

2.1 The amounts that may be spent for each
 2.2 purpose are specified in the following
 2.3 subdivisions.

2.4 The commissioner must present the agency's
 2.5 biennial budget for fiscal years 2028 and 2029
 2.6 to the legislature in a transparent way by
 2.7 agency division, including the proposed
 2.8 budget bill and presentations of the budget to
 2.9 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 2.10 over the agency's budget.

2.11 **Subd. 2. Environmental Analysis and Outcomes** 22,019,000 23,642,000

2.12 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.13 <u>General</u>	<u>542,000</u>	<u>542,000</u>
2.14 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>21,272,000</u>	<u>22,895,000</u>
2.15 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>205,000</u>	<u>205,000</u>

2.17 (a) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
 2.18 second year are for a municipal liaison to
 2.19 assist municipalities with water quality
 2.20 standards and NPDES/SDS permitting
 2.21 processes, including enhanced economic
 2.22 analysis in the water quality standards
 2.23 rulemaking processes, identification of
 2.24 cost-effective permitting opportunities,
 2.25 simplifying the variance process, and
 2.26 coordinating with the Public Facilities
 2.27 Authority to identify and advocate for needed
 2.28 resources for municipalities to achieve permit
 2.29 requirements.

2.30 (b) \$1,153,000 the first year and \$1,153,000
 2.31 the second year are from the environmental
 2.32 fund for an air-monitoring program under
 2.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.454, including
 2.34 ambient air for hazardous pollutants, and for

3.1 operating a mobile emissions regulatory
3.2 monitoring trailer.

3.3 (c) \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
3.4 second year are for monitoring water quality
3.5 and operating assistance programs.

3.6 (d) \$109,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
3.7 second year are from the environmental fund
3.8 for duties related to harmful chemicals in
3.9 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,
3.10 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this
3.11 amount, \$70,000 the first year and \$70,000
3.12 the second year are transferred to the
3.13 commissioner of health.

3.14 (e) \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
3.15 second year are from the environmental fund
3.16 for registering wastewater laboratories.

3.17 (f) \$1,519,000 the first year and \$1,519,000
3.18 the second year are from the environmental
3.19 fund to continue perfluorochemical
3.20 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan
3.21 communities, as recommended by the
3.22 Environmental Health Tracking and
3.23 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address
3.24 other environmental health risks, including air
3.25 quality. The communities must include Hmong
3.26 and other immigrant farming communities.

3.27 Of this amount, up to \$1,248,000 the first year
3.28 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer
3.29 to the commissioner of health.

3.30 (g) \$62,000 the first year and \$62,000 the
3.31 second year are from the environmental fund
3.32 for the listing procedures for impaired waters
3.33 required under this act.

- 4.1 (h) \$74,000 the first year and \$74,000 the
4.2 second year are from the remediation fund for
4.3 the leaking underground storage tank program
4.4 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
4.5 releases from underground petroleum storage
4.6 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
4.7 program for vapor assessment and
4.8 remediation. These same annual amounts are
4.9 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
4.10 the remediation fund.
- 4.11 (i) \$270,000 the first year and \$270,000 the
4.12 second year are to support communities in
4.13 planning to implement projects that will allow
4.14 for adaptation for a changing climate.
- 4.15 (j) \$2,070,000 the first year and \$2,070,000
4.16 the second year are from the environmental
4.17 fund to develop and implement a program
4.18 related to emerging issues, including
4.19 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint.
- 4.20 (k) \$1,820,000 the first year and \$1,820,000
4.21 the second year are from the environmental
4.22 fund to support improved management of data
4.23 collected by the agency and its partners and
4.24 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making
4.25 and public access.
- 4.26 (l) \$7,000 the first year and \$7,000 the second
4.27 year are to implement the requirements for
4.28 fish kills under Minnesota Statutes, sections
4.29 103G.216 and 103G.2165.
- 4.30 (m) \$1,400,000 the second year is from the
4.31 environmental fund to adopt rules and
4.32 implement air toxics emissions requirements
4.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.

5.1 (n) \$881,000 the first year and \$881,000 the
 5.2 second year are from the environmental fund
 5.3 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous air
 5.4 pollutants in Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington,
 5.5 and Olmsted Counties.

5.6 **Subd. 3. Industrial** 22,305,000 25,271,000

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
5.9 <u>General</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
5.10 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>20,282,000</u>	<u>23,248,000</u>
5.11 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>1,773,000</u>	<u>1,773,000</u>

5.12 (a) \$1,670,000 the first year and \$1,670,000
 5.13 the second year are from the remediation fund
 5.14 for the leaking underground storage tank
 5.15 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
 5.16 future releases from underground petroleum
 5.17 storage tanks and for the petroleum
 5.18 remediation program for vapor assessment
 5.19 and remediation. These same annual amounts
 5.20 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
 5.21 to the remediation fund.

5.22 (b) \$149,000 the first year and \$149,000 the
 5.23 second year are from the environmental fund
 5.24 for transfer to the commissioner of health to
 5.25 further evaluate the use and reduction of
 5.26 trichloroethylene around Minnesota and
 5.27 identify its potential health effects on
 5.28 communities.

5.29 (c) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 5.30 second year are for implementation of the odor
 5.31 management requirements under Minnesota
 5.32 Statutes, section 116.064.

5.33 (d) \$140,000 the second year is from the
 5.34 environmental fund for the purposes of the

6.1 public informational meeting requirements
 6.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.07,
 6.3 subdivision 4m.

6.4 (e) \$2,625,000 the first year and \$2,625,000
 6.5 the second year are from the environmental
 6.6 fund for prioritizing air regulatory program
 6.7 work in environmental justice areas.

6.8 (f) \$2,500,000 the second year is from the
 6.9 environmental fund for implementing the
 6.10 environmental justice cumulative impact
 6.11 analysis and other requirements under
 6.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.065.

6.13 (g) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the
 6.14 second year are from the environmental fund
 6.15 to improve the coordination, effectiveness,
 6.16 transparency, and accountability of the
 6.17 environmental review and permitting process.

6.18 Subd. 4. **Municipal** 10,829,000 10,829,000

6.19	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
6.20	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
6.21	<u>223,000</u>	<u>223,000</u>
6.22	<u>State Government</u>	
6.23	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
6.24	<u>10,516,000</u>	<u>10,516,000</u>

6.25 (a) \$223,000 the first year and \$223,000 the
 6.26 second year are for a municipal liaison to
 6.27 assist municipalities with water quality
 6.28 standards and NPDES/SDS permitting
 6.29 processes, including enhanced economic
 6.30 analysis in the water quality standards
 6.31 rulemaking processes, identification of
 6.32 cost-effective permitting opportunities,
 6.33 simplifying the variance process, and
 6.34 coordinating with the Public Facilities
 6.35 Authority to identify and advocate for needed

7.1 resources for municipalities to achieve permit
7.2 requirements.

7.3 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
7.4 second year are from the environmental fund
7.5 for transfer to the Office of Administrative
7.6 Hearings to establish sanitary districts.

7.7 (c) \$2,432,000 the first year and \$2,432,000
7.8 the second year are from the environmental
7.9 fund for subsurface sewage treatment system
7.10 (SSTS) program administration; for
7.11 community technical assistance and education,
7.12 including grants and technical assistance to
7.13 communities for water-quality protection, new
7.14 technology review, and enforcement under
7.15 Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 to 115.58;
7.16 and to complete the requirements of Laws
7.17 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 165. Of
7.18 this amount, \$350,000 each year is for
7.19 assistance to counties through grants for SSTS
7.20 program administration. A county receiving
7.21 a grant from this appropriation must submit
7.22 the results achieved with the grant to the
7.23 commissioner as part of its annual SSTS
7.24 report. Any unexpended balance in the first
7.25 year does not cancel but is available in the
7.26 second year.

7.27 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
7.28 section 16A.28, the appropriations
7.29 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as
7.30 grants or contracts for subsurface sewage
7.31 treatment systems, surface water and
7.32 groundwater assessments, storm water, and
7.33 water-quality protection in this subdivision
7.34 are available until June 30, 2030.

7.35 Subd. 5. Operations 13,976,000 14,007,000

8.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
8.2	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
8.3	<u>General</u>	<u>3,109,000</u>
8.4	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,376,000</u>
8.5	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>2,491,000</u>

8.6 (a) \$1,124,000 the first year and \$1,124,000
8.7 the second year are from the remediation fund
8.8 for the leaking underground storage tank
8.9 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
8.10 future releases from underground petroleum
8.11 storage tanks and for the petroleum
8.12 remediation program for vapor assessment
8.13 and remediation. These same annual amounts
8.14 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
8.15 to the remediation fund.

8.16 (b) \$3,109,000 the first year and \$3,109,000
8.17 the second year are to support agency
8.18 information technology services provided at
8.19 the enterprise and agency level.

8.20 (c) \$919,000 the first year and \$919,000 the
8.21 second year are from the environmental fund
8.22 to develop and maintain systems to support
8.23 permitting and regulatory business processes
8.24 and agency data.

8.25 (d) \$270,000 the first year and \$270,000 the
8.26 second year are from the environmental fund
8.27 to support current and future career pathways
8.28 for underrepresented students.

