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03/03/2025	612	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
04/22/2025		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money for environment and natural

1.3 resources; appropriating money from environment and natural resources trust fund;

1.4 modifying prior appropriations; modifying fees and surcharges; modifying

1.5 disposition of certain funds; modifying permitting and environmental review

1.6 provisions; establishing a stewardship program for circuit boards, batteries, and

1.7 electrical products; modifying and establishing duties, authorities, and prohibitions

1.8 regarding environment and natural resources; modifying and creating environment

1.9 and natural resources programs; modifying and creating grant programs; providing

1.10 civil and criminal penalties; authorizing rulemaking; modifying requirements for

1.11 recreational vehicles; modifying state trail, state forest, and state park provisions;

1.12 authorizing sales, conveyances, and leases of certain state lands; modifying forestry

1.13 provisions; modifying game and fish provisions; making technical changes;

1.14 requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.027, by adding

1.15 a subdivision; 84.03; 84.8035, subdivision 1; 84D.01, by adding a subdivision;

1.16 84D.05, subdivision 1; 86B.415, subdivision 7; 97A.223, subdivision 1; 97A.421,

1.17 by adding a subdivision; 97A.465, by adding a subdivision; 97A.475, subdivisions

1.18 2, 6; 97B.001, subdivision 4; 97B.037; 97B.318, subdivision 1; 97B.405; 97B.667,

1.19 subdivision 3; 97B.945; 97C.395; 97C.835, subdivision 2; 103G.005, subdivision

1.20 15; 103G.201; 103G.271, subdivision 6; 103G.301, subdivision 2; 115.01, by

1.21 adding a subdivision; 115.071, subdivision 1; 115.542; 115A.121; 115A.554;

1.22 115B.421; 116.03, subdivision 2b; 116.07, subdivisions 4a, 4d, by adding a

1.23 subdivision; 116.073, subdivisions 1, 2; 116.182, subdivision 5; 116.92, subdivision

1.24 6, by adding a subdivision; 116.943, subdivisions 1, 5; 116D.04, subdivisions 2a,

1.25 2b, 5a; 116D.045, subdivision 1; 325E.3892, subdivisions 1, 2; 325F.072,

1.26 subdivision 3; 446A.07, subdivision 8; 473.355, subdivision 2; 473.859, subdivision

1.27 2; Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, sections 2, subdivisions 2, 7, 10; 3, subdivision

1.28 6; Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivisions 3, 8; proposing coding for new

1.29 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 84; 86B; 97B; 115; 115A; 325F; repealing

1.30 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 103E.067; 115A.1310, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4,

1.31 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20; 115A.1312;

1.32 115A.1314; 115A.1316; 115A.1318; 115A.1320; 115A.1322; 115A.1323;

1.33 115A.1324; 115A.1326; 115A.1328; 115A.1330; 115A.9155; 115A.9157,

1.34 subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; 115A.961, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 116C.04,

1.35 subdivision 11; 116C.991; 116D.04, subdivision 5b; 325E.125; 325E.1251.

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

2.2 **ARTICLE 1**

2.3 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS**

2.4 Section 1. **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.5 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
2.6 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
2.7 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

2.8 The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
2.9 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.

2.10 "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium"
2.11 is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

2.12 **APPROPRIATIONS**

2.13 **Available for the Year**

2.14 **Ending June 30**

2.15 **2026 2027**

2.16 Sec. 2. **POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY**

2.17 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 157,580,000 \$ 163,566,000**

2.18 **Appropriations by Fund**

2.19		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.20	<u>General</u>	<u>9,122,000</u>	<u>9,072,000</u>
2.21	<u>State Government</u>		
2.22	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
2.23	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>119,906,000</u>	<u>125,675,000</u>
2.24	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>21,962,000</u>	<u>22,229,000</u>
2.25	<u>Closed Landfill</u>		
2.26	<u>Investment</u>	<u>6,500,000</u>	<u>6,500,000</u>

2.27 The amounts that may be spent for each
2.28 purpose are specified in the following
2.29 subdivisions.

2.30 The commissioner must present the agency's
2.31 biennial budget for fiscal years 2028 and 2029
2.32 to the legislature in a transparent way by
2.33 agency division, including the proposed
2.34 budget bill and presentations of the budget to

3.1 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 3.2 over the agency's budget.

3.3 **Subd. 2. Environmental Analysis and Outcomes** 23,077,000 25,027,000

3.4 Appropriations by Fund

3.5		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
3.6	<u>General</u>	<u>283,000</u>	<u>296,000</u>
3.7	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>22,575,000</u>	<u>24,511,000</u>
3.8	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>219,000</u>	<u>220,000</u>

3.9 (a) \$128,000 the first year and \$131,000 the
 3.10 second year are from the environmental fund
 3.11 for a municipal liaison to assist municipalities
 3.12 with water quality standards and NPDES/SDS
 3.13 permitting processes, including enhanced
 3.14 economic analysis in the water quality
 3.15 standards rulemaking processes, identification
 3.16 of cost-effective permitting opportunities,
 3.17 simplifying the variance process, and
 3.18 coordinating with the Public Facilities
 3.19 Authority to identify and advocate for needed
 3.20 resources for municipalities to achieve permit
 3.21 requirements.

3.22 (b) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,191,000
 3.23 the second year are from the environmental
 3.24 fund for an air-monitoring program under
 3.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.454, including
 3.26 ambient air for hazardous pollutants, and for
 3.27 operating a mobile emissions regulatory
 3.28 monitoring trailer.

3.29 (c) \$144,000 the first year and \$148,000 the
 3.30 second year are from the environmental fund
 3.31 for monitoring water quality and operating
 3.32 assistance programs.

3.33 (d) \$109,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
 3.34 second year are from the environmental fund

4.1 for duties related to harmful chemicals in
4.2 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,
4.3 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this
4.4 amount, \$70,000 the first year and \$70,000
4.5 the second year are transferred to the
4.6 commissioner of health.

4.7 (e) \$137,000 the first year and \$139,000 the
4.8 second year are from the environmental fund
4.9 for registering wastewater laboratories.

4.10 (f) \$1,527,000 the first year and \$1,529,000
4.11 the second year are from the environmental
4.12 fund to continue perfluorochemical
4.13 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan
4.14 communities, as recommended by the
4.15 Environmental Health Tracking and
4.16 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address
4.17 other environmental health risks, including air
4.18 quality. The communities must include Hmong
4.19 and other immigrant farming communities.
4.20 Of this amount, up to \$1,248,000 the first year
4.21 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer
4.22 to the commissioner of health.

4.23 (g) \$64,000 the first year and \$65,000 the
4.24 second year are from the environmental fund
4.25 for the listing procedures for impaired waters
4.26 required under this act.

4.27 (h) \$79,000 the first year and \$80,000 the
4.28 second year are from the remediation fund for
4.29 the leaking underground storage tank program
4.30 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
4.31 releases from underground petroleum storage
4.32 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
4.33 program for vapor assessment and
4.34 remediation. These same annual amounts are

5.1 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
5.2 the remediation fund.

5.3 (i) \$283,000 the first year and \$296,000 the
5.4 second year are from the general fund to
5.5 support communities in planning to implement
5.6 projects that will allow for adaptation for a
5.7 changing climate.

5.8 (j) \$2,139,000 the first year and \$2,160,000
5.9 the second year are from the environmental
5.10 fund to develop and implement a program
5.11 related to emerging issues, including
5.12 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint.

5.13 (k) \$1,893,000 the first year and \$1,915,000
5.14 the second year are from the environmental
5.15 fund to support improved management of data
5.16 collected by the agency and its partners and
5.17 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making
5.18 and public access.

5.19 (l) \$1,448,000 the second year is from the
5.20 environmental fund to adopt rules and
5.21 implement air toxics emissions requirements
5.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.

5.23 (m) \$904,000 the first year and \$911,000 the
5.24 second year are from the environmental fund
5.25 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous air
5.26 pollutants in Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington,
5.27 and Olmsted Counties.

5.28 (n) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
5.29 second year are from the environmental fund
5.30 to address wastewater effluent limits and
5.31 variances for backlogged permits.

