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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for pipeline conservation
1.3 program.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; PIPELINE CONSERVATION PROGRAM.**

1.6 \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of
1.7 Water and Soil Resources to award grants to nonprofit organizations with a conservation
1.8 mission and to secondary and postsecondary schools as part of a conservation curriculum
1.9 to plant pipeline rights-of-way and easements with native vegetation, pollinator-friendly
1.10 forbs, or legumes to protect a diversity of pollinators. Before a grant is disbursed, a grant
1.11 applicant must enter an agreement with a pipeline operator that allows access to the
1.12 right-of-way or easement for the project. Habitat restoration and enhancement are eligible
1.13 for grants under this section. Grants awarded under this section may be for up to 75 percent
1.14 of the costs of a project. This appropriation is onetime and available until June 30, 2024.