8.29 (e) \$360,000 the first year and \$360,000 the
8.30 second year are from the environmental fund
8.31 to support financial planning and analysis to
8.32 assist with risk and compliance management
8.33 across agency programs and financial systems.

9.1 (f) \$525,000 the first year and \$525,000 the
 9.2 second year are from the environmental fund
 9.3 for Operations Division legal services that
 9.4 support compliance programs.

9.5 **Subd. 6. Remediation** 16,022,000 16,022,000

<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>628,000</u>	<u>628,000</u>
<u>Remediation</u>	<u>15,394,000</u>	<u>15,394,000</u>

9.10 (a) All money for environmental response,
 9.11 compensation, and compliance in the
 9.12 remediation fund not otherwise appropriated
 9.13 is appropriated to the commissioners of the
 9.14 Pollution Control Agency and agriculture for
 9.15 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section
 9.16 115B.20, subdivision 2, clauses (1), (2), (3),
 9.17 (6), and (7). At the beginning of each fiscal
 9.18 year, the two commissioners must jointly
 9.19 submit to the commissioner of management
 9.20 and budget an annual spending plan that
 9.21 maximizes resource use and appropriately
 9.22 allocates the money between the two
 9.23 departments.

9.24 (b) \$4,622,000 the first year and \$4,622,000
 9.25 the second year are from the remediation fund
 9.26 for the leaking underground storage tank
 9.27 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
 9.28 future releases from underground petroleum
 9.29 storage tanks and for the petroleum
 9.30 remediation program for vapor assessment
 9.31 and remediation. These same annual amounts
 9.32 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
 9.33 to the remediation fund.

9.34 (c) \$316,000 the first year and \$316,000 the
 9.35 second year are from the remediation fund for

10.1 transfer to the commissioner of health for
 10.2 private water-supply monitoring and health
 10.3 assessment costs in areas contaminated by
 10.4 unpermitted mixed municipal solid waste
 10.5 disposal facilities and drinking water
 10.6 advisories and public information activities
 10.7 for areas contaminated by hazardous releases.

10.8 **Subd. 7. Resource Management and Assistance** 45,715,000 45,784,000

10.9	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
10.10	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
10.11	<u>General</u>	<u>370,000</u> <u>370,000</u>
10.12	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>45,345,000</u> <u>45,784,000</u>

10.13 (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000
 10.14 the second year may be transferred from the
 10.15 environmental fund to the small business
 10.16 environmental improvement loan account
 10.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

10.18 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 10.19 the second year are for competitive recycling
 10.20 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.21 115A.565. Of this amount, \$300,000 the first
 10.22 year and \$300,000 the second year are from
 10.23 the general fund, and \$700,000 the first year
 10.24 and \$700,000 the second year are from the
 10.25 environmental fund. This appropriation is
 10.26 available until June 30, 2029.

10.27 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the
 10.28 second year are from the environmental fund
 10.29 for emission-reduction activities and grants to
 10.30 small businesses and other
 10.31 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this
 10.32 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
 10.33 the second year are to continue work with
 10.34 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner

- 11.1 may enter into an agreement with
11.2 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.
- 11.3 (d) \$18,450,000 the first year and \$18,450,000
11.4 the second year are from the environmental
11.5 fund for SCORE block grants to counties.
- 11.6 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the
11.7 second year are from the environmental fund
11.8 for environmental assistance grants or loans
11.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.
- 11.10 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
11.11 second year are from the environmental fund
11.12 for grants to develop and expand recycling
11.13 markets for Minnesota businesses. This
11.14 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.
- 11.15 (g) \$770,000 the first year and \$770,000 the
11.16 second year are from the environmental fund
11.17 for reducing and diverting food waste,
11.18 redirecting edible food for consumption, and
11.19 removing barriers to collecting and recovering
11.20 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each
11.21 year is for grants to increase food rescue and
11.22 waste prevention. This appropriation is
11.23 available until June 30, 2029.
- 11.24 (h) \$2,811,000 the first year and \$2,811,000
11.25 the second year are from the environmental
11.26 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
11.27 section 473.844.
- 11.28 (i) \$474,000 the first year and \$474,000 the
11.29 second year are from the environmental fund
11.30 to address chemicals in products, including to
11.31 implement and enforce flame retardant
11.32 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
11.33 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and
11.34 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging

12.1 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
 12.2 325F.075. Of this amount, \$80,000 the first
 12.3 year and \$80,000 the second year are
 12.4 transferred to the commissioner of health.

12.5 (j) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
 12.6 second year are from the environmental fund
 12.7 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.

12.8 (k) \$1,115,000 the first year and \$1,115,000
 12.9 the second year are from the environmental
 12.10 fund for implementation of the PFAS
 12.11 requirements under Minnesota Statutes,
 12.12 section 116.943. Of this amount, \$468,000 the
 12.13 first year and \$468,000 the second year are
 12.14 for transfer to the commissioner of health.

12.15 (l) Any unencumbered grant and loan balances
 12.16 in the first year do not cancel but are available
 12.17 for grants and loans in the second year.

12.18 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 12.19 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered on or
 12.20 before June 30, 2027, as contracts or grants
 12.21 for environmental assistance awarded under
 12.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716;
 12.23 technical and research assistance under
 12.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.152;
 12.25 technical assistance under Minnesota Statutes,
 12.26 section 115A.52; and pollution prevention
 12.27 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section
 12.28 115D.04, are available until June 30, 2029.

12.29 Subd. 8. Watershed 11,325,000 11,325,000

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
12.31		
12.32	<u>2,959,000</u>	<u>2,959,000</u>
12.33	<u>7,982,000</u>	<u>7,982,000</u>
12.34	<u>384,000</u>	<u>384,000</u>

13.1 (a) \$2,959,000 the first year and \$2,959,000
 13.2 the second year are for grants to delegated
 13.3 counties to administer the county feedlot
 13.4 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.5 116.0711, subdivisions 2 and 3. Money
 13.6 remaining after the first year is available for
 13.7 the second year.

13.8 (b) \$129,000 the first year and \$129,000 the
 13.9 second year are from the remediation fund for
 13.10 the leaking underground storage tank program
 13.11 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
 13.12 releases from underground petroleum storage
 13.13 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
 13.14 program for vapor assessment and
 13.15 remediation. These same annual amounts are
 13.16 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
 13.17 the remediation fund.

13.18 (c) Any unencumbered grant and loan balances
 13.19 in the first year do not cancel but are available
 13.20 for grants and loans in the second year.

13.21 Subd. 9. Environmental Quality Board 1,502,000 1,502,000

13.22	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
13.23	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
13.24	<u>1,276,000</u>	<u>1,276,000</u>
13.25	<u>226,000</u>	<u>226,000</u>

13.26 Subd. 10. Transfers

13.27 (a) The commissioner must transfer up to
 13.28 \$24,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000
 13.29 the second year from the environmental fund
 13.30 to the remediation fund for purposes of the
 13.31 remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 13.32 section 116.155, subdivision 2.

13.33 (b) The commissioner of management and
 13.34 budget must transfer \$100,000 the first year

15.1 (b) \$3,383,000 the first year and \$3,383,000
 15.2 the second year are from the minerals
 15.3 management account in the natural resources
 15.4 fund for use as provided under Minnesota
 15.5 Statutes, section 93.2236, paragraph (c), for
 15.6 mineral resource management, projects to
 15.7 enhance future mineral income, and projects
 15.8 to promote new mineral-resource
 15.9 opportunities.

15.10 (c) \$218,000 the first year and \$218,000 the
 15.11 second year are transferred from the forest
 15.12 suspense account to the permanent school fund
 15.13 and are appropriated from the permanent
 15.14 school fund to secure maximum long-term
 15.15 economic return from the school trust lands
 15.16 consistent with fiduciary responsibilities and
 15.17 sound natural resources conservation and
 15.18 management principles.

15.19 (d) \$338,000 the first year and \$338,000 the
 15.20 second year are from the water management
 15.21 account in the natural resources fund for only
 15.22 the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes,
 15.23 section 103G.27, subdivision 2.