5.32 Subd. 3. **Industrial** 24,144,000 27,443,000

5.33 Appropriations by Fund

5.34 2026 2027

6.1	<u>General</u>	<u>782,000</u>	<u>789,000</u>
6.2	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>21,376,000</u>	<u>24,641,000</u>
6.3	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>1,986,000</u>	<u>2,013,000</u>

6.4 (a) \$1,876,000 the first year and \$1,902,000
 6.5 the second year are from the remediation fund
 6.6 for the leaking underground storage tank
 6.7 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
 6.8 future releases from underground petroleum
 6.9 storage tanks and for the petroleum
 6.10 remediation program for vapor assessment
 6.11 and remediation. These same annual amounts
 6.12 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
 6.13 to the remediation fund.

6.14 (b) \$457,000 the first year and \$457,000 the
 6.15 second year are from the environmental fund
 6.16 to further evaluate the use and reduction of
 6.17 trichloroethylene around Minnesota and
 6.18 identify its potential health effects on
 6.19 communities. Of this amount, \$149,000 the
 6.20 first year and \$149,000 the second year are
 6.21 for transfer to the commissioner of health.

6.22 (c) \$257,000 the first year and \$264,000 the
 6.23 second year are from the general fund for
 6.24 implementation of the odor management
 6.25 requirements under Minnesota Statutes,
 6.26 section 116.064.

6.27 (d) \$148,000 the second year is from the
 6.28 environmental fund for the purposes of the
 6.29 public informational meeting requirements
 6.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.07,
 6.31 subdivision 4m.

6.32 (e) \$2,698,000 the first year and \$2,718,000
 6.33 the second year are from the environmental
 6.34 fund for prioritizing air regulatory program
 6.35 work in environmental justice areas.

7.1 (f) \$2,539,000 the second year is from the
 7.2 environmental fund for implementing the
 7.3 environmental justice cumulative impact
 7.4 analysis and other requirements under
 7.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.065.

7.6 (g) \$730,000 the first year and \$740,000 the
 7.7 second year are from the environmental fund
 7.8 to improve the coordination, effectiveness,
 7.9 transparency, and accountability of the
 7.10 environmental review and permitting process.

7.11 (h) \$700,00 the first year and \$700,000 the
 7.12 second year are to address backlogged permits.
 7.13 Of this amount, \$525,000 the first year and
 7.14 \$525,000 the second year are from the general
 7.15 fund and \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000
 7.16 the second year are from the environmental
 7.17 fund.

7.18 Subd. 4. **Municipal** 11,271,000 11,410,000

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>State Government</u>		
<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>11,181,000</u>	<u>11,320,000</u>

7.24 (a) \$228,000 the first year and \$233,000 the
 7.25 second year are from the environmental fund
 7.26 for a municipal liaison to assist municipalities
 7.27 with water quality standards and NPDES/SDS
 7.28 permitting processes, including enhanced
 7.29 economic analysis in the water quality
 7.30 standards rulemaking processes, identification
 7.31 of cost-effective permitting opportunities,
 7.32 simplifying the variance process, and
 7.33 coordinating with the Public Facilities
 7.34 Authority to identify and advocate for needed

8.1 resources for municipalities to achieve permit
8.2 requirements.

8.3 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
8.4 second year are from the environmental fund
8.5 for transfer to the Office of Administrative
8.6 Hearings to establish sanitary districts.

8.7 (c) \$2,511,000 the first year and \$2,535,000
8.8 the second year are from the environmental
8.9 fund for subsurface sewage treatment system
8.10 (SSTS) program administration; for
8.11 community technical assistance and education,
8.12 including grants and technical assistance to
8.13 communities for water-quality protection, new
8.14 technology review, and enforcement under
8.15 Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 to 115.58;
8.16 and to complete the requirements of Laws
8.17 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 165. Of
8.18 this amount, \$350,000 each year is for
8.19 assistance to counties through grants for SSTS
8.20 program administration. A county receiving
8.21 a grant from this appropriation must submit
8.22 the results achieved with the grant to the
8.23 commissioner as part of its annual SSTS
8.24 report. Any unexpended balance in the first
8.25 year does not cancel but is available in the
8.26 second year.

8.27 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
8.28 section 16A.28, the appropriations
8.29 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as
8.30 grants or contracts for subsurface sewage
8.31 treatment systems, surface water and
8.32 groundwater assessments, storm water, and
8.33 water-quality protection in this subdivision
8.34 are available until June 30, 2030.

8.35 Subd. 5. Operations 15,584,000 15,650,000

9.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
9.2	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
9.3 <u>General</u>	<u>4,219,000</u>	<u>4,115,000</u>
9.4 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,733,000</u>	<u>8,870,000</u>
9.5 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>2,632,000</u>	<u>2,665,000</u>

9.6 (a) \$1,187,000 the first year and \$1,201,000
 9.7 the second year are from the remediation fund
 9.8 for the leaking underground storage tank
 9.9 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
 9.10 future releases from underground petroleum
 9.11 storage tanks and for the petroleum
 9.12 remediation program for vapor assessment
 9.13 and remediation. These same annual amounts
 9.14 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
 9.15 to the remediation fund.

9.16 (b) \$3,204,000 the first year and \$3,300,000
 9.17 the second year are from the general fund to
 9.18 support agency information technology
 9.19 services provided at the enterprise and agency
 9.20 level.

9.21 (c) \$955,000 the first year and \$965,000 the
 9.22 second year are from the environmental fund
 9.23 to develop and maintain systems to support
 9.24 permitting and regulatory business processes
 9.25 and agency data.

9.26 (d) \$278,000 the first year and \$280,000 the
 9.27 second year are from the environmental fund
 9.28 to support current and future career pathways
 9.29 for underrepresented students.

9.30 (e) \$375,000 the first year and \$380,000 the
 9.31 second year are from the environmental fund
 9.32 to support financial planning and analysis to
 9.33 assist with risk and compliance management
 9.34 across agency programs and financial systems.

10.1 (f) \$538,000 the first year and \$542,000 the
 10.2 second year are from the environmental fund
 10.3 for Operations Division legal services that
 10.4 support compliance programs.

10.5 (g) \$815,000 the first year and \$815,000 the
 10.6 second year are from the general fund for
 10.7 developing tools to improve permitting
 10.8 issuance processes. This appropriation is
 10.9 available until June 30, 2029. This is a onetime
 10.10 appropriation.

10.11 (h) \$200,000 the first year is from the general
 10.12 fund to expand outreach under Minnesota
 10.13 Statutes, section 116.07, subdivision 13. This
 10.14 is a onetime appropriation.

10.15 (i) The total general fund base for the
 10.16 Operations Division for fiscal year 2028 and
 10.17 later is \$3,300,000.

10.18 **Subd. 6. Remediation** 23,861,000 24,068,000

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
10.20		
10.21 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>642,000</u>	<u>646,000</u>
10.22 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>16,719,000</u>	<u>16,922,000</u>
10.23 <u>Closed Landfill</u>		
10.24 <u>Investment</u>	<u>6,500,000</u>	<u>6,500,000</u>

10.25 (a) All money for environmental response,
 10.26 compensation, and compliance in the
 10.27 remediation fund not otherwise appropriated
 10.28 is appropriated to the commissioners of the
 10.29 Pollution Control Agency and agriculture for
 10.30 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.31 115B.20, subdivision 2, clauses (1), (2), (3),
 10.32 (6), and (7). At the beginning of each fiscal
 10.33 year, the two commissioners must jointly
 10.34 submit to the commissioner of management
 10.35 and budget an annual spending plan that

- 11.1 maximizes resource use and appropriately
11.2 allocates the money between the two
11.3 departments.
- 11.4 (b) \$4,965,000 the first year and \$5,036,000
11.5 the second year are from the remediation fund
11.6 for the leaking underground storage tank
11.7 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent
11.8 future releases from underground petroleum
11.9 storage tanks and for the petroleum
11.10 remediation program for vapor assessment
11.11 and remediation. These same annual amounts
11.12 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
11.13 to the remediation fund.
- 11.14 (c) \$316,000 the first year and \$316,000 the
11.15 second year are from the remediation fund for
11.16 transfer to the commissioner of health for
11.17 private water-supply monitoring and health
11.18 assessment costs in areas contaminated by
11.19 unpermitted mixed municipal solid waste
11.20 disposal facilities and drinking water
11.21 advisories and public information activities
11.22 for areas contaminated by hazardous releases.
- 11.23 (d) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
11.24 second year are from the remediation fund to
11.25 review and mitigate the impacts from the
11.26 backlog of high-priority sites in the Superfund
11.27 site assessment program.
- 11.28 (e) \$6,500,000 the first year and \$6,500,000
11.29 the second year are from the closed landfill
11.30 investment fund for costs not otherwise
11.31 covered with other resources under the landfill
11.32 cleanup program in Minnesota Statutes,
11.33 sections 115B.39 to 115B.444. This is a
11.34 onetime appropriation and is available until
11.35 June 30, 2029. The commissioner must report

12.1 on all work plans and expenditures from this
 12.2 appropriation to the chairs and ranking
 12.3 minority members of the legislative
 12.4 committees having jurisdiction over
 12.5 environment policy and finance by February
 12.6 15, 2027.

