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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/03/2025	612	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
04/22/2025	2971a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance
04/28/2025	4109	Comm report: To pass as amended
	4111	Second reading
04/29/2025	4173	Special Order
	4196	Third reading Passed
05/06/2025	4451	Returned from House with amendment
	4452	Senate not concur, conference committee of 5 requested
	4511	Senate conferees Hawj; Kunesh; Johnson Stewart; Green; McEwen
05/08/2025	4602	House conferees Heintzman; Schultz; Nelson; Fischer; Pursell; Finke
	6285	Joint rule 3.02, conference committee discharged Laid on table
05/17/2026	10924	Taken from table
	10925	New conference committee of 3 requested
	10925	Senate conferees Hawj; Putnam; Lang
	10926	House conferees Heintzman; McDonald; Vang; Fischer
	11038c	Conference committee report, delete everything
	11089	Senate adopted CC report and repassed bill
	11090	Third Reading Repassed
	11659	House adopted SCC report and repassed bill

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 style="text-align:center">**ARTICLE 1**

1.18 style="text-align:center">**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.

2.1	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
2.2	<u>Available for the Year</u>		
2.3	<u>Ending June 30</u>		
2.4	<u>2026</u>		<u>2027</u>
2.5	Sec. 2. <u>OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND</u>		
2.6	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>-0-</u> \$ <u>191,081,000</u>
2.7	<u>This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage</u>		
2.8	<u>fund. The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
2.9	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
2.10	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
2.11	<u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u>		<u>-0-</u> <u>36,387,000</u>
2.12	<u>(a) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase 7</u>		
2.13	<u>\$2,334,000 the second year is to acquire</u>		
2.14	<u>permanent conservation easements and to</u>		
2.15	<u>restore and enhance wildlife habitat. Of this</u>		
2.16	<u>amount, \$191,000 is to the commissioner of</u>		
2.17	<u>natural resources for an agreement with Ducks</u>		
2.18	<u>Unlimited and \$2,143,000 is to the Board of</u>		
2.19	<u>Water and Soil Resources. Of the amount to</u>		
2.20	<u>the Board of Water and Soil Resources, up to</u>		
2.21	<u>\$50,000 is to establish a monitoring and</u>		
2.22	<u>enforcement fund as approved in the</u>		
2.23	<u>accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota</u>		
2.24	<u>Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A</u>		
2.25	<u>list of permanent conservation easements must</u>		
2.26	<u>be provided as part of the final report.</u>		
2.27	<u>(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area</u>		
2.28	<u>Program, Phase 18</u>		
2.29	<u>\$4,521,000 the second year is to the</u>		
2.30	<u>commissioner of natural resources for an</u>		
2.31	<u>agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire</u>		
2.32	<u>in fee and to restore and enhance lands for</u>		
2.33	<u>wildlife management area purposes under</u>		
2.34	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,</u>		

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	Subd. 6. Department of Administration	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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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.