15.24 **Subd. 3. Ecological and Water Resources** 44,539,000 44,539,000

<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
15.26 <u>General</u>	<u>24,884,000</u>	<u>24,884,000</u>
15.27 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>13,831,000</u>	<u>13,831,000</u>
15.28 <u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>

15.30 (a) \$4,222,000 the first year and \$4,222,000
 15.31 the second year are from the invasive species
 15.32 account in the natural resources fund and
 15.33 \$2,831,000 the first year and \$2,831,000 the
 15.34 second year are from the general fund for
 15.35 management, public awareness, assessment

- 16.1 and monitoring research, and water access
- 16.2 inspection to prevent the spread of invasive
- 16.3 species; management of invasive plants in
- 16.4 public waters; and management of terrestrial
- 16.5 invasive species on state-administered lands.
- 16.6 (b) \$6,056,000 the first year and \$6,056,000
- 16.7 the second year are from the water
- 16.8 management account in the natural resources
- 16.9 fund for only the purposes specified in
- 16.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.27,
- 16.11 subdivision 2.
- 16.12 (c) \$124,000 the first year and \$124,000 the
- 16.13 second year are for a grant to the Mississippi
- 16.14 Headwaters Board for up to 50 percent of the
- 16.15 cost of implementing the comprehensive plan
- 16.16 for the upper Mississippi within areas under
- 16.17 the board's jurisdiction.
- 16.18 (d) \$264,000 the first year and \$264,000 the
- 16.19 second year are for grants for up to 50 percent
- 16.20 of the cost of implementing the Red River
- 16.21 mediation agreement.
- 16.22 (e) \$2,598,000 the first year and \$2,598,000
- 16.23 the second year are from the heritage
- 16.24 enhancement account in the game and fish
- 16.25 fund for only the purposes specified in
- 16.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
- 16.27 paragraph (h), clause (1).
- 16.28 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000
- 16.29 the second year are from the nongame wildlife
- 16.30 management account in the natural resources
- 16.31 fund for nongame wildlife management.
- 16.32 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
- 16.33 290.431, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
- 16.34 the second year may be used for nongame

- 17.1 wildlife information, education, and
17.2 promotion.
- 17.3 (g) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
17.4 section 84.943, \$48,000 the first year and
17.5 \$48,000 the second year from the critical
17.6 habitat private sector matching account may
17.7 be used to publicize the critical habitat license
17.8 plate match program.
- 17.9 (h) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
17.10 the second year are for the following activities:
- 17.11 (1) financial reimbursement and technical
17.12 support to soil and water conservation districts
17.13 or other local units of government for
17.14 groundwater-level monitoring;
- 17.15 (2) surface water monitoring and analysis,
17.16 including installing monitoring gauges;
- 17.17 (3) groundwater analysis to assist with
17.18 water-appropriation permitting decisions;
- 17.19 (4) permit application review incorporating
17.20 surface water and groundwater technical
17.21 analysis;
- 17.22 (5) precipitation data and analysis to improve
17.23 irrigation use;
- 17.24 (6) information technology, including
17.25 electronic permitting and integrated data
17.26 systems; and
- 17.27 (7) compliance and monitoring.
- 17.28 (i) \$410,000 the first year and \$410,000 the
17.29 second year are from the heritage enhancement
17.30 account in the game and fish fund and
17.31 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
17.32 second year are from the general fund for the
17.33 Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research

18.1 Center at the University of Minnesota to
 18.2 prioritize, support, and develop research-based
 18.3 solutions that can reduce the effects of aquatic
 18.4 invasive species in Minnesota by preventing
 18.5 spread, controlling populations, and managing
 18.6 ecosystems and to advance knowledge to
 18.7 inspire action by others.

18.8 **Subd. 4. Forest Management** 60,199,000 60,199,000

18.9	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
18.10	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
18.11 <u>General</u>	<u>42,421,000</u>	<u>42,421,000</u>
18.12 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>16,161,000</u>	<u>16,161,000</u>
18.13 <u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>

18.14 (a) \$7,521,000 the first year and \$7,521,000
 18.15 the second year are for prevention,
 18.16 presuppression, and suppression costs of
 18.17 emergency firefighting and other costs
 18.18 incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section
 18.19 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for
 18.20 presuppression and suppression costs during
 18.21 the biennium is appropriated from the general
 18.22 fund. By January 15 each year, the
 18.23 commissioner of natural resources must submit
 18.24 a report to the chairs and ranking minority
 18.25 members of the house and senate committees
 18.26 and divisions having jurisdiction over
 18.27 environment and natural resources finance that
 18.28 identifies all firefighting costs incurred and
 18.29 reimbursements received in the prior fiscal
 18.30 year. These appropriations may not be
 18.31 transferred. Any reimbursement of firefighting
 18.32 expenditures made to the commissioner from
 18.33 any source other than federal mobilizations
 18.34 must be deposited into the general fund.

19.1 (b) \$15,661,000 the first year and \$15,661,000
 19.2 the second year are from the forest
 19.3 management investment account in the natural
 19.4 resources fund for only the purposes specified
 19.5 in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.039,
 19.6 subdivision 2.

19.7 (c) \$1,617,000 the first year and \$1,617,000
 19.8 the second year are from the heritage
 19.9 enhancement account in the game and fish
 19.10 fund to advance ecological classification
 19.11 systems (ECS), forest habitat, and invasive
 19.12 species management.

19.13 (d) \$926,000 the first year and \$926,000 the
 19.14 second year are for the Forest Resources
 19.15 Council to implement the Sustainable Forest
 19.16 Resources Act.

19.17 (e) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 19.18 second year are from the forest management
 19.19 investment account in the natural resources
 19.20 fund for forest road maintenance on state
 19.21 forest roads.

19.22 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 19.23 second year are for forest road maintenance
 19.24 on county forest roads.

19.25 (g) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
 19.26 second year are for grants to local and Tribal
 19.27 governments and nonprofit organizations to
 19.28 enhance community forest ecosystem health
 19.29 and sustainability under Minnesota Statutes,
 19.30 section 88.82. The commissioner may use a
 19.31 reasonable amount of this appropriation for
 19.32 administering ReLeaf grants.

19.33 Subd. 5. Parks and Trails Management

109,847,000

109,847,000

20.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
20.2	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
20.3	<u>General</u>	<u>35,724,000</u>
20.4	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>71,823,000</u>
20.5	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>

20.6 (a) \$8,735,000 the first year and \$8,735,000
 20.7 the second year are from the natural resources
 20.8 fund for state trail, park, and recreation area
 20.9 operations. This appropriation is from revenue
 20.10 deposited in the natural resources fund under
 20.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 20.12 paragraph (h), clause (2).

20.13 (b) \$22,078,000 the first year and \$22,078,000
 20.14 the second year are from the state parks
 20.15 account in the natural resources fund to
 20.16 operate and maintain state parks and state
 20.17 recreation areas.

20.18 (c) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
 20.19 the second year are from the natural resources
 20.20 fund for park and trail grants to local units of
 20.21 government on land to be maintained for at
 20.22 least 20 years for parks or trails. Priority must
 20.23 be given for projects that are in underserved
 20.24 communities or that increase access to persons
 20.25 with disabilities. This appropriation is from
 20.26 revenue deposited in the natural resources fund
 20.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 20.28 paragraph (h), clause (4). Any unencumbered
 20.29 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
 20.30 year and is available for the second year.

20.31 (d) \$9,624,000 the first year and \$9,624,000
 20.32 the second year are from the snowmobile trails
 20.33 and enforcement account in the natural
 20.34 resources fund for the snowmobile
 20.35 grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered

21.1 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
21.2 year and is available for the second year.

21.3 (e) \$2,435,000 the first year and \$2,435,000
21.4 the second year are from the natural resources
21.5 fund for the off-highway vehicle grants-in-aid
21.6 program. Of this amount, \$1,960,000 each
21.7 year is from the all-terrain vehicle account,
21.8 \$150,000 each year is from the off-highway
21.9 motorcycle account, and \$325,000 each year
21.10 is from the off-road vehicle account. Any
21.11 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
21.12 end of the first year and is available for the
21.13 second year.

21.14 (f) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
21.15 the second year are from the state land and
21.16 water conservation account in the natural
21.17 resources fund for priorities established by the
21.18 commissioner for eligible state projects and
21.19 administrative and planning activities
21.20 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
21.21 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water
21.22 Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered
21.23 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
21.24 year and is available for the second year.

21.25 (g) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
21.26 second year are for matching grants for local
21.27 parks and outdoor recreation areas under
21.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019,
21.29 subdivision 2.

21.30 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
21.31 second year are for matching grants for local
21.32 trail connections under Minnesota Statutes,
21.33 section 85.019, subdivision 4c.

22.1 (i) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
 22.2 second year are from the natural resources
 22.3 fund for projects and activities that connect
 22.4 diverse and underserved Minnesotans through
 22.5 expanding cultural environmental experiences,
 22.6 exploration of their environment, and outdoor
 22.7 recreational activities. This appropriation is
 22.8 from revenue deposited in the natural
 22.9 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 22.10 section 297A.94, paragraph (j).

22.11 **Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management** 95,772,000 95,772,000

22.12	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
22.13	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
22.14	<u>General</u> 8,417,000	<u>8,417,000</u>
22.15	<u>Natural Resources</u> 2,082,000	<u>2,082,000</u>
22.16	<u>Game and Fish</u> 85,273,000	<u>85,273,000</u>

22.17 (a) \$11,842,000 the first year and \$11,842,000
 22.18 the second year are from the heritage
 22.19 enhancement account in the game and fish
 22.20 fund only for activities specified under
 22.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 22.22 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding
 22.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five
 22.24 percent of this appropriation may be used for
 22.25 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and
 22.26 retention.

22.27 (b) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000
 22.28 the second year are from the deer management
 22.29 account in the game and fish fund for the
 22.30 purposes identified in Minnesota Statutes,
 22.31 section 97A.075, subdivision 1.

22.32 (c) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 22.33 second year are from the heritage enhancement
 22.34 account in the game and fish fund for grants
 22.35 for natural-resource-based education and

23.1 recreation programs serving youth under
 23.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976. The
 23.3 commissioner may use a reasonable amount
 23.4 of this appropriation for administering grants
 23.5 authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section
 23.6 84.976. Priority must be given to projects
 23.7 benefiting underserved communities.

