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A bill for an act  
relating to natural resources; modifying watershed district's authority to use  
revenue from leasing state bond-financed property; appropriating money;  
amending Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 103D.335, subdivision  
21.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 103D.335, subdivision 21,  
is amended to read:

Subd. 21. **Contracts.** The managers may make contracts or other arrangements with  
the federal government, persons, railroads or other corporations, political subdivisions,  
and the state or other states, with drainage authorities, flood control, soil conservation, or  
other improvement districts in this state or other states, for cooperation or assistance in  
constructing, maintaining, and operating the projects of the watershed district, or for the  
control of its waters, or for making surveys and investigations or reports on them. Property  
acquired for flood damage reduction purposes by the watershed district may be operated  
or leased by the district for agricultural purposes during periods the property is not needed  
for flood control, provided it remains subject to use by the watershed district as necessary  
for flood control purposes. Notwithstanding section 16A.695, revenue received by the  
watershed district from the operation or lease of state bond financed property acquired  
for flood control purposes shall be retained by the district in a separate project-specific  
account and used solely for flood control operation, maintenance, and replacement  
purposes within the related project area and, ~~if the district determines that the account  
contains adequate reserves for future operation, maintenance, and replacement. When the  
amount in the project-specific account exceeds five percent of the original project cost, any  
excess may be used for the construction, operation, maintenance, or replacement of other~~

- 2.1 ~~flood control projects as approved by the commissioner~~ revenue received by the watershed
- 2.2 district must be deposited in the general fund and is appropriated to the commissioner of
- 2.3 natural resources for flood hazard mitigation grants under section 103F.161.