12.7 **Subd. 7. Resource Management and Assistance** 46,830,000 46,985,000

12.8	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
12.9	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
12.10	<u>General</u>	<u>70,000</u> <u>70,000</u>
12.11	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>46,760,000</u> <u>46,915,000</u>

12.12 (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000
 12.13 the second year may be transferred from the
 12.14 environmental fund to the small business
 12.15 environmental improvement loan account
 12.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

12.17 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 12.18 the second year are from the environmental
 12.19 fund for competitive recycling grants under
 12.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.565. This
 12.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.

12.22 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the
 12.23 second year are from the environmental fund
 12.24 for emission-reduction activities and grants to
 12.25 small businesses and other
 12.26 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this
 12.27 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
 12.28 the second year are to continue work with
 12.29 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner
 12.30 may enter into an agreement with
 12.31 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.

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

- 13.1 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the
13.2 second year are from the environmental fund
13.3 for environmental assistance grants or loans
13.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.
- 13.5 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
13.6 second year are from the environmental fund
13.7 for grants to develop and expand recycling
13.8 markets for Minnesota businesses. This
13.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.
- 13.10 (g) \$770,000 the first year and \$770,000 the
13.11 second year are from the environmental fund
13.12 for reducing and diverting food waste,
13.13 redirecting edible food for consumption, and
13.14 removing barriers to collecting and recovering
13.15 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each
13.16 year is for grants to increase food rescue and
13.17 waste prevention. This appropriation is
13.18 available until June 30, 2029.
- 13.19 (h) \$2,829,000 the first year and \$2,835,000
13.20 the second year are from the environmental
13.21 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
13.22 section 473.844.
- 13.23 (i) \$479,000 the first year and \$481,000 the
13.24 second year are from the environmental fund
13.25 to address chemicals in products, including to
13.26 implement and enforce flame retardant
13.27 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
13.28 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and
13.29 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging
13.30 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
13.31 325F.075. Of this amount, \$80,000 the first
13.32 year and \$80,000 the second year are
13.33 transferred to the commissioner of health.

- 14.1 (j) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
14.2 second year are from the environmental fund
14.3 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.
- 14.4 (k) \$1,143,000 the first year and \$1,152,000
14.5 the second year are from the environmental
14.6 fund for implementation of the PFAS
14.7 requirements under Minnesota Statutes,
14.8 section 116.943. Of this amount, \$468,000 the
14.9 first year and \$468,000 the second year are
14.10 for transfer to the commissioner of health.
- 14.11 (l) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
14.12 second year are from the environmental fund
14.13 to address land permitting activities.
- 14.14 (m) \$215,000 the first year and \$215,000 the
14.15 second year are from the environmental fund
14.16 to enhance existing work to reduce or
14.17 eliminate mercury-containing skin-lightening
14.18 products. The base is \$195,000 in fiscal year
14.19 2028 and thereafter.
- 14.20 (n) Any unencumbered grant and loan
14.21 balances in the first year do not cancel but are
14.22 available for grants and loans in the second
14.23 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
14.24 section 16A.28, the appropriations
14.25 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as
14.26 contracts or grants for environmental
14.27 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,
14.28 section 115A.0716; technical and research
14.29 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section
14.30 115A.152; technical assistance under
14.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and
14.32 pollution prevention assistance under
14.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are
14.34 available until June 30, 2029.

15.1	<u>Subd. 8. Watershed</u>		<u>11,268,000</u>	<u>11,401,000</u>
15.2		<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
15.3		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
15.4	<u>General</u>	<u>2,459,000</u>	<u>2,459,000</u>	
15.5	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,403,000</u>	<u>8,533,000</u>	
15.6	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>406,000</u>	<u>409,000</u>	
15.7	<u>(a) \$2,459,000 the first year and \$2,459,000</u>			
15.8	<u>the second year are from the general fund for</u>			
15.9	<u>grants to delegated counties to administer the</u>			
15.10	<u>county feedlot program under Minnesota</u>			
15.11	<u>Statutes, section 116.0711, subdivisions 2 and</u>			
15.12	<u>3. Money remaining after the first year is</u>			
15.13	<u>available for the second year.</u>			
15.14	<u>(b) \$137,000 the first year and \$138,000 the</u>			
15.15	<u>second year are from the remediation fund for</u>			
15.16	<u>the leaking underground storage tank program</u>			
15.17	<u>to investigate, clean up, and prevent future</u>			
15.18	<u>releases from underground petroleum storage</u>			
15.19	<u>tanks and for the petroleum remediation</u>			
15.20	<u>program for vapor assessment and</u>			
15.21	<u>remediation. These same annual amounts are</u>			
15.22	<u>transferred from the petroleum tank fund to</u>			
15.23	<u>the remediation fund.</u>			
15.24	<u>(c) Any unencumbered grant and loan balances</u>			
15.25	<u>in the first year do not cancel but are available</u>			
15.26	<u>for grants and loans in the second year.</u>			
15.27	<u>Subd. 9. Environmental Quality Board</u>		<u>1,545,000</u>	<u>1,582,000</u>
15.28		<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
15.29		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
15.30	<u>General</u>	<u>1,309,000</u>	<u>1,343,000</u>	
15.31	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>236,000</u>	<u>239,000</u>	
15.32	<u>Subd. 10. Transfers</u>			
15.33	<u>The commissioner must transfer up to</u>			
15.34	<u>\$24,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000</u>			

17.1 each year is from the minerals management
 17.2 account in the natural resources fund and
 17.3 \$119,000 each year is from the general fund.

17.4 (b) \$3,639,000 the first year and \$3,650,000
 17.5 the second year are from the minerals
 17.6 management account in the natural resources
 17.7 fund for use as provided under Minnesota
 17.8 Statutes, section 93.2236, paragraph (c), for
 17.9 mineral resource management, projects to
 17.10 enhance future mineral income, and projects
 17.11 to promote new mineral-resource
 17.12 opportunities.

17.13 (c) \$227,000 the first year and \$232,000 the
 17.14 second year are from the permanent school
 17.15 fund to secure maximum long-term economic
 17.16 return from the school trust lands consistent
 17.17 with fiduciary responsibilities and sound
 17.18 natural resources conservation and
 17.19 management principles.

17.20 (d) \$573,000 the first year and \$573,000 the
 17.21 second year are from the water management
 17.22 account in the natural resources fund for only
 17.23 the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes,
 17.24 section 103G.27, subdivision 2.

17.25 (e) \$160,000 the first year is from the general
 17.26 fund for completing the condemnation of
 17.27 certain land in Mille Lacs County authorized
 17.28 under Laws 2024, chapter 116, article 8,
 17.29 section 13. This is a onetime appropriation
 17.30 and is available until June 30, 2027.

