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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3431

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division
03/02/2020 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Energy and Climate Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money to provide state incentives for
1.3 conservation reserve program.

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

1.5 Section 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM; STATE INCENTIVES;
1.6 APPROPRIATION.

1.7 \$6,500,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of
1.8 Water and Soil Resources to provide onetime state incentive payments to enrollees in the
1.9 federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The board may establish payment rates based
1.10 on land valuation and on environmental benefit criteria, including but not limited to surface
1.11 water or groundwater nutrient reduction, drinking water protection, soil health, carbon
1.12 sequestration, and pollinator and wildlife habitat enhancements. The board may use state
1.13 funds to implement the program and to provide technical assistance to landowners or their
1.14 agents to fulfill enrollment and contract provisions. The board must consult with the
1.15 commissioners of agriculture, health, natural resources, and the Pollution Control Agency
1.16 and the United States Department of Agriculture in establishing program criteria. This is a
1.17 onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2023.