23.8 (d) Up to \$2,225,000 the first year and up to
 23.9 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for
 23.10 transfer from the critical habitat private sector
 23.11 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota
 23.12 fund for wildlife management areas
 23.13 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement
 23.14 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
 23.15 84.943, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

23.16 (e) \$3,532,000 the first year and \$3,532,000
 23.17 the second year are from the general fund and
 23.18 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the
 23.19 second year are from the game and fish fund
 23.20 for statewide response and management of
 23.21 chronic wasting disease. Of this amount, up
 23.22 to \$2,750,000 each year from the general fund
 23.23 is for inspections, investigations, and
 23.24 enforcement activities taken for the
 23.25 white-tailed deer farm program.

23.26 Subd. 7. Enforcement 62,738,000 62,738,000

23.27	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
23.28	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
23.29 <u>General</u>	<u>14,075,000</u>	<u>14,075,000</u>
23.30 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>14,193,000</u>	<u>14,193,000</u>
23.31 <u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>34,353,000</u>	<u>34,353,000</u>
23.32 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>

23.33 (a) \$1,718,000 the first year and \$1,718,000
 23.34 the second year are from the general fund for

24.1 enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of
24.2 aquatic invasive species.

24.3 (b) \$2,980,000 the first year and \$2,980,000
24.4 the second year are from the heritage
24.5 enhancement account in the game and fish
24.6 fund for only the purposes specified under
24.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
24.8 paragraph (h), clause (1).

24.9 (c) \$1,442,000 the first year and \$1,442,000
24.10 the second year are from the water recreation
24.11 account in the natural resources fund for grants
24.12 to counties for boat and water safety. Any
24.13 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
24.14 end of the first year and is available for the
24.15 second year.

24.16 (d) \$315,000 the first year and \$315,000 the
24.17 second year are from the snowmobile trails
24.18 and enforcement account in the natural
24.19 resources fund for grants to local law
24.20 enforcement agencies for snowmobile
24.21 enforcement activities. Any unencumbered
24.22 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
24.23 year and is available for the second year.

24.24 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
24.25 second year are from the all-terrain vehicle
24.26 account in the natural resources fund for grants
24.27 to qualifying organizations to assist in safety
24.28 and environmental education and monitoring
24.29 trails on public lands under Minnesota
24.30 Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants issued under
24.31 this paragraph must be issued through a formal
24.32 agreement with the organization. By
24.33 December 15 each year, an organization
24.34 receiving a grant under this paragraph must
24.35 report to the commissioner with details on

25.1 expenditures and outcomes from the grant. Of
25.2 this appropriation, \$25,000 each year is for
25.3 administering these grants. Any unencumbered
25.4 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
25.5 year and is available for the second year.

25.6 (f) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the
25.7 second year are from the natural resources
25.8 fund for grants to county law enforcement
25.9 agencies for off-highway vehicle enforcement
25.10 and public education activities based on
25.11 off-highway vehicle use in the county. Of this
25.12 amount, \$498,000 each year is from the
25.13 all-terrain vehicle account, \$11,000 each year
25.14 is from the off-highway motorcycle account,
25.15 and \$1,000 each year is from the off-road
25.16 vehicle account. The county enforcement
25.17 agencies may use money received under this
25.18 appropriation to make grants to other local
25.19 enforcement agencies within the county that
25.20 have a high concentration of off-highway
25.21 vehicle use. Of this appropriation, \$25,000
25.22 each year is for administering the grants. Any
25.23 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
25.24 end of the first year and is available for the
25.25 second year.

25.26 (g) \$20,000 the first year and \$20,000 the
25.27 second year are from the off-highway
25.28 motorcycle account in the natural resources
25.29 fund for grants to qualifying off-highway
25.30 motorcycle organizations to assist in providing
25.31 safety and environmental education and
25.32 monitoring trails on public lands according to
25.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants
25.34 awarded under this subdivision must be issued
25.35 through a formal agreement with the

26.1 organization. By December 15 each year, an
 26.2 organization receiving a grant under this
 26.3 subdivision must report to the commissioner
 26.4 with details on how the money was expended
 26.5 and what outcomes were achieved.

26.6 **Subd. 8. Pass Through Funds** 1,815,000 1,815,000

26.7	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
26.8	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
26.9 <u>General</u>	<u>221,000</u>	<u>221,000</u>
26.10 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>
26.11 <u>Permanent School</u>	<u>484,000</u>	<u>484,000</u>

26.12 (a) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the
 26.13 second year are from the natural resources
 26.14 fund for grants to be divided equally between
 26.15 the city of St. Paul for the Como Park Zoo and
 26.16 Conservatory and the city of Duluth for the
 26.17 Lake Superior Zoo. This appropriation is from
 26.18 revenue deposited to the natural resources fund
 26.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 26.20 paragraph (h), clause (5).

26.21 (b) \$221,000 the first year and \$221,000 the
 26.22 second year are for the Office of School Trust
 26.23 Lands.

26.24 (c) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
 26.25 second year are transferred from the forest
 26.26 suspense account to the permanent school fund
 26.27 and are appropriated from the permanent
 26.28 school fund for transaction and project
 26.29 management costs for divesting of school trust
 26.30 lands within Boundary Waters Canoe Area
 26.31 Wilderness.

26.32 (d) \$334,000 the first year and \$334,000 the
 26.33 second year are transferred from the forest
 26.34 suspense account to the permanent school fund

27.1 and are appropriated from the permanent
 27.2 school fund for the Office of School Trust
 27.3 Lands.
 27.4 (e) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
 27.5 second year are from the natural resources
 27.6 fund for parks and trails of regional
 27.7 significance outside the seven-county
 27.8 metropolitan area under Minnesota Statutes,
 27.9 section 85.535, based on the recommendations
 27.10 from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks
 27.11 and Trails Commission. This appropriation is
 27.12 from revenue deposited in the natural
 27.13 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 27.14 section 297A.94, paragraph (i).

27.15 **Sec. 4. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 27.16 **RESOURCES**

\$ 15,792,000 \$ 15,792,000

27.17 (a) \$3,116,000 the first year and \$3,116,000
 27.18 the second year are for grants and payments
 27.19 to soil and water conservation districts for
 27.20 accomplishing the purposes of Minnesota
 27.21 Statutes, chapter 103C, and for other general
 27.22 purposes, nonpoint engineering, and
 27.23 implementation and stewardship of the
 27.24 reinvest in Minnesota reserve program.
 27.25 Expenditures may be made from this
 27.26 appropriation for supplies and services
 27.27 benefiting soil and water conservation
 27.28 districts. Any district receiving a payment
 27.29 under this paragraph must maintain a website
 27.30 that publishes, at a minimum, the district's
 27.31 annual report, annual audit, annual budget,
 27.32 and meeting notices.
 27.33 (b) \$1,560,000 the first year and \$1,560,000
 27.34 the second year are for the following:

28.1 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000
28.2 the second year are for cost-sharing programs
28.3 of soil and water conservation districts for
28.4 accomplishing projects and practices
28.5 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
28.6 103C.501, including perennially vegetated
28.7 riparian buffers, erosion control, water
28.8 retention and treatment, water quality
28.9 cost-sharing for feedlots and nutrient and
28.10 manure management projects in watersheds
28.11 where there are impaired waters, and other
28.12 high-priority conservation practices; and
28.13 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
28.14 second year are for invasive species and weed
28.15 management programs and to restore native
28.16 plants at selected invasive species management
28.17 sites.
28.18 (c) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the
28.19 second year are to provide technical assistance
28.20 to local drainage management officials and
28.21 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The
28.22 board must coordinate the activities of the
28.23 Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota
28.24 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.
28.25 (d) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
28.26 second year are for a grant to the Red River
28.27 Basin Commission for water quality and
28.28 floodplain management, including program
28.29 administration. This appropriation must be
28.30 matched by nonstate funds.
28.31 (e) \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
28.32 second year are for grants to Area II
28.33 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain
28.34 management.

- 29.1 (f) \$240,000 the first year and \$240,000 the
29.2 second year are for a grant to the Lower
29.3 Minnesota River Watershed District to defray
29.4 the annual cost of sustaining the state, national,
29.5 and international commercial and recreational
29.6 navigation on the lower Minnesota River.
- 29.7 (g) \$203,000 the first year and \$203,000 the
29.8 second year are for soil health programming
29.9 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
29.10 103F.06, and for coordination with the
29.11 University of Minnesota Office for Soil
29.12 Health.
- 29.13 (h) \$3,423,000 the first year and \$3,423,000
29.14 the second year are for natural resources block
29.15 grants to local governments to implement the
29.16 Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland
29.17 management program under Minnesota
29.18 Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water
29.19 management responsibilities under Minnesota
29.20 Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce
29.21 the amount of the natural resources block grant
29.22 to a county by an amount equal to any
29.23 reduction in the county's general services
29.24 allocation to a soil and water conservation
29.25 district from the county's previous year
29.26 allocation when the board determines that the
29.27 reduction was disproportionate.
- 29.28 (i) \$6,844,000 the first year and \$6,844,000
29.29 the second year are for agency administration
29.30 and operation of the Board of Water and Soil
29.31 Resources.
- 29.32 (j) The board may shift funds in this section
29.33 and may adjust the technical and
29.34 administrative assistance portion of the funds
29.35 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or

32.1	Environmental	106,055,000	109,203,000
32.2	Remediation	19,671,000	20,247,000

32.3 The amounts that may be spent for each
 32.4 purpose are specified in the following
 32.5 subdivisions.

32.6 The commissioner must present the agency's
 32.7 biennial budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027
 32.8 to the legislature in a transparent way by
 32.9 agency division, including the proposed
 32.10 budget bill and presentations of the budget to
 32.11 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 32.12 over the agency's budget.

