 65 degrees 09 minutes 47 seconds West, 89.96 feet, to the point of  
 60.2 beginning.

60.3 Sec. 15. **APPROPRIATION EXTENSION.**

60.4 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the appropriation in Laws 2024, chapter  
 60.5 116, article 1, section 3, subdivision 5, for an electronic licensing system is available until  
 60.6 June 30, 2027.

60.7 Sec. 16. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

60.8 Sections 4 to 15 are effective the day following final enactment.

## 60.9 **ARTICLE 5**

### 60.10 **AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

60.11 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION RESEARCH**  
 60.12 **INSTITUTE.**

60.13 \$80,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the Agricultural  
 60.14 Utilization Research Institute for legal costs. This is a onetime appropriation and is available  
 60.15 until June 30, 2029. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 645.435, if the same  
 60.16 appropriation for this purpose is enacted more than once in the 2026 regular session, the  
 60.17 appropriation must be given effect only once.

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

## 60.19 **ARTICLE 6**

### 60.20 **IRON ORE MINING; UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

60.21 Section 1. **IRON ORE MINING ADDITIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**  
 60.22 **PROGRAM.**

60.23 Subdivision 1. **Availability of additional benefits.** Additional unemployment benefits  
 60.24 are available from the Minnesota unemployment insurance trust fund to an applicant who  
 60.25 was laid off due to lack of work on or after November 1, 2025, and before March 15, 2026,  
 60.26 from:

60.27 (1) an employer in the iron ore mining industry that laid off 40 percent or more of the  
 60.28 employer's workforce on or after March 15, 2025, and before June 16, 2025; or

60.29 (2) an employer that is in the explosive manufacturing industry and providing goods or  
 60.30 services to an employer in the iron ore mining industry, if the applicant was laid off due to

61.1 the cessation or substantial reduction in operations of an employer in the iron ore mining  
61.2 industry as described in clause (1).

61.3 Subd. 2. **Eligibility requirements.** An applicant is eligible to receive additional  
61.4 unemployment benefits under this section for any week through the week ending March  
61.5 20, 2027, if:

61.6 (1) the applicant established a benefit account under Minnesota Statutes, section 268.07,  
61.7 with 50 percent or greater of the wage credits from an employer as described in subdivision  
61.8 1, and has exhausted the maximum amount of regular unemployment benefits available on  
61.9 that benefit account; and

61.10 (2) the applicant meets the same requirements that an applicant for regular unemployment  
61.11 benefits must meet under Minnesota Statutes, section 268.069, subdivision 1.

61.12 Subd. 3. **Weekly and maximum amount of additional unemployment benefits.** (a)  
61.13 The weekly benefit amount of additional unemployment benefits is the same as the weekly  
61.14 benefit amount of regular unemployment benefits on the benefit account established in  
61.15 subdivision 2, clause (1).

61.16 (b) The maximum amount of additional unemployment benefits available to an applicant  
61.17 under this section is an amount equal to 26 weeks of payment at the applicant's weekly  
61.18 additional unemployment benefit amount.

61.19 (c) If an applicant qualifies for a new regular benefit account that meets the requirements  
61.20 of subdivision 4, paragraph (b), before the applicant has been paid additional unemployment  
61.21 benefits, and the new regular benefit account meets the requirements of subdivision 2, clause  
61.22 (1), the applicant's weekly additional unemployment benefit amount is equal to the weekly  
61.23 unemployment benefit amount on the applicant's new regular benefit account.

61.24 Subd. 4. **Qualifying for a new regular benefit account.** (a) If, after exhausting the  
61.25 maximum amount of regular unemployment benefits available as a result of the layoff under  
61.26 subdivision 1, an applicant qualifies for the new regular benefit account under Minnesota  
61.27 Statutes, section 268.07, the applicant must apply for and establish the new regular benefit  
61.28 account.

61.29 (b) If the applicant's weekly benefit amount under the new regular benefit account is  
61.30 equal to or higher than the applicant's weekly additional unemployment benefit amount, the  
61.31 applicant must request unemployment benefits under the new regular benefit account. An  
61.32 applicant is ineligible for additional unemployment benefits under this section until the

62.1 applicant has exhausted the maximum amount of unemployment benefits available on the  
62.2 new regular benefit account.

62.3 (c) If the applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount on the new regular benefit  
62.4 account is less than the applicant's weekly benefit amount of additional unemployment  
62.5 benefits, the applicant must request additional unemployment benefits. An applicant is  
62.6 ineligible for new regular unemployment benefits until the applicant has exhausted the  
62.7 maximum amount of additional unemployment benefits available under this section.

62.8 Subd. 5. **Eligibility for federal Trade Readjustment Allowance benefits.** An applicant  
62.9 who has applied and been determined eligible for federal Trade Readjustment Allowance  
62.10 benefits is not eligible for additional unemployment benefits under this section.

62.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from November 1, 2025.

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**85.536 GREATER MINNESOTA REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION.**

Subd. 3. **First appointments.** The governor shall make the first appointment by June 15, 2013. The governor shall designate six of the first appointees to terms ending on the first Monday in January 2015, and the remainder of the first appointees shall serve terms ending the first Monday in January 2016.

Subd. 4. **First meeting.** The governor or the governor's designee shall convene the first meeting of the commission by July 15, 2013, and shall act as chair until the commission elects a chair. The commission shall elect a chair at its first meeting.