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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2806

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to clean water; appropriating money for clean water assistance grants;  
1.3 appropriating money for an Aquatic Invasive Species Cooperative Research  
1.4 Center; modifying prior appropriations; amending Laws 2011, First Special  
1.5 Session chapter 2, article 3, section 2, subdivision 9.

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

1.7 ARTICLE 1  
1.8 CLEAN WATER FUND

1.9 Section 1. CLEAN WATER ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

1.10 \$4,200,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2013 from the clean water fund to the  
1.11 Board of Water and Soil Resources for grants to local government units and joint powers  
1.12 organizations of local government units to be used to protect, enhance, and restore water  
1.13 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater and drinking water.  
1.14 Activities include structural and vegetative practices to reduce runoff and retain water on  
1.15 the land, feedlot water quality projects, subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS)  
1.16 abatement grants for low-income individuals, and stream bank, stream channel, and  
1.17 shoreline protection projects. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June  
1.18 30, 2016.

1.19 Sec. 2. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COOPERATIVE RESEARCH  
1.20 CENTER; APPROPRIATION.

1.21 \$1,800,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2013 from the clean water fund to the Board  
1.22 of Regents of the University of Minnesota to develop and implement an Aquatic Invasive  
1.23 Species Cooperative Research Center. As a condition of receiving this appropriation, the

2.1 University of Minnesota is requested to collaborate with the commissioner of natural  
 2.2 resources in developing solutions to control aquatic invasive species. A portion of this  
 2.3 appropriation may be used for educating and engaging citizens on preventing the spread  
 2.4 of aquatic invasive species. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June  
 2.5 30, 2014.

2.6 **ARTICLE 2**

2.7 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCE TRUST FUND**

2.8 Section 1. Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 2, subdivision  
 2.9 9, is amended to read:

2.10			<del>4,213,000</del>
2.11	Subd. 9. <b>Emerging Issues</b>	4,522,000	<u>3,213,000</u>

2.12 **(a) Minnesota Conservation Apprentice**  
 2.13 **Academy**

2.14 \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
 2.15 second year are from the trust fund to  
 2.16 the Board of Water and Soil Resources  
 2.17 in cooperation with Conservation Corps  
 2.18 Minnesota to train and mentor future  
 2.19 conservation professionals by providing  
 2.20 apprenticeship service opportunities to  
 2.21 soil and water conservation districts. This  
 2.22 appropriation is available until June 30,  
 2.23 2014, by which time the project must be  
 2.24 completed and the final products delivered.

2.25 **(b) Chronic Wasting Disease and Animal**  
 2.26 **Health**

2.27 \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the  
 2.28 second year are from the trust fund to the  
 2.29 commissioner of natural resources to address  
 2.30 chronic wasting disease and accelerate  
 2.31 wildlife health programs, including activities  
 2.32 directly related to and necessary for this  
 2.33 appropriation.

3.1 **(c) Aquatic Invasive Species**

3.2 \$2,177,000 the first year and ~~\$3,513,000~~  
3.3 \$2,513,000 the second year are from the  
3.4 trust fund to the commissioner of natural  
3.5 resources to accelerate aquatic invasive  
3.6 species programs, including the development  
3.7 and implementation of best management  
3.8 practices for public water access facilities  
3.9 to implement aquatic invasive species  
3.10 prevention strategies, including activities  
3.11 directly related to and necessary for this  
3.12 appropriation. \$50,000 is for a grant  
3.13 to develop and produce a documentary  
3.14 identifying the challenges presented by  
3.15 aquatic invasive species. The documentary  
3.16 shall be available to the Department of  
3.17 Natural Resources to distribute to watercraft  
3.18 license purchasers and the general public  
3.19 through online and other media.

3.20 **(d) Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands**  
3.21 **Reserve Acquisition and Restoration**  
3.22 **Program Partnership**

3.23 \$1,645,000 the first year is to the Board  
3.24 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
3.25 permanent conservation easements and  
3.26 restore wetlands and associated upland  
3.27 habitat in cooperation with the United States  
3.28 Department of Agriculture Wetlands Reserve  
3.29 Program. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
3.30 must be provided as part of the required work  
3.31 program.

3.32 **(e) Limitation**

3.33 Appropriations in paragraphs (b) and (c) are  
3.34 not subject to Minnesota Statutes, sections

4.1 116P.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), and  
4.2 116P.09, subdivision 4.

4.3 Sec. 2. **AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COOPERATIVE RESEARCH**  
4.4 **CENTER; APPROPRIATION.**

4.5 \$1,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2013 from the environment and natural  
4.6 resources trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to develop and  
4.7 implement an Aquatic Invasive Species Cooperative Research Center. This appropriation  
4.8 is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, sections 116P.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), and  
4.9 116P.09, subdivision 4. As a condition of receiving this appropriation, the University  
4.10 of Minnesota is requested to collaborate with the commissioner of natural resources in  
4.11 developing solutions to control aquatic invasive species. This is a onetime appropriation  
4.12 and is available until June 30, 2014.