17.31 **Subd. 3. Ecological and Water Resources** 46,772,000 48,202,000

17.32	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
17.33		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
17.34	<u>General</u>	<u>22,470,000</u>	<u>22,732,000</u>

18.1	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>18,478,000</u>	<u>19,646,000</u>
18.2	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>
18.3	<u>(a) \$6,947,000 the first year and \$6,952,000</u>		
18.4	<u>the second year are from the invasive species</u>		
18.5	<u>account in the natural resources fund and</u>		
18.6	<u>\$1,631,000 the first year and \$1,631,000 the</u>		
18.7	<u>second year are from the general fund for</u>		
18.8	<u>management, public awareness, assessment</u>		
18.9	<u>and monitoring research, and water access</u>		
18.10	<u>inspection to prevent the spread of invasive</u>		
18.11	<u>species; management of invasive plants in</u>		
18.12	<u>public waters; and management of terrestrial</u>		
18.13	<u>invasive species on state-administered lands.</u>		
18.14	<u>(b) \$7,801,000 the first year and \$8,791,000</u>		
18.15	<u>the second year are from the water</u>		
18.16	<u>management account in the natural resources</u>		
18.17	<u>fund for only the purposes specified in</u>		
18.18	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.27,</u>		
18.19	<u>subdivision 2.</u>		
18.20	<u>(c) \$124,000 the first year and \$124,000 the</u>		
18.21	<u>second year are for a grant to the Mississippi</u>		
18.22	<u>Headwaters Board for up to 50 percent of the</u>		
18.23	<u>cost of implementing the comprehensive plan</u>		
18.24	<u>for the upper Mississippi within areas under</u>		
18.25	<u>the board's jurisdiction.</u>		
18.26	<u>(d) \$264,000 the first year and \$264,000 the</u>		
18.27	<u>second year are for grants for up to 50 percent</u>		
18.28	<u>of the cost of implementing the Red River</u>		
18.29	<u>mediation agreement.</u>		
18.30	<u>(e) \$2,598,000 the first year and \$2,598,000</u>		
18.31	<u>the second year are from the heritage</u>		
18.32	<u>enhancement account in the game and fish</u>		
18.33	<u>fund for only the purposes specified in</u>		

- 19.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
19.2 paragraph (h), clause (1).
- 19.3 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000
19.4 the second year are from the nongame wildlife
19.5 management account in the natural resources
19.6 fund for nongame wildlife management.
- 19.7 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
19.8 290.431, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
19.9 the second year may be used for nongame
19.10 wildlife information, education, and
19.11 promotion.
- 19.12 (g) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
19.13 section 84.943, \$48,000 the first year and
19.14 \$48,000 the second year from the critical
19.15 habitat private sector matching account may
19.16 be used to publicize the critical habitat license
19.17 plate match program.
- 19.18 (h) \$4,555,000 the first year and \$4,555,000
19.19 the second year are for the following activities:
- 19.20 (1) financial reimbursement and technical
19.21 support to soil and water conservation districts
19.22 or other local units of government for
19.23 groundwater-level monitoring;
- 19.24 (2) surface water monitoring and analysis,
19.25 including installing monitoring gauges;
- 19.26 (3) groundwater analysis to assist with
19.27 water-appropriation permitting decisions;
- 19.28 (4) permit application review incorporating
19.29 surface water and groundwater technical
19.30 analysis;
- 19.31 (5) precipitation data and analysis to improve
19.32 irrigation use;

20.1 (6) information technology, including
 20.2 electronic permitting and integrated data
 20.3 systems; and
 20.4 (7) compliance and monitoring.
 20.5 (i) \$410,000 the first year and \$410,000 the
 20.6 second year are from the heritage enhancement
 20.7 account in the game and fish fund, and
 20.8 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 20.9 second year are from the general fund are for
 20.10 the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species
 20.11 Research Center at the University of
 20.12 Minnesota to prioritize, support, and develop
 20.13 research-based solutions that can reduce the
 20.14 effects of aquatic invasive species in
 20.15 Minnesota by preventing spread, controlling
 20.16 populations, and managing ecosystems and to
 20.17 advance knowledge to inspire action by others.
 20.18 (j) \$129,000 the first year is from the general
 20.19 fund for providing research, policy review,
 20.20 and assisting the Sustainable Foraging Task
 20.21 Force. This is a onetime appropriation.

20.22 **Subd. 4. Forest Management** 60,623,000 61,293,000

<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
20.24 <u>General</u>	<u>42,800,000</u>	<u>43,383,000</u>
20.26 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>16,206,000</u>	<u>16,293,000</u>
20.27 <u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>

20.28 (a) \$7,521,000 the first year and \$7,521,000
 20.29 the second year are for prevention,
 20.30 presuppression, and suppression costs of
 20.31 emergency firefighting and other costs
 20.32 incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section
 20.33 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for
 20.34 presuppression and suppression costs during

21.1 the biennium is appropriated from the general
21.2 fund. By January 15 each year, the
21.3 commissioner of natural resources must submit
21.4 a report to the chairs and ranking minority
21.5 members of the house and senate committees
21.6 and divisions having jurisdiction over
21.7 environment and natural resources finance that
21.8 identifies all firefighting costs incurred and
21.9 reimbursements received in the prior fiscal
21.10 year. These appropriations may not be
21.11 transferred. Any reimbursement of firefighting
21.12 expenditures made to the commissioner from
21.13 any source other than federal mobilizations
21.14 must be deposited into the general fund.

21.15 (b) \$15,706,000 the first year and \$15,793,000
21.16 the second year are from the forest
21.17 management investment account in the natural
21.18 resources fund for only the purposes specified
21.19 in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.039,
21.20 subdivision 2.

21.21 (c) \$1,617,000 the first year and \$1,617,000
21.22 the second year are from the heritage
21.23 enhancement account in the game and fish
21.24 fund to advance ecological classification
21.25 systems (ECS), forest habitat, and invasive
21.26 species management.

21.27 (d) \$940,000 the first year and \$947,000 the
21.28 second year are for the Forest Resources
21.29 Council to implement the Sustainable Forest
21.30 Resources Act.

21.31 (e) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
21.32 second year are from the forest management
21.33 investment account in the natural resources
21.34 fund for forest road maintenance on state
21.35 forest roads.

22.1 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 22.2 second year are for forest road maintenance
 22.3 on county forest roads.

22.4 (g) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
 22.5 second year are for grants to local and Tribal
 22.6 governments and nonprofit organizations to
 22.7 enhance community forest ecosystem health
 22.8 and sustainability under Minnesota Statutes,
 22.9 section 88.82. The commissioner may use a
 22.10 reasonable amount of this appropriation for
 22.11 administering ReLeaf grants.

22.12 **Subd. 5. Parks and Trails Management** 115,352,000 113,212,000

22.13 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
22.14		
22.15	<u>37,076,000</u>	<u>36,474,000</u>
22.16	<u>75,976,000</u>	<u>74,438,000</u>
22.17	<u>2,300,000</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>

22.18 (a) \$8,925,000 the first year and \$9,238,000
 22.19 the second year are from the natural resources
 22.20 fund for state trail, park, and recreation area
 22.21 operations. This appropriation is from revenue
 22.22 deposited in the natural resources fund under
 22.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 22.24 paragraph (h), clause (2).

22.25 (b) \$23,859,000 the first year and \$23,615,000
 22.26 the second year are from the state parks
 22.27 account in the natural resources fund to
 22.28 operate and maintain state parks and state
 22.29 recreation areas.

22.30 (c) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
 22.31 the second year are from the natural resources
 22.32 fund for park and trail grants to local units of
 22.33 government on land to be maintained for at
 22.34 least 20 years for parks or trails. Priority must

23.1 be given for projects that are in underserved
23.2 communities or that increase access to persons
23.3 with disabilities. This appropriation is from
23.4 revenue deposited in the natural resources fund
23.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
23.6 paragraph (h), clause (4). Any unencumbered
23.7 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
23.8 year and is available for the second year.

23.9 (d) \$9,624,000 the first year and \$9,624,000
23.10 the second year are from the snowmobile trails
23.11 and enforcement account in the natural
23.12 resources fund for the snowmobile
23.13 grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered
23.14 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
23.15 year and is available for the second year.

23.16 (e) \$2,610,000 the first year and \$2,510,000
23.17 the second year are from the natural resources
23.18 fund for the off-highway vehicle grants-in-aid
23.19 program. Of this amount, \$2,060,000 the first
23.20 year and \$1,960,000 the second year are from
23.21 the all-terrain vehicle account, \$225,000 each
23.22 year is from the off-highway motorcycle
23.23 account, and \$325,000 each year is from the
23.24 off-road vehicle account. Any unencumbered
23.25 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
23.26 year and is available for the second year.

