

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION

S.F. No. 1982

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/20/2023	926	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
03/16/2023	1813	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Finance
	1958	Author added Hoffman See HF2310

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A bill for an act

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

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conservation reserve program.

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

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

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APPROPRIATION.

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\$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of

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

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

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to enroll complementary areas in conservation easements consistent with Minnesota Statutes,

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section 103F.515. The board may establish payment rates based on land valuation and on

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environmental benefit criteria, including but not limited to surface water or groundwater

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pollution reduction, drinking water protection, soil health, pollinator and wildlife habitat,

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and other conservation enhancements. The board may use state funds to implement the

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program and to provide technical assistance to landowners or their agents to fulfill enrollment

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and contract provisions. The board must consult with the commissioners of agriculture,

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health, natural resources, and the Pollution Control Agency and the United States Department

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of Agriculture in establishing program criteria. This is a onetime appropriation and is

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available until June 30, 2027.