32.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

32.14 Sec. 10. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

32.15			72,785,000
32.16	Subd. 2. Environmental Analysis and Outcomes	79,311,000	<u>69,785,000</u>

32.17	Appropriations by Fund		
32.18		2024	2025
32.19			53,047,000
32.20	General	60,103,000	<u>50,047,000</u>
32.21	Environmental	18,959,000	19,533,000
32.22	Remediation	249,000	205,000

32.23 (a) \$122,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
 32.24 second year are from the general fund for:

32.25 (1) a municipal liaison to assist municipalities
 32.26 in implementing and participating in the
 32.27 rulemaking process for water quality standards
 32.28 and navigating the NPDES/SDS permitting
 32.29 process;

32.30 (2) enhanced economic analysis in the
 32.31 rulemaking process for water quality
 32.32 standards, including more-specific analysis
 32.33 and identification of cost-effective permitting;

33.1 (3) developing statewide economic analyses
33.2 and templates to reduce the amount of
33.3 information and time required for
33.4 municipalities to apply for variances from
33.5 water quality standards; and

33.6 (4) coordinating with the Public Facilities
33.7 Authority to identify and advocate for the
33.8 resources needed for urban, suburban, and
33.9 Greater Minnesota municipalities to achieve
33.10 permit requirements.

33.11 (b) \$216,000 the first year and \$219,000 the
33.12 second year are from the environmental fund
33.13 for a monitoring program under Minnesota
33.14 Statutes, section 116.454.

33.15 (c) \$132,000 the first year and \$137,000 the
33.16 second year are for monitoring water quality
33.17 and operating assistance programs.

33.18 (d) \$390,000 the first year and \$399,000 the
33.19 second year are from the environmental fund
33.20 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous
33.21 pollutants.

33.22 (e) \$106,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
33.23 second year are from the environmental fund
33.24 for duties related to harmful chemicals in
33.25 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,
33.26 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this
33.27 amount, \$68,000 the first year and \$70,000
33.28 the second year are transferred to the
33.29 commissioner of health.

33.30 (f) \$128,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
33.31 second year are from the environmental fund
33.32 for registering wastewater laboratories.

33.33 (g) \$1,492,000 the first year and \$1,519,000
33.34 the second year are from the environmental

34.1 fund to continue perfluorochemical
34.2 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan
34.3 communities, as recommended by the
34.4 Environmental Health Tracking and
34.5 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address
34.6 other environmental health risks, including air
34.7 quality. The communities must include Hmong
34.8 and other immigrant farming communities.
34.9 Of this amount, up to \$1,226,000 the first year
34.10 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer
34.11 to the commissioner of health.

34.12 (h) \$61,000 the first year and \$62,000 the
34.13 second year are from the environmental fund
34.14 for the listing procedures for impaired waters
34.15 required under this act.

34.16 (i) \$72,000 the first year and \$74,000 the
34.17 second year are from the remediation fund for
34.18 the leaking underground storage tank program
34.19 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
34.20 releases from underground petroleum storage
34.21 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
34.22 program for vapor assessment and
34.23 remediation. These same annual amounts are
34.24 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
34.25 the remediation fund.

34.26 (j) \$500,000 the first year is to facilitate the
34.27 collaboration and modeling of greenhouse gas
34.28 impacts, costs, and benefits of strategies to
34.29 reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.
34.30 This is a onetime appropriation.

34.31 (k) \$50,266,000 the first year and ~~\$50,270,000~~
34.32 \$47,270,000 the second year are to establish
34.33 and implement a local government climate
34.34 resiliency and water infrastructure grant
34.35 program for local governmental units and

35.1 Tribal governments. Of this amount,
35.2 \$49,100,000 ~~each~~ the first year is and
35.3 \$46,100,000 the second year are for grants to
35.4 support communities in planning and
35.5 implementing projects that will allow for
35.6 adaptation for a changing climate. At least 40
35.7 percent of the money granted under this
35.8 paragraph must be for projects in areas that
35.9 meet environmental justice criteria. By
35.10 December 30, 2027, the commissioner must
35.11 submit a report on the use of grant money to
35.12 the chairs and ranking minority members of
35.13 the legislative committees with jurisdiction
35.14 over environment and natural resources
35.15 finance. This appropriation is available until
35.16 June 30, 2027. The base for this appropriation
35.17 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$270,000.

35.18 (l) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to the
35.19 city of Fergus Falls to address water-quality
35.20 concerns at Lake Alice.

35.21 (m) \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to
35.22 Rice County to address water-quality concerns
35.23 at French Lake.

35.24 (n) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to
35.25 Ramsey County to address water-quality
35.26 concerns at Round Lake.

35.27 (o) Recipients of money appropriated in
35.28 paragraphs (l), (m), and (n) may use the grants
35.29 to contract for water-quality improvement
35.30 services, testing, necessary infrastructure,
35.31 training, and maintenance.

35.32 (p) \$2,070,000 the first year and \$2,070,000
35.33 the second year are from the environmental
35.34 fund to develop and implement a program

36.1 related to emerging issues, including
36.2 *Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint*.

36.3 (q) \$1,820,000 the first year and \$1,820,000
36.4 the second year are from the environmental
36.5 fund to support improved management of data
36.6 collected by the agency and its partners and
36.7 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making
36.8 and public access.

36.9 (r) \$500,000 the first year is from the general
36.10 fund for the report on firefighter turnout gear
36.11 and biomonitoring required under this act. Of
36.12 this amount, up to \$250,000 may be
36.13 transferred to the commissioner of health for
36.14 biomonitoring of firefighters.

36.15 (s) \$500,000 the first year is to develop
36.16 protocols to be used by agencies and
36.17 departments for sampling and testing
36.18 groundwater, surface water, public drinking
36.19 water, and private wells for microplastics and
36.20 nanoplastics and to begin implementation. The
36.21 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency
36.22 may transfer money appropriated under this
36.23 paragraph to the commissioners of agriculture,
36.24 natural resources, and health to implement the
36.25 protocols developed. This is a onetime
36.26 appropriation and is available until June 30,
36.27 2025.

36.28 (t) \$50,000 the first year is from the
36.29 remediation fund for the work group on PFAS
36.30 manufacturer fees and report required under
36.31 this act.

36.32 (u) \$387,000 the first year and \$90,000 the
36.33 second year are to develop and implement the
36.34 requirements for fish kills under Minnesota

37.1 Statutes, sections 103G.216 and 103G.2165.
 37.2 Of this amount, up to \$331,000 the first year
 37.3 and \$90,000 the second year may be
 37.4 transferred to the commissioners of health,
 37.5 natural resources, agriculture, and public
 37.6 safety and to the Board of Regents of the
 37.7 University of Minnesota as necessary to
 37.8 implement those sections. The base for this
 37.9 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and beyond
 37.10 is \$7,000.

37.11 (v) \$63,000 the first year and \$92,000 the
 37.12 second year are for transfer to the
 37.13 commissioner of health for amending the
 37.14 health risk limit for PFOS. This is a onetime
 37.15 appropriation and is available until June 30,
 37.16 2026.

37.17 (w) \$5,000,000 the first year is for community
 37.18 air-monitoring grants as provided in this act.
 37.19 This is a onetime appropriation and is
 37.20 available until June 30, 2027.

37.21 (x) \$2,333,000 the first year and \$2,333,000
 37.22 the second year are to adopt rules and
 37.23 implement air toxics emissions requirements
 37.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.
 37.25 The general fund appropriations are onetime
 37.26 and are available until June 30, 2027. The base
 37.27 for this appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2026
 37.28 and \$1,400,000 from the environmental fund
 37.29 in fiscal year 2027 and beyond.

37.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

37.31 Sec. 11. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

37.32	Subd. 7. Resource Management and Assistance	82,000,000	57,974,000
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38.1	Appropriations by Fund	
38.2	2024	2025
38.3	General	38,464,000 13,850,000
38.4	Environmental	43,536,000 44,124,000

38.5 (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000
 38.6 the second year may be transferred from the
 38.7 environmental fund to the small business
 38.8 environmental improvement loan account
 38.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

38.10 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 38.11 the second year are for competitive recycling
 38.12 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
 38.13 115A.565. Of this amount, \$300,000 the first
 38.14 year and \$300,000 the second year are from
 38.15 the general fund, and \$700,000 the first year
 38.16 and \$700,000 the second year are from the
 38.17 environmental fund. This appropriation is
 38.18 available until June 30, 2027.

38.19 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the
 38.20 second year are from the environmental fund
 38.21 for emission-reduction activities and grants to
 38.22 small businesses and other
 38.23 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this
 38.24 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
 38.25 the second year are to continue work with
 38.26 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner
 38.27 may enter into an agreement with
 38.28 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.