23.27 (f) \$2,750,000 the first year and \$2,750,000
23.28 the second year are from the state land and
23.29 water conservation account in the natural
23.30 resources fund for priorities established by the
23.31 commissioner for eligible state projects and
23.32 administrative and planning activities
23.33 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
23.34 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water
23.35 Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered

- 24.1 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
24.2 year and is available for the second year.
- 24.3 (g) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
24.4 second year are from the general fund for
24.5 matching grants for local parks and outdoor
24.6 recreation areas under Minnesota Statutes,
24.7 section 85.019, subdivision 2.
- 24.8 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
24.9 second year are from the general fund for
24.10 matching grants for local trail connections
24.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019,
24.12 subdivision 4c.
- 24.13 (i) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
24.14 second year are from the natural resources
24.15 fund for projects and activities that connect
24.16 diverse and underserved Minnesotans through
24.17 expanding cultural environmental experiences,
24.18 exploration of their environment, and outdoor
24.19 recreational activities. This appropriation is
24.20 from revenue deposited in the natural
24.21 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,
24.22 section 297A.94, paragraph (j).
- 24.23 (j) \$400,000 the first year is from the general
24.24 fund for a grant to the city of Silver Bay for
24.25 construction of the Silver Bay Trailhead. This
24.26 is a onetime appropriation and is available
24.27 until June 30, 2028.
- 24.28 (k) \$500,000 the first year is from the general
24.29 fund for a grant to the city of Chisholm for
24.30 trail development, maintenance, and related
24.31 amenities at Redhead Mountain Bike Park.
24.32 This is a onetime appropriation and is
24.33 available until June 30, 2028.

- 25.1 (l) \$752,000 the first year is from the
25.2 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural
25.3 resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County
25.4 for all-terrain vehicle trail projects. This is a
25.5 onetime appropriation and is available until
25.6 June 30, 2028. The grant is for the following
25.7 projects:
- 25.8 (1) \$75,000 for the Alborn Dirt Devils Club
25.9 to engineer, permit, and acquire right-of-way
25.10 for the County Road 166 to Ostman Road
25.11 ATV trail project;
- 25.12 (2) \$480,000 for the Ranger Snowmobile/ATV
25.13 Club to engineer and construct the Seven
25.14 Beavers ATV trail project;
- 25.15 (3) \$100,000 for the Twig Area Trail Riders
25.16 ATV Club to permit, design, engineer, and
25.17 acquire right-of-way for the Lumberjack to
25.18 Brookston ATV trail; and
- 25.19 (4) \$97,000 for the Quad Cities ATV Club to
25.20 engineer, survey, test, design, and construct
25.21 the club trailhead project.
- 25.22 (m) \$200,000 the first year is from the
25.23 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural
25.24 resources fund for a grant to the city of Duluth
25.25 and Head of the Lakes ATV Riders for a
25.26 Duluth area all-terrain vehicle route study to
25.27 establish connectivity to and through the
25.28 western part of the city of Duluth. This is a
25.29 onetime appropriation and is available until
25.30 June 30, 2028.
- 25.31 (n) \$380,000 the first year is from the
25.32 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural
25.33 resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County
25.34 for design, right-of-way acquisition,

26.1 permitting, and construction of trails within
 26.2 the Voyageur Country ATV trail system. This
 26.3 is a onetime appropriation and is available
 26.4 until June 30, 2028.

26.5 (o) \$175,000 the first year is from the
 26.6 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural
 26.7 resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County
 26.8 for design, right-of-way acquisition,
 26.9 permitting, and construction of trails and a
 26.10 new trail bridge within the Prospectors Loop
 26.11 trail system. This is a onetime appropriation
 26.12 and is available until June 30, 2028.

26.13 **Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management** 97,566,000 98,019,000

26.14 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
26.15		
26.16 <u>General</u>	<u>9,120,000</u>	<u>9,185,000</u>
26.17 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>2,182,000</u>	<u>2,424,000</u>
26.18 <u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>86,264,000</u>	<u>86,410,000</u>

26.19 (a) \$12,125,000 the first year and \$12,097,000
 26.20 the second year are from the heritage
 26.21 enhancement account in the game and fish
 26.22 fund only for activities specified under
 26.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 26.24 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding
 26.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five
 26.26 percent of this appropriation may be used for
 26.27 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and
 26.28 retention.

26.29 (b) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000
 26.30 the second year are from the deer management
 26.31 account in the game and fish fund for the
 26.32 purposes identified in Minnesota Statutes,
 26.33 section 97A.075, subdivision 1.

- 27.1 (c) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
27.2 second year are from the heritage enhancement
27.3 account in the game and fish fund for grants
27.4 for natural-resource-based education and
27.5 recreation programs serving youth under
27.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976. The
27.7 commissioner may use a reasonable amount
27.8 of this appropriation for administering grants
27.9 authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section
27.10 84.976. Priority must be given to projects
27.11 benefiting underserved communities.
- 27.12 (d) Up to \$2,225,000 the first year and up to
27.13 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for
27.14 transfer from the critical habitat private sector
27.15 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota
27.16 fund for wildlife management areas
27.17 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement
27.18 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
27.19 84.943, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).
- 27.20 (e) \$3,032,000 the first year and \$3,032,000
27.21 the second year are from the general fund and
27.22 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the
27.23 second year are from the game and fish fund
27.24 for statewide response and management of
27.25 chronic wasting disease. Of this amount, up
27.26 to \$2,750,000 each year from the general fund
27.27 is for inspections, investigations, and
27.28 enforcement activities taken for the
27.29 white-tailed deer farm program.
- 27.30 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$348,000 the
27.31 second year are from the general fund for the
27.32 Outdoor School for All program under
27.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9766.
- 27.34 (g) \$225,000 the first year is from the general
27.35 fund to expand outreach under Minnesota

28.1 Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 21. This
 28.2 is a onetime appropriation.

28.3 (h) \$177,000 the first year is from the game
 28.4 and fish fund for a study of muskellunge
 28.5 movement and survival in Leech Lake. The
 28.6 study must be conducted in collaboration with
 28.7 Bemidji State University. By October 1, 2028,
 28.8 the commissioner of natural resources must
 28.9 submit a report on the results of the study to
 28.10 the chairs and ranking minority members of
 28.11 the house and senate committees and divisions
 28.12 having jurisdiction over environment and
 28.13 natural resources. This appropriation is
 28.14 available until June 30, 2028.

28.15 **Subd. 7. Enforcement** 63,890,000 64,534,000

28.16	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
28.17	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
28.18 <u>General</u>	<u>14,225,000</u>	<u>14,341,000</u>
28.19 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>15,045,000</u>	<u>15,473,000</u>
28.20 <u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>34,503,000</u>	<u>34,603,000</u>
28.21 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>

28.22 (a) \$1,718,000 the first year and \$1,718,000
 28.23 the second year are from the general fund for
 28.24 enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of
 28.25 aquatic invasive species.

28.26 (b) \$2,980,000 the first year and \$2,980,000
 28.27 the second year are from the heritage
 28.28 enhancement account in the game and fish
 28.29 fund for only the purposes specified under
 28.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 28.31 paragraph (h), clause (1).

28.32 (c) \$1,442,000 the first year and \$1,442,000
 28.33 the second year are from the water recreation
 28.34 account in the natural resources fund for grants

29.1 to counties for boat and water safety. Any
29.2 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
29.3 end of the first year and is available for the
29.4 second year.

29.5 (d) \$315,000 the first year and \$315,000 the
29.6 second year are from the snowmobile trails
29.7 and enforcement account in the natural
29.8 resources fund for grants to local law
29.9 enforcement agencies for snowmobile
29.10 enforcement activities. Any unencumbered
29.11 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
29.12 year and is available for the second year.

29.13 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
29.14 second year are from the all-terrain vehicle
29.15 account in the natural resources fund for grants
29.16 to qualifying organizations to assist in safety
29.17 and environmental education and monitoring
29.18 trails on public lands under Minnesota
29.19 Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants issued under
29.20 this paragraph must be issued through a formal
29.21 agreement with the organization. By
29.22 December 15 each year, an organization
29.23 receiving a grant under this paragraph must
29.24 report to the commissioner with details on
29.25 expenditures and outcomes from the grant. Of
29.26 this appropriation, \$25,000 each year is for
29.27 administering these grants. Any unencumbered
29.28 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
29.29 year and is available for the second year.

