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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to legacy; cancelling 2017 appropriation from clean water fund;  
1.3 appropriating money from general fund for payments to soil and water conservation  
1.4 districts.

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

1.6 Section 1. CANCELLATION.

1.7 The fiscal year 2019 appropriation of \$11,000,000 in Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 2,  
1.8 section 7, paragraph (n), for payments to soil and water conservation districts is cancelled.

1.9 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

1.10 \$11,000,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of  
1.11 Water and Soil Resources for payments to soil and water conservation districts for the  
1.12 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, sections 103C.321 and 103C.331. From this appropriation,  
1.13 each soil and water conservation district must receive an increase in its base funding of  
1.14 \$100,000 per year. Money remaining after the base increase is available for matching grants  
1.15 to soil and water conservation districts based on county allocations to soil and water  
1.16 conservation districts. The board and other agencies may reduce the amount of grants to a  
1.17 county by an amount equal to any reduction in the county's allocation to a soil and water  
1.18 conservation district from the county's previous year allocation when the board determines  
1.19 that the reduction was disproportionate. This appropriation is added to the board's annual  
1.20 base.