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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Legacy Finance Division

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to natural resources; appropriating money to provide state incentives for

1.3conservation reserve program.

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

1.5Section 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM STATE INCENTIVES;

1.6APPROPRIATION.

1.7\$1,750,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the Board

1.8of Water and Soil Resources to provide onetime state incentive payments to enrollees in

1.9the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) during the continuous enrollment period.

1.10The board may establish payment rates based on land valuation and on environmental benefit

1.11criteria, including but not limited to surface or ground water nutrient reduction, drinking

1.12water protection, soil health, and pollinator and wildlife habitat enhancements. The board

1.13may use state funds to implement the program and to provide technical assistance to

1.14landowners or their agents to fulfill enrollment and contract provisions. The board must

1.15consult with the commissioners of agriculture, health, natural resources, and the Pollution

1.16Control Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture in establishing program

1.17criteria. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2023.