29.30 (f) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the
29.31 second year are from the natural resources
29.32 fund for grants to county law enforcement
29.33 agencies for off-highway vehicle enforcement
29.34 and public education activities based on
29.35 off-highway vehicle use in the county. Of this

30.1 amount, \$498,000 each year is from the
30.2 all-terrain vehicle account, \$11,000 each year
30.3 is from the off-highway motorcycle account,
30.4 and \$1,000 each year is from the off-road
30.5 vehicle account. The county enforcement
30.6 agencies may use money received under this
30.7 appropriation to make grants to other local
30.8 enforcement agencies within the county that
30.9 have a high concentration of off-highway
30.10 vehicle use. Of this appropriation, \$25,000
30.11 each year is for administering the grants. Any
30.12 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
30.13 end of the first year and is available for the
30.14 second year.

30.15 (g) \$262,000 the first year and \$262,000 the
30.16 second year are from the water recreation
30.17 account in the natural resources fund for
30.18 investigating, notification, and removal of
30.19 abandoned watercraft on or adjacent to public
30.20 waters and public land.

30.21 (h) \$20,000 the first year and the second
30.22 year are from the off-highway motorcycle
30.23 account in the natural resources fund for grants
30.24 to qualifying off-highway motorcycle
30.25 organizations to assist in providing safety and
30.26 environmental education and monitoring trails
30.27 on public lands according to Minnesota
30.28 Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants awarded
30.29 under this paragraph must be issued through
30.30 a formal agreement with the organization. By
30.31 December 15 each year, an organization
30.32 receiving a grant under this paragraph must
30.33 report to the commissioner with details on how
30.34 the money was expended and what outcomes
30.35 were achieved.

31.1	<u>Subd. 8. Pass Through Funds</u>		<u>1,824,000</u>	<u>1,831,000</u>
31.2		<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
31.3		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
31.4	<u>General</u>	<u>221,000</u>	<u>221,000</u>	
31.5	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>	
31.6	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>493,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	
31.7	<u>(a) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the</u>			
31.8	<u>second year are from the natural resources</u>			
31.9	<u>fund for grants to be divided equally between</u>			
31.10	<u>the city of St. Paul for the Como Park Zoo and</u>			
31.11	<u>Conservatory and the city of Duluth for the</u>			
31.12	<u>Lake Superior Zoo. This appropriation is from</u>			
31.13	<u>revenue deposited to the natural resources fund</u>			
31.14	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,</u>			
31.15	<u>paragraph (h), clause (5).</u>			
31.16	<u>(b) \$221,000 the first year and \$221,000 the</u>			
31.17	<u>second year are from the general fund for the</u>			
31.18	<u>Office of School Trust Lands.</u>			
31.19	<u>(c) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the</u>			
31.20	<u>second year are from the permanent school</u>			
31.21	<u>fund for transaction and project management</u>			
31.22	<u>costs for divesting of school trust lands within</u>			
31.23	<u>Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.</u>			
31.24	<u>(d) \$343,000 the first year and \$350,000 the</u>			
31.25	<u>second year are from the permanent school</u>			
31.26	<u>fund for the Office of School Trust Lands.</u>			
31.27	<u>(e) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the</u>			
31.28	<u>second year are from the natural resources</u>			
31.29	<u>fund for parks and trails of regional</u>			
31.30	<u>significance outside the seven-county</u>			
31.31	<u>metropolitan area under Minnesota Statutes,</u>			
31.32	<u>section 85.535, based on the recommendations</u>			
31.33	<u>from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks</u>			
31.34	<u>and Trails Commission. This appropriation is</u>			

32.1 from revenue deposited in the natural
 32.2 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 32.3 section 297A.94, paragraph (i).

32.4 **Subd. 9. Transfers**

32.5 \$720,000 the first year and \$732,000 the
 32.6 second year are transferred from the forest
 32.7 suspense account to the permanent school
 32.8 fund. For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the
 32.9 commissioner of management and budget must
 32.10 include a transfer of \$732,000 each year from
 32.11 the forest suspense account to the permanent
 32.12 school fund when preparing each forecast from
 32.13 the effective date of this section through the
 32.14 February 2027 forecast under Minnesota
 32.15 Statutes, section 16A.103.

32.16 **Subd. 10. Extensions**

32.17 The appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 60,
 32.18 article 1, section 3, subdivision 5, paragraph
 32.19 (p), for a boat launch on the Mississippi River
 32.20 is extended to June 30, 2026.

32.21 **Sec. 4. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 32.22 **RESOURCES**

\$ 15,945,000 \$ 16,102,000

32.23 (a) \$3,116,000 the first year and \$3,116,000
 32.24 the second year are for grants and payments
 32.25 to soil and water conservation districts for
 32.26 accomplishing the purposes of Minnesota
 32.27 Statutes, chapter 103C, and for other general
 32.28 purposes, nonpoint engineering, and
 32.29 implementation and stewardship of the
 32.30 reinvest in Minnesota reserve program.
 32.31 Expenditures may be made from this
 32.32 appropriation for supplies and services
 32.33 benefiting soil and water conservation
 32.34 districts. Any district receiving a payment
 32.35 under this paragraph must maintain a website

- 33.1 that publishes, at a minimum, the district's
33.2 annual report, annual audit, annual budget,
33.3 and meeting notices.
- 33.4 (b) \$1,560,000 the first year and \$1,560,000
33.5 the second year are for the following:
- 33.6 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000
33.7 the second year are for cost-sharing programs
33.8 of soil and water conservation districts for
33.9 accomplishing projects and practices
33.10 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
33.11 103C.501, including perennially vegetated
33.12 riparian buffers, erosion control, water
33.13 retention and treatment, water quality
33.14 cost-sharing for feedlots and nutrient and
33.15 manure management projects in watersheds
33.16 where there are impaired waters, and other
33.17 high-priority conservation practices; and
- 33.18 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
33.19 second year are for invasive species and weed
33.20 management programs and to restore native
33.21 plants at selected invasive species management
33.22 sites.
- 33.23 (c) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the
33.24 second year are to provide technical assistance
33.25 to local drainage management officials and
33.26 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The
33.27 board must coordinate the activities of the
33.28 Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota
33.29 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.
- 33.30 (d) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
33.31 second year are for a grant to the Red River
33.32 Basin Commission for water quality and
33.33 floodplain management, including program

34.1 administration. This appropriation must be
34.2 matched by nonstate funds.

34.3 (e) \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
34.4 second year are for grants to Area II
34.5 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain
34.6 management.

34.7 (f) \$240,000 the first year and \$240,000 the
34.8 second year are for a grant to the Lower
34.9 Minnesota River Watershed District to defray
34.10 the annual cost of sustaining the state, national,
34.11 and international commercial and recreational
34.12 navigation on the lower Minnesota River.

34.13 (g) \$203,000 the first year and \$203,000 the
34.14 second year are for soil health programming
34.15 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
34.16 103F.06, and for coordination with the
34.17 University of Minnesota Office for Soil
34.18 Health.

34.19 (h) \$3,423,000 the first year and \$3,423,000
34.20 the second year are for natural resources block
34.21 grants to local governments to implement the
34.22 Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland
34.23 management program under Minnesota
34.24 Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water
34.25 management responsibilities under Minnesota
34.26 Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce
34.27 the amount of the natural resources block grant
34.28 to a county by an amount equal to any
34.29 reduction in the county's general services
34.30 allocation to a soil and water conservation
34.31 district from the county's previous year
34.32 allocation when the board determines that the
34.33 reduction was disproportionate.

36.1 regional parks operation and maintenance
 36.2 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
 36.3 473.351.
 36.4 (b) \$9,200,000 the first year and \$9,200,000
 36.5 the second year are from the natural resources
 36.6 fund for metropolitan-area regional parks and
 36.7 trails maintenance and operations. This
 36.8 appropriation is from revenue deposited in the
 36.9 natural resources fund under Minnesota
 36.10 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),
 36.11 clause (3).

