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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 the Canisteo Flood Mitigation
- 1.3 Project to mitigate threats to public safety, property, and regional water quality.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **CANISTEO OPEN PIT MINE COMPLEX; APPROPRIATION.**
- 1.6 (a) \$6,350,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the
- 1.7 commissioner of natural resources for acquiring land or easements and for permitting and
- 1.8 constructing publicly owned infrastructure to mitigate the imminent threat to public safety,
- 1.9 property, and regional water quality from the rising water at the Canisteo open pit mine
- 1.10 complex. Of this amount, \$850,000 is for operation and maintenance and is available until
- 1.11 June 30, 2063. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 1.12 (b) The commissioner must enter into a lease for this project for a term that is consistent
- 1.13 with meeting project needs and Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.695. A lease entered into
- 1.14 under this section must include a provision that provides for the amendment or termination
- 1.15 of the lease when:
- 1.16 (1) the commissioner of natural resources determines that the project is no longer needed
- 1.17 to serve the intended purpose or identifies a more effective alternative to the constructed
- 1.18 project; or
- 1.19 (2) mining operations are fully permitted to resume in all or part of the property acquired
- 1.20 or improved with state bond proceeds, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.695.
- 1.21 (c) Upon substantial completion of the project authorized in this section and after written
- 1.22 notice to the commissioner of management and budget, the commissioner of natural resources

- 2.1 must use any money remaining in this appropriation to engineer, design, and construct water
- 2.2 mitigation infrastructure at the Hill Annex open pit mining complex.