38.29 (d) \$18,450,000 the first year and \$18,450,000
 38.30 the second year are from the environmental
 38.31 fund for SCORE block grants to counties.

38.32 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the
 38.33 second year are from the environmental fund
 38.34 for environmental assistance grants or loans
 38.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.

39.1 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
39.2 second year are from the environmental fund
39.3 for grants to develop and expand recycling
39.4 markets for Minnesota businesses. This
39.5 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

39.6 (g) \$767,000 the first year and \$770,000 the
39.7 second year are from the environmental fund
39.8 for reducing and diverting food waste,
39.9 redirecting edible food for consumption, and
39.10 removing barriers to collecting and recovering
39.11 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each
39.12 year is for grants to increase food rescue and
39.13 waste prevention. This appropriation is
39.14 available until June 30, 2027.

39.15 (h) \$2,797,000 the first year and \$2,811,000
39.16 the second year are from the environmental
39.17 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
39.18 section 473.844.

39.19 (i) \$318,000 the first year and \$324,000 the
39.20 second year are from the environmental fund
39.21 to address chemicals in products, including to
39.22 implement and enforce flame retardant
39.23 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
39.24 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and
39.25 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging
39.26 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
39.27 325F.075. Of this amount, \$78,000 the first
39.28 year and \$80,000 the second year are
39.29 transferred to the commissioner of health.

39.30 (j) \$180,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
39.31 second year are for quantifying climate-related
39.32 impacts from projects for environmental
39.33 review. This is a onetime appropriation. This
39.34 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

40.1 (k) \$1,790,000 the first year and \$70,000 the
40.2 second year are for accelerating pollution
40.3 prevention at small businesses. Of this amount,
40.4 \$1,720,000 the first year is for transfer to the
40.5 environmental fund for zero-interest loans
40.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993, to
40.7 phase out high-polluting equipment, products,
40.8 and processes and replace with new options.
40.9 This appropriation is available until June 30,
40.10 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

40.11 (l) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the
40.12 second year are to support the Greenstep Cities
40.13 program. This is a onetime appropriation. This
40.14 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

40.15 (m) \$420,000 the first year is to complete a
40.16 study on the viability of recycling solar energy
40.17 equipment. This is a onetime appropriation
40.18 and is available until June 30, 2026.

40.19 (n) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
40.20 second year are from the environmental fund
40.21 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.

40.22 (o) \$4,210,000 the first year and \$210,000 the
40.23 second year are for PFAS reduction grants.
40.24 Of this amount, \$4,000,000 the first year is
40.25 for grants to industry and public entities to
40.26 identify sources of PFAS entering facilities
40.27 and to develop pollution prevention and
40.28 reduction initiatives to reduce PFAS entering
40.29 facilities, prevent releases, and monitor the
40.30 effectiveness of these projects. Priority must
40.31 be given to projects in underserved
40.32 communities. This is a onetime appropriation
40.33 and is available until June 30, 2027.

41.1 (p) \$12,940,000 the first year and \$12,940,000
41.2 the second year are for a waste prevention and
41.3 reduction grants and loan program. This is a
41.4 onetime appropriation and is available until
41.5 June 30, 2027. Of this amount in the first year,
41.6 \$7,950,000 is for waste prevention and
41.7 reduction grants and loans and \$3,000,000 is
41.8 for a grant to the owner of a biomass energy
41.9 generation plant in Shakopee that uses waste
41.10 heat from the generation of electricity in the
41.11 malting process to purchase a wood dehydrator
41.12 to facilitate disposal of wood that is infested
41.13 by the emerald ash borer. Of this amount in
41.14 the second year, \$10,950,000 is for waste
41.15 prevention and reduction grants and loans,
41.16 including \$1,000,000 for transfer to the
41.17 environmental fund for the purposes of
41.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716. By
41.19 October 1, 2024, the commissioner of the
41.20 Pollution Control Agency must report to the
41.21 chairs and ranking minority members of the
41.22 legislative committees and divisions with
41.23 jurisdiction over environment and natural
41.24 resources on the use of money appropriated
41.25 for the wood dehydrator under this paragraph.

41.26 (q) \$16,562,000 the first year is for grants to
41.27 a Minnesota nonprofit corporation that owns
41.28 a cogeneration facility that serves a St. Paul
41.29 district heating and cooling system to preserve
41.30 existing biomass energy infrastructure for
41.31 purposes of local and regional emerald ash
41.32 borer response efforts. The commissioner of
41.33 the Pollution Control Agency may require the
41.34 nonprofit corporation to charge a fee per ton
41.35 of wood waste delivered to the facility. This

42.1 is a onetime appropriation and is available
42.2 until June 30, 2030.

42.3 (r) \$1,163,000 the first year and \$1,115,000
42.4 the second year are from the environmental
42.5 fund for rulemaking and implementation of
42.6 the new PFAS requirements under Minnesota
42.7 Statutes, section 116.943. Of this amount,
42.8 \$312,000 the first year and \$468,000 the
42.9 second year are for transfer to the
42.10 commissioner of health.

42.11 (s) \$680,000 the first year is for the resource
42.12 management report required in this act. This
42.13 is a onetime appropriation and is available
42.14 until June 30, 2026.

42.15 (t) \$35,000 the second year is from the
42.16 environmental fund for the compostable
42.17 labeling requirements under Minnesota
42.18 Statutes, section 325E.046. The base for this
42.19 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond
42.20 is \$68,000 from the environmental fund.

42.21 (u) \$175,000 the first year is for the
42.22 rulemaking required under this act providing
42.23 for the safe and lawful disposal of waste
42.24 treated seed. This appropriation is available
42.25 until June 30, 2025.

42.26 (v) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a lead tackle
42.27 reduction program that provides outreach,
42.28 education, and opportunities to safely dispose
42.29 of and exchange lead tackle throughout the
42.30 state. This is a onetime appropriation and is
42.31 available until June 30, 2027.

42.32 (w) \$17,000 the first year is for rulemaking
42.33 for the capital assistance program. This is a
42.34 onetime appropriation.

43.1 (x) Any unencumbered grant and loan
 43.2 balances in the first year do not cancel but are
 43.3 available for grants and loans in the second
 43.4 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 43.5 section 16A.28, the appropriations
 43.6 encumbered on or before June 30, 2025, as
 43.7 contracts or grants for environmental
 43.8 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,
 43.9 section 115A.0716; technical and research
 43.10 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section
 43.11 115A.152; technical assistance under
 43.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and
 43.13 pollution prevention assistance under
 43.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are
 43.15 available until June 30, 2027.

43.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.

43.17 Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

43.18		<u>535,868,000</u>	
43.19	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$ <u>530,868,000</u>	\$ 403,116,000

43.20	Appropriations by Fund		
43.21		2024	2025
43.22		281,054,000	
43.23	General	<u>276,054,000</u>	150,078,000
43.24	Natural Resources	123,986,000	123,706,000
43.25	Game and Fish	129,920,000	128,513,000
43.26	Remediation	117,000	117,000
43.27	Permanent School	791,000	702,000

43.28 The amounts that may be spent for each
 43.29 purpose are specified in the following
 43.30 subdivisions.

43.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

43.32 Sec. 13. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

43.33		111,125,000	
43.34	Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management	<u>106,125,000</u>	96,963,000

44.1 Appropriations by Fund			
		44.2 2024	44.3 2025
44.3		23,643,000	
44.4	General	<u>18,643,000</u>	9,888,000
44.5	Natural Resources	2,082,000	2,082,000
44.6	Game and Fish	85,400,000	84,993,000

44.7 (a) \$11,158,000 the first year and \$11,158,000
 44.8 the second year are from the heritage
 44.9 enhancement account in the game and fish
 44.10 fund only for activities specified under
 44.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 44.12 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding
 44.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five
 44.14 percent of this appropriation may be used for
 44.15 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and
 44.16 retention.

44.17 (b) \$982,000 the first year and \$982,000 the
 44.18 second year are from the general fund and
 44.19 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the
 44.20 second year are from the game and fish fund
 44.21 for statewide response and management of
 44.22 chronic wasting disease. The commissioner
 44.23 and the Board of Animal Health must each
 44.24 submit annual reports on chronic wasting
 44.25 disease activities funded in this biennium to
 44.26 the chairs and ranking minority members of
 44.27 the legislative committees and divisions with
 44.28 jurisdiction over environment and natural
 44.29 resources and agriculture. The general fund
 44.30 base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026
 44.31 and beyond is \$282,000.

44.32 (c) \$5,150,000 the first year and \$3,250,000
 44.33 the second year are for inspections,
 44.34 investigations, and enforcement activities
 44.35 taken for the white-tailed deer farm program
 44.36 and for statewide response and management

45.1 of chronic wasting disease. This appropriation
45.2 is available until June 30, 2029.

45.3 (d) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000
45.4 the second year are from the deer management
45.5 account for the purposes identified in
45.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.075,
45.7 subdivision 1.

45.8 (e) \$268,000 the first year and \$268,000 the
45.9 second year are for increased capacity for
45.10 broadband utility licensing for state lands and
45.11 public waters. This is a onetime appropriation
45.12 and is available until June 30, 2028.