36.12 **Sec. 6. CONSERVATION CORPS**
 36.13 **MINNESOTA AND IOWA** \$ **1,070,000** \$ **1,070,000**

36.14 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
36.15 <u>General</u>	<u>580,000</u>	<u>580,000</u>
36.16 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>490,000</u>	<u>490,000</u>

36.18 Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa may
 36.19 receive money appropriated from the natural
 36.20 resources fund under this section only as
 36.21 provided in an agreement with the
 36.22 commissioner of natural resources.

36.23 **Sec. 7. ZOOLOGICAL BOARD** \$ **14,180,000** \$ **14,532,000**

36.24 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
36.25 <u>General</u>	<u>13,925,000</u>	<u>14,277,000</u>
36.26 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>255,000</u>	<u>255,000</u>

36.28 \$255,000 the first year and \$255,000 the
 36.29 second year are from the natural resources
 36.30 fund from revenue deposited under Minnesota
 36.31 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),
 36.32 clause (5).

36.33 **Sec. 8. SCIENCE MUSEUM** \$ **1,260,000** \$ **1,260,000**

37.1 **Sec. 9. LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING**
 37.2 **COMMISSION** **\$** **198,000** **\$** **0**

37.3 \$198,000 the first year is for the administrative
 37.4 costs of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force.

37.5 This is a onetime appropriation

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

37.7 **Subd. 10. Transfers**

37.8 (a) The commissioner must transfer up to
 37.9 \$24,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000
 37.10 the second year from the environmental fund
 37.11 to the remediation fund for purposes of the
 37.12 remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 37.13 section 116.155, subdivision 2. The base for
 37.14 this transfer is \$24,000,000 in fiscal year 2026
 37.15 and beyond.

37.16 (b) By June 30, 2024, the commissioner of
 37.17 management and budget must transfer
 37.18 \$27,397,000 from the general fund to the
 37.19 metropolitan landfill contingency action trust
 37.20 account in the remediation fund to restore the
 37.21 money transferred from the account as
 37.22 intended under Laws 2003, chapter 128, article
 37.23 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and Laws 2005,
 37.24 First Special Session chapter 1, article 3,
 37.25 section 17, and to compensate the account for
 37.26 the estimated lost investment income.

37.27 ~~(c) Beginning in fiscal year 2024, the~~
 37.28 ~~commissioner of management and budget must~~
 37.29 ~~transfer \$100,000 each year from the general~~
 37.30 ~~fund to the metropolitan landfill contingency~~
 37.31 ~~action trust account in the remediation fund~~
 37.32 ~~to restore the money transferred from the~~
 37.33 ~~account as intended under Laws 2003, chapter~~
 37.34 ~~128, article 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and~~

39.1	<u>Subd. 3. Foundational Natural Resource Data</u>		
39.2	<u>and Information</u>	<u>22,084,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
39.3	<u>(a) Fond du Lac Deer Study - Phase 1</u>		
39.4	<u>\$1,441,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
39.5	<u>to the Minnesota State Colleges and</u>		
39.6	<u>Universities for Bemidji State University to</u>		
39.7	<u>collect baseline deer demographic, movement,</u>		
39.8	<u>and habitat-use data before elk restoration to</u>		
39.9	<u>better inform management of both elk and deer</u>		
39.10	<u>populations on the Fond du Lac Reservation</u>		
39.11	<u>and surrounding areas.</u>		
39.12	<u>(b) Are All Walleye Created Equal? Probably</u>		
39.13	<u>Not.</u>		
39.14	<u>\$298,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
39.15	<u>to the Board of Regents of the University of</u>		
39.16	<u>Minnesota to investigate Minnesota walleye</u>		
39.17	<u>strain physiology and disease responses to</u>		
39.18	<u>warming water and to build a tool to guide</u>		
39.19	<u>adaptive management of walleye in a warming</u>		
39.20	<u>climate.</u>		
39.21	<u>(c) Deer Survival Within Minnesota's Densest</u>		
39.22	<u>Wolf Population</u>		
39.23	<u>\$809,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
39.24	<u>to the Board of Regents of the University of</u>		
39.25	<u>Minnesota to evaluate how wolves, winter</u>		
39.26	<u>severity, and habitat affect deer mortality and</u>		
39.27	<u>survival across space and time within the</u>		
39.28	<u>Voyageurs region.</u>		
39.29	<u>(d) Evaluating Anticoagulant Rodenticide</u>		
39.30	<u>Exposure in Minnesota's Carnivores</u>		
39.31	<u>\$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
39.32	<u>to the Board of Regents of the University of</u>		
39.33	<u>Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research</u>		
39.34	<u>Institute in Duluth to determine anticoagulant</u>		
39.35	<u>rodenticide exposure rates and concentrations</u>		

40.1 in Minnesota bobcats and fishers, factors
40.2 influencing exposure risk, and negative effects
40.3 of rodenticide exposure on carnivore health.

40.4 **(e) Digitizing the Science Museum of**
40.5 **Minnesota's Mollusk Specimens**

40.6 \$386,000 the first year is from the trust fund
40.7 to the Science Museum of Minnesota to make
40.8 the museum's Minnesota mollusk specimen
40.9 collection available for research and education
40.10 by identifying and organizing all relevant
40.11 specimens and digitizing the museum's data.

40.12 **(f) Integrating Wildlife Objectives in Long-Term**
40.13 **Forest Management Planning**

40.14 \$316,000 the first year is from the trust fund
40.15 to the Board of Regents of the University of
40.16 Minnesota to develop a harvest-scheduling
40.17 model that integrates wildlife habitat metrics
40.18 with timber production objectives in the
40.19 forest-planning process for more sustainable
40.20 forest landscape-level outcomes.

40.21 **(g) Surveying Minnesota's Secretive Marsh**
40.22 **Birds**

40.23 \$413,000 the first year is from the trust fund
40.24 to the commissioner of natural resources for
40.25 an agreement with the National Audubon
40.26 Society, Upper Mississippi River office, to
40.27 conduct a breeding marsh bird survey and
40.28 provide state and federal agencies with an
40.29 assessment of marsh bird population status
40.30 and wetland habitat. This appropriation is
40.31 available until June 30, 2029, by which time
40.32 the project must be completed and final
40.33 products delivered.

40.34 **(h) Improving Conservation Outcomes for**
40.35 **Imperiled Wood Turtles**

41.1 \$242,000 the first year is from the trust fund
41.2 to the Minnesota Zoological Society to restore
41.3 imperiled wood turtles by increasing remnant
41.4 populations, quantifying effectiveness of
41.5 habitat management strategies, establishing
41.6 baseline information on disease prevalence,
41.7 and creating a new decision-support tool for
41.8 prioritizing future conservation actions.

41.9 **(i) Maximizing the Impact of Wildlife Movement**
41.10 **Data**

41.11 \$216,000 the first year is from the trust fund
41.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of
41.13 Minnesota to create a centralized and
41.14 accessible database of wildlife movement data
41.15 from prior trust fund-supported studies and
41.16 demonstrate tools biologists can use to analyze
41.17 these data to benefit Minnesota wildlife.

41.18 **(j) Expanding the Statewide Motus Wildlife**
41.19 **Tracking Network**

41.20 \$234,000 the first year is from the trust fund
41.21 to the Minnesota Zoological Society to expand
41.22 the statewide Motus Wildlife Tracking System
41.23 network into southwestern Minnesota and the
41.24 North Shore to guide the conservation of
41.25 imperiled grassland and boreal migratory birds
41.26 and other wildlife. This appropriation may
41.27 also be used to develop outreach and
41.28 interpretive materials for Motus sites.

41.29 **(k) Updating and Sharing Information on**
41.30 **Minnesota's Tick Biodiversity**

41.31 \$186,000 the first year is from the trust fund
41.32 to the Board of Regents of the University of
41.33 Minnesota to collaborate with wildlife
41.34 organizations and community scientists to
41.35 survey the biodiversity and distribution of

42.1 ticks in Minnesota and create a publicly
 42.2 accessible GIS dashboard to share results and
 42.3 potential disease implications with the public
 42.4 and wildlife managers.

