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03/05/2020	5254	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to capital investment; appropriating money to develop mitigation strategies

1.3for rising water levels in legacy mine complexes; authorizing the sale and issuance

1.4of state bonds.

1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6Section 1. **LEGACY MINE COMPLEXES; STUDIES.**

1.7Subdivision 1. **Appropriations.** (a) \$442,500 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from

1.8the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources to conduct and complete necessary

1.9monitoring, modeling, testing, studies of pit wall stability, surveys, planning, and design

1.10work for projects to mitigate the threat to property, public safety, and water quality from

1.11rising water levels at the Canisteo and Hill Annex legacy mine complexes. The commissioner

1.12must give priority to work that addresses the most immediate risks to public safety. Any

1.13money in this appropriation not needed for the work described may only be used by the

1.14commissioner in the taconite assistance area to make similar studies for mitigation of rising

1.15water levels in other legacy mine complexes. This is a onetime appropriation and is available

1.16until June 30, 2023.

1.17(b) \$442,500 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the Minnesota 21st century fund

1.18in the special revenue fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development

1.19for transfer to the commissioner of natural resources to conduct and complete necessary

1.20monitoring, modeling, testing, studies of pit wall stability, surveys, planning, and design

1.21work for projects to mitigate the threat to property, public safety, and water quality from

1.22rising water levels at the Canisteo and Hill Annex legacy mine complexes. The commissioner

1.23must give priority to work that addresses the most immediate risks to public safety. Any

2.1 money in this appropriation not needed for the work described may only be used by the
2.2 commissioner in the taconite assistance area to make similar studies for mitigation of rising
2.3 water levels in other legacy mine complexes. This is a onetime appropriation and is available
2.4 until June 30, 2023.

2.5 (c) \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of
2.6 natural resources for predesign, design, and engineering necessary to construct projects to
2.7 mitigate the threat to property, public safety, and water quality from rising water levels at
2.8 the Canisteo and Hill Annex legacy mine complexes. The commissioner must give priority
2.9 to work that addresses the most immediate risks to public safety. Any money in this
2.10 appropriation not needed for the work described must first be used to implement mitigation
2.11 measures at the Canisteo and Hill Annex legacy mine complexes and, if those are completed,
2.12 may then only be used by the commissioner in the taconite assistance area to address issues
2.13 related to rising water levels in other legacy mine complexes.

2.14 Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond
2.15 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
2.16 the state in an amount up to \$2,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
2.17 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
2.18 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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