45.13 (f) ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$5,000,000 the first year is
45.14 for enhancing prairies and grasslands and
45.15 restoring wetlands on state-owned wildlife
45.16 management areas to sequester more carbon
45.17 and enhance climate resiliency. This is a
45.18 onetime appropriation and is available until
45.19 June 30, 2027.

45.20 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
45.21 second year are from the general fund and
45.22 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
45.23 second year are from the heritage enhancement
45.24 account in the game and fish fund for grants
45.25 for natural-resource-based education and
45.26 recreation programs serving youth under
45.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976, and for
45.28 grant administration. Priority must be given
45.29 to projects benefiting underserved
45.30 communities. The base for this appropriation
45.31 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$500,000
45.32 from the heritage enhancement account in the
45.33 game and fish fund. The general fund
45.34 appropriation is onetime.

46.1 (h) \$2,300,000 the first year is for a grant to
46.2 the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior
46.3 Chippewa to expand Minnesota's wild elk
46.4 population and range. Consideration must be
46.5 given to moving elk from existing herds in
46.6 northwest Minnesota to the area of the Fond
46.7 du Lac State Forest and the Fond du Lac
46.8 Reservation in Carlton and southern St. Louis
46.9 Counties. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake
46.10 Superior Chippewa's elk reintroduction efforts
46.11 must undergo thorough planning with the
46.12 Department of Natural Resources to develop
46.13 necessary capture and handling protocols,
46.14 including protocols related to cervid disease
46.15 management, and to produce postrelease state
46.16 and Tribal elk comanagement plans. Of this
46.17 amount, \$300,000 is for the department for
46.18 the purposes of this paragraph. This is a
46.19 onetime appropriation and is available until
46.20 June 30, 2026.

46.21 (i) \$767,000 the first year is from the heritage
46.22 enhancement account in the game and fish
46.23 fund to examine the effects of neonicotinoid
46.24 exposure on the reproduction and survival of
46.25 Minnesota's game species, including deer and
46.26 prairie chicken. This is a onetime
46.27 appropriation and is available until June 30,
46.28 2027.

46.29 (j) \$134,000 the first year and \$134,000 the
46.30 second year are from the heritage enhancement
46.31 account in the game and fish fund for native
46.32 fish conservation and classification.

46.33 (k) \$82,000 the first year is for the native fish
46.34 reports required under this act. This is a
46.35 onetime appropriation.

47.1 (l) \$65,000 the first year is for preparing the
47.2 report on feral pigs and mink required under
47.3 this act and holding at least one public meeting
47.4 on the topic.

47.5 (m) Up to \$5,750,000 the first year and up to
47.6 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for
47.7 transfer from the critical habitat private sector
47.8 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota
47.9 fund for wildlife management areas
47.10 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement
47.11 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
47.12 84.943, subdivision 5b.

47.13 (n) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
47.14 section 297A.94, \$300,000 the first year and
47.15 \$300,000 the second year are from the heritage
47.16 enhancement account in the game and fish
47.17 fund for shooting sports facility grants under
47.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10, including
47.19 grants for archery facilities. Grants must be
47.20 matched with a nonstate match, which may
47.21 include in-kind contributions. This is a
47.22 onetime appropriation and is available until
47.23 June 30, 2026. This appropriation must be
47.24 allocated as follows:

47.25 (1) \$200,000 each fiscal year is for grants of
47.26 \$25,000 or less; and

47.27 (2) \$100,000 each fiscal year is for grants in
47.28 excess of \$25,000.

47.29 (o) \$75,000 the first year is from the heritage
47.30 enhancement account in the game and fish
47.31 fund for enhanced fish stocking of white bass
47.32 and crappies in lakes in the metropolitan area
47.33 that have pier and shore fishing opportunities
47.34 where communities are currently underserved.

48.1 (p) \$1,633,000 the first year is for a grant to
 48.2 the Board of Regents of the University of
 48.3 Minnesota for chronic wasting disease
 48.4 contingency plans developed by the Center
 48.5 for Infectious Disease Research and Policy.
 48.6 This is a onetime appropriation.

48.7 (q) \$900,000 the first year is to create new or
 48.8 expand existing outreach and education
 48.9 programs for non-native English-speaking
 48.10 communities. Of this amount, \$250,000 is for
 48.11 the commissioner of the Pollution Control
 48.12 Agency and \$250,000 is for the Board of
 48.13 Water and Soil Resources for this purpose. Up
 48.14 to \$400,000 may be used to expand the
 48.15 Fishing in the Neighborhood program for
 48.16 outreach to new and underserved audiences.
 48.17 This appropriation may be used for community
 48.18 outreach consultants for reaching new
 48.19 audiences. This is a onetime appropriation and
 48.20 is available until June 30, 2027.

48.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

48.22 Sec. 14. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

48.23	Sec. 4. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL			58,131,000
48.24	RESOURCES	\$	61,943,000	\$ <u>56,131,000</u>

48.25 (a) \$3,116,000 the first year and \$3,116,000
 48.26 the second year are for grants and payments
 48.27 to soil and water conservation districts for
 48.28 accomplishing the purposes of Minnesota
 48.29 Statutes, chapter 103C, and for other general
 48.30 purposes, nonpoint engineering, and
 48.31 implementation and stewardship of the
 48.32 reinvest in Minnesota reserve program.
 48.33 Expenditures may be made from this
 48.34 appropriation for supplies and services

49.1 benefiting soil and water conservation
49.2 districts. Any district receiving a payment
49.3 under this paragraph must maintain a website
49.4 that publishes, at a minimum, the district's
49.5 annual report, annual audit, annual budget,
49.6 and meeting notices.

49.7 (b) \$761,000 the first year and \$761,000 the
49.8 second year are to implement, enforce, and
49.9 provide oversight for the Wetland
49.10 Conservation Act, including administering the
49.11 wetland banking program and in-lieu fee
49.12 mechanism.

49.13 (c) \$1,560,000 the first year and \$1,560,000
49.14 the second year are for the following:

49.15 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000
49.16 the second year are for cost-sharing programs
49.17 of soil and water conservation districts for
49.18 accomplishing projects and practices
49.19 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
49.20 103C.501, including perennially vegetated
49.21 riparian buffers, erosion control, water
49.22 retention and treatment, water quality
49.23 cost-sharing for feedlots under 500 animal
49.24 units and nutrient and manure management
49.25 projects in watersheds where there are
49.26 impaired waters, and other high-priority
49.27 conservation practices; and

49.28 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
49.29 second year are for county cooperative weed
49.30 management programs and to restore native
49.31 plants at selected invasive species management
49.32 sites.

49.33 (d) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the
49.34 second year are to provide technical assistance

50.1 to local drainage management officials and
50.2 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The
50.3 board must coordinate the activities of the
50.4 Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota
50.5 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.
50.6 The Drainage Work Group must review a
50.7 drainage authority's power under Minnesota
50.8 Statutes, chapter 103E, to consider the
50.9 abandonment or dismantling of drainage
50.10 systems; to re-meander, restore, or reconstruct
50.11 a natural waterway that has been modified by
50.12 drainage; or to deconstruct dikes, dams, or
50.13 other water-control structures.

50.14 (e) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
50.15 second year are for a grant to the Red River
50.16 Basin Commission for water quality and
50.17 floodplain management, including program
50.18 administration. This appropriation must be
50.19 matched by nonstate funds.

50.20 (f) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the
50.21 second year are for grants to Area II
50.22 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain
50.23 management. The base for fiscal year 2026
50.24 and later is \$140,000.

50.25 (g) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
50.26 second year are for conservation easement
50.27 stewardship.

50.28 (h) \$240,000 the first year and \$240,000 the
50.29 second year are for a grant to the Lower
50.30 Minnesota River Watershed District to defray
50.31 the annual cost of operating and maintaining
50.32 sites for dredge spoil to sustain the state,
50.33 national, and international commercial and
50.34 recreational navigation on the lower Minnesota
50.35 River.

51.1 (i) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
51.2 the second year are for the lawns to legumes
51.3 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
51.4 103B.104. The board may enter into
51.5 agreements with local governments, Metro
51.6 Blooms, and other organizations to support
51.7 this effort. This is a onetime appropriation and
51.8 is available until June 30, 2027.

51.9 (j) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
51.10 the second year are for the habitat
51.11 enhancement landscape program under
51.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.106. This is
51.13 a onetime appropriation and is available until
51.14 June 30, 2027.

51.15 (k) \$10,557,000 the first year and \$10,557,000
51.16 the second year are for soil health activities to
51.17 achieve water quality, soil productivity,
51.18 climate change resiliency, or carbon
51.19 sequestration benefits consistent with
51.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.06. This is
51.21 a onetime appropriation and is available until
51.22 June 30, 2027. The board may use grants to
51.23 local governments, including soil and water
51.24 conservation districts, and agreements with
51.25 the United States Department of Agriculture;
51.26 the University of Minnesota, Office for Soil
51.27 Health; AgCentric, Minnesota State Northern
51.28 Center of Excellence; and other practitioners
51.29 and partners to accomplish this work.