42.5 **(l) Small Mammals and Hunter Participation:**
 42.6 **Expanded Offal Wildlife Watching**

42.7 \$563,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 42.8 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 42.9 Minnesota to expand and assess hunter
 42.10 participation in monitoring scavenger use of
 42.11 deer gut piles, assess small mammal
 42.12 occurrence and contaminant and disease
 42.13 exposure risk at offal sites, and study how
 42.14 messaging impacts hunters' use of lead
 42.15 ammunition.

42.16 **(m) Green Heron as an Indicator of**
 42.17 **Wetland-Dependent Species**

42.18 \$424,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 42.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 42.20 Minnesota to collect data on the year-round
 42.21 habitat use and migratory movements of green
 42.22 herons, assess potential factors leading to
 42.23 population decline, and identify conservation
 42.24 strategies to benefit the green heron and other
 42.25 wetland-dependent bird species.

42.26 **(n) Visualizing Minnesota's Natural Resources**
 42.27 **with CT Scanning**

42.28 \$955,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 42.29 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 42.30 Minnesota, Bell Museum of Natural History,
 42.31 to acquire a CT scanner, scan Bell Museum
 42.32 organismal specimens, create 3D prints from
 42.33 the scans, and share the data and prints through
 42.34 environmental education and research
 42.35 programs. The CT scanner purchased with this

43.1 appropriation must prioritize use by and be
 43.2 made available cost-free to other
 43.3 Minnesota-focused researchers for the duration
 43.4 of this appropriation. This appropriation may
 43.5 also be used for equipment, tools, and supplies
 43.6 needed to acquire, install, and use the scanner
 43.7 and print 3D models of scanned organisms.
 43.8 Net income generated as part of this
 43.9 appropriation may be reinvested in the project
 43.10 if a plan for reinvestment is approved in the
 43.11 work plan as provided under Minnesota
 43.12 Statutes, section 116P.10.

43.13 **(o) Mapping Human-Carnivore Conflicts in**
 43.14 **Human-Dominated Landscapes**

43.15 \$563,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 43.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 43.17 Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research
 43.18 Institute in Duluth to evaluate bear, bobcat,
 43.19 and coyote habitat use, activity, and diet in
 43.20 Duluth and surrounding areas to map hotspots
 43.21 for human-carnivore conflicts and fill
 43.22 knowledge gaps to reduce conflicts. This
 43.23 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
 43.24 by which time the project must be completed
 43.25 and final products delivered.

43.26 **(p) Geologic Atlases for Water Resource**
 43.27 **Management**

43.28 \$1,260,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 43.29 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 43.30 Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey, to
 43.31 continue to produce geologic atlas maps and
 43.32 databases to inform management of
 43.33 groundwater and surface water. This
 43.34 appropriation is to complete Part A, which
 43.35 focuses on the properties and distribution of
 43.36 earth materials to define aquifer boundaries

44.1 and the connection of aquifers to the land
44.2 surface and surface water resources.

44.3 **(q) Leveraging Statewide Datasets for Native**
44.4 **Rough Fish**

44.5 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund
44.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of
44.7 Minnesota to construct species distribution
44.8 models that predict presence and abundance
44.9 of native rough fish species and identify
44.10 potential areas for protection, additional
44.11 monitoring, or restoration across the state. This
44.12 appropriation may also be used to build an
44.13 interactive mapping tool and share results.

44.14 **(r) The Impacts of Climate Change on**
44.15 **Northeastern Minnesota**

44.16 \$772,000 the first year is from the trust fund
44.17 to the commissioner of natural resources for
44.18 an agreement with Friends of the Boundary
44.19 Waters Wilderness to work with collaborators
44.20 to aggregate research, data, and other
44.21 information about the impacts of climate
44.22 change on the habitat and wildlife of
44.23 northeastern Minnesota into a publicly
44.24 available, web-based database. This
44.25 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
44.26 by which time the project must be completed
44.27 and final products delivered.

44.28 **(s) Health and Disease Monitoring in Minnesota**
44.29 **Wildlife**

44.30 \$750,000 the first year is from the trust fund
44.31 to the Board of Regents of the University of
44.32 Minnesota, Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic
44.33 Laboratory, to collaborate with wildlife
44.34 rehabilitation organizations and other wildlife
44.35 health professionals throughout Minnesota to

- 45.1 enhance the state's health and disease
 45.2 surveillance, preparedness, and response
 45.3 efforts.
- 45.4 **(t) Affordable Statewide Tracking of Forestry**
 45.5 **Fragmentation and Degradation**
- 45.6 \$331,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 45.7 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 45.8 Minnesota to merge aircraft and satellite
 45.9 LiDAR data to build a model and an
 45.10 interactive real-time web dashboard of forest
 45.11 boundaries that provides business-ready
 45.12 information about statewide forest
 45.13 fragmentation and degradation due to human
 45.14 activities and natural disasters.
- 45.15 **(u) Safeguarding Bees While Monitoring**
 45.16 **Pollinators and Nesting Habitats**
- 45.17 \$590,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 45.18 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 45.19 Minnesota to pioneer low-mortality methods
 45.20 for monitoring bee populations and to
 45.21 investigate nest habitat materials and
 45.22 antimicrobial properties in cooperation with
 45.23 community scientists and management
 45.24 agencies. This appropriation is available until
 45.25 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must
 45.26 be completed and final products delivered.
- 45.27 **(v) Expanding the Application of Minnesota's**
 45.28 **Wetland Monitoring Data**
- 45.29 \$312,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 45.30 to the commissioner of natural resources to
 45.31 use existing LiDAR and recurring aerial
 45.32 photographs to determine state grassland
 45.33 acreage and change over the last twenty years,
 45.34 evaluate key drivers of wetland change, and

46.1 use technology to improve Minnesota's
 46.2 wetland monitoring.

46.3 **(w) Enhancing the Value of Minnesota Public**
 46.4 **Grasslands**

46.5 \$390,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 46.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 46.7 Minnesota to evaluate a combination of
 46.8 prescribed fire, brush mowing, and targeted
 46.9 conservation grazing to develop ready-to-use
 46.10 management strategies for public land
 46.11 managers to mitigate woody species
 46.12 encroachment and increase biodiversity and
 46.13 carbon sequestration in public grasslands.

46.14 **(x) Foundational Precision Agriculture Data to**
 46.15 **Reduce Environmental Impacts**

46.16 \$1,255,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 46.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 46.18 Minnesota for the West Central Research and
 46.19 Outreach Center at Morris to establish data
 46.20 collection systems and methods at sentinel
 46.21 farm sites, develop and evaluate best
 46.22 management practices, and provide outreach
 46.23 and training to farmers to encourage adoption
 46.24 of precision agriculture technologies that
 46.25 reduce fertilizer and chemical use and improve
 46.26 water and air quality.

46.27 **(y) Continued Aggregate Resource Mapping**

46.28 \$621,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 46.29 to the commissioner of natural resources to
 46.30 map the aggregate resource potential in the
 46.31 state of Minnesota and to make the
 46.32 information available in print and electronic
 46.33 format to local units of government to support
 46.34 informed land-use decisions and resource
 46.35 conservation.

47.1 **(z) Advancing Collaborative Wild Rice**
 47.2 **Monitoring Program Technologies**

47.3 \$900,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 47.4 to the commissioner of natural resources to
 47.5 continue efforts to create a framework for
 47.6 long-term wild rice monitoring for
 47.7 conservation and collaborate with Tribal and
 47.8 nongovernmental organizations to collect
 47.9 additional data, improve collection and
 47.10 analysis methods, and develop a statewide
 47.11 estimate of wild rice abundance and coverage.

47.12 **(aa) Conserving Natural Resources by**
 47.13 **Advancing Forever Green Agriculture**

47.14 \$2,146,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 47.15 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 47.16 Minnesota for the Forever Green Initiative to
 47.17 fund research projects to develop new
 47.18 perennial and winter-annual crops to protect
 47.19 water, wildlife, soil, other natural resources,
 47.20 and the climate. This appropriation is available
 47.21 until June 30, 2030, by which time the project
 47.22 must be completed and final products
 47.23 delivered.

47.24 **(bb) Minnesota's Priority Native Rough Fish:**
 47.25 **Gars and Bowfin**

47.26 \$568,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 47.27 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 47.28 Minnesota to develop population dynamics,
 47.29 habitat use, and food web models for
 47.30 Minnesota gars and bowfins and conduct
 47.31 outreach