51.30 (l) \$203,000 the first year and \$203,000 the
51.31 second year are for soil health practice
51.32 adoption purposes consistent with the
51.33 cost-sharing provisions of Minnesota Statutes,
51.34 section 103C.501, and for soil health program
51.35 responsibilities in consultation with the

52.1 University of Minnesota Office for Soil
52.2 Health.

52.3 (m) \$10,500,000 the first year and
52.4 ~~\$10,500,000~~ \$8,500,000 the second year are
52.5 for conservation easements and to restore and
52.6 enhance grasslands and adjacent lands
52.7 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, sections
52.8 103F.501 to 103F.531, for the purposes of
52.9 climate resiliency, adaptation, carbon
52.10 sequestration, and related benefits. Of this
52.11 amount, up to \$423,000 is for deposit in the
52.12 water and soil conservation easement
52.13 stewardship account established under
52.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This is
52.15 a onetime appropriation and is available until
52.16 June 30, 2029. The board must give priority
52.17 to leveraging nonstate funding, including
52.18 practices, programs, and projects funded by
52.19 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the
52.20 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,
52.21 the Conservation Reserve Program, the
52.22 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal
52.23 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities
52.24 Program.

52.25 (n) \$4,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000
52.26 the second year are to acquire conservation
52.27 easements and to restore and enhance
52.28 peatlands and adjacent lands consistent with
52.29 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to
52.30 103F.531, for the purposes of climate
52.31 resiliency, adaptation, carbon sequestration,
52.32 and related benefits. Of this amount, up to
52.33 \$299,000 is for deposit in the water and soil
52.34 conservation easement stewardship account
52.35 established under Minnesota Statutes, section

53.1 103B.103. This is a onetime appropriation and
53.2 is available until June 30, 2029. The board
53.3 must give priority to leveraging nonstate
53.4 funding, including practices, programs, and
53.5 projects funded by the U.S. Department of
53.6 Agriculture via the Conservation Reserve
53.7 Enhancement Program, the Conservation
53.8 Reserve Program, the Federal Inflation
53.9 Reduction Act, the Federal Farm Bill, or the
53.10 Climate-Smart Commodities Program.

53.11 (o) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
53.12 the second year are to enhance existing
53.13 easements established under Minnesota
53.14 Statutes, sections 103F.501 to 103F.531.
53.15 Enhancements are for the purposes of climate
53.16 resiliency, adaptation, and carbon
53.17 sequestration and include but are not limited
53.18 to increasing biodiversity and mitigating the
53.19 effects of rainfall and runoff events. This is a
53.20 onetime appropriation and is available until
53.21 June 30, 2029. The board must give priority
53.22 to leveraging nonstate funding, including
53.23 practices, programs, and projects funded by
53.24 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the
53.25 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,
53.26 the Conservation Reserve Program, the
53.27 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal
53.28 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities
53.29 Program.

53.30 (p) \$8,500,000 the first year and \$8,500,000
53.31 the second year are for water quality and
53.32 storage practices and projects to protect
53.33 infrastructure, improve water quality and
53.34 related public benefits, and mitigate climate
53.35 change impacts consistent with Minnesota

54.1 Statutes, section 103F.05. This is a onetime
54.2 appropriation and is available until June 30,
54.3 2029. The board must give priority to
54.4 leveraging nonstate funding, including
54.5 practices, programs, and projects funded by
54.6 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the
54.7 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,
54.8 the Conservation Reserve Program, the
54.9 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal
54.10 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities
54.11 Program.

54.12 (q) \$4,673,000 the first year and \$4,673,000
54.13 the second year are for natural resources block
54.14 grants to local governments to implement the
54.15 Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland
54.16 management program under Minnesota
54.17 Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water
54.18 management responsibilities under Minnesota
54.19 Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce
54.20 the amount of the natural resources block grant
54.21 to a county by an amount equal to any
54.22 reduction in the county's general services
54.23 allocation to a soil and water conservation
54.24 district from the county's previous year
54.25 allocation when the board determines that the
54.26 reduction was disproportionate. The base for
54.27 this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and
54.28 beyond is \$3,423,000.

54.29 (r) \$129,000 the first year and \$136,000 the
54.30 second year are to accomplish the objectives
54.31 of Minnesota Statutes, section 10.65, and
54.32 related Tribal government coordination. The
54.33 base for fiscal year 2026 and each year
54.34 thereafter is \$144,000.

55.1 (s) \$3,000,000 the first year is to provide
55.2 onetime state incentive payments to enrollees
55.3 in the federal Conservation Reserve Program
55.4 (CRP) during the continuous enrollment
55.5 period and to enroll complementary areas in
55.6 conservation easements consistent with
55.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515. The
55.8 board may establish payment rates based on
55.9 land valuation and on environmental benefit
55.10 criteria, including but not limited to surface
55.11 water or groundwater pollution reduction,
55.12 drinking water protection, soil health,
55.13 pollinator and wildlife habitat, and other
55.14 conservation enhancements. The board may
55.15 use state funds to implement the program and
55.16 to provide technical assistance to landowners
55.17 or their agents to fulfill enrollment and
55.18 contract provisions. The board must consult
55.19 with the commissioners of agriculture, health,
55.20 natural resources, and the Pollution Control
55.21 Agency and the United States Department of
55.22 Agriculture in establishing program criteria.
55.23 This is a onetime appropriation and is
55.24 available until June 30, 2027.

55.25 (t) \$2,000,000 the first year is to acquire
55.26 conservation easements from landowners to
55.27 preserve, restore, create, and enhance wetlands
55.28 and associated uplands of prairie and
55.29 grasslands and to restore and enhance rivers
55.30 and streams, riparian lands, and associated
55.31 uplands of prairie and grasslands, in order to
55.32 protect soil and water quality, support fish and
55.33 wildlife habitat, reduce flood damage, and
55.34 provide other public benefits. Minnesota
55.35 Statutes, section 103F.515, applies to this
55.36 program. The board must give priority to

56.1 leveraging federal money by enrolling targeted
56.2 new lands or enrolling environmentally
56.3 sensitive lands that have expiring federal
56.4 conservation agreements. The board is
56.5 authorized to enter into new agreements and
56.6 amend past agreements with landowners as
56.7 required by Minnesota Statutes, section
56.8 103F.515, subdivision 5, to allow for
56.9 restoration. Up to five percent of this
56.10 appropriation may be used for restoration and
56.11 enhancement.

56.12 (u) \$5,623,000 the first year and \$5,804,000
56.13 the second year are for agency administration
56.14 and operation of the Board of Water and Soil
56.15 Resources.

56.16 (v) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
56.17 second year are for the habitat-friendly utilities
56.18 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
56.19 103B.105. This is a onetime appropriation and
56.20 is available until June 30, 2027.

56.21 (w) The board may shift money in this section
56.22 and may adjust the technical and
56.23 administrative assistance portion of the funds
56.24 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or
56.25 to address accountability, oversight, local
56.26 government performance, or high-priority
56.27 needs.

56.28 (x) Returned grants and payments are available
56.29 for two years after they are returned or
56.30 regranted, whichever is later. Funds must be
56.31 regranted consistent with the purposes of this
56.32 section. If an appropriation for grants in either
56.33 year is insufficient, the appropriation in the
56.34 other year is available for it.

57.1 (y) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 57.2 section 16B.97, grants awarded from
 57.3 appropriations in this section are exempt from
 57.4 the Department of Administration, Office of
 57.5 Grants Management Policy 08-08 Grant
 57.6 Payments and 08-10 Grant Monitoring.

57.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

57.8 **ARTICLE 2**

57.9 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY**

57.10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115B.421, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

57.11 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** (a) The closed landfill investment fund is established in
 57.12 the state treasury. The fund consists of money credited to the fund and interest and other
 57.13 earnings on money in the fund. Funds must be deposited as described in section 115B.445.
 57.14 The fund must be managed to maximize long-term gain through the State Board of
 57.15 Investment.

57.16 (b) Each fiscal year, up to \$4,500,000 is appropriated from the closed landfill investment
 57.17 fund to the commissioner for the purposes of sections 115B.39 to 115B.444.

57.18 (c) If the commissioner determines that a release or threatened release from a qualified
 57.19 facility for which the commissioner has assumed obligations for environmental response
 57.20 actions under section 115B.40 or 115B.406 constitutes an emergency requiring immediate
 57.21 action to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage either to the public health or welfare or the
 57.22 environment or to a system designed to protect the public health or welfare or the
 57.23 environment, up to \$9,000,000 in addition to the amount appropriated under paragraph (b)
 57.24 is appropriated to the commissioner in the first year of the biennium and may be spent by
 57.25 the commissioner to take reasonable and necessary emergency response actions. Money
 57.26 not spent in the first year of the biennium may be spent in the second year. If money is
 57.27 appropriated under this paragraph, the commissioner must notify the chairs of the senate
 57.28 and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over environment policy and
 57.29 finance as soon as possible. The commissioner must maintain the fund balance to ensure
 57.30 long-term viability of the fund and reflect the responsibility of the landfill cleanup program
 57.31 in perpetuity.

57.32 (d) Paragraphs (b) and (c) expire June 30, ~~2025~~ 2029."

57.33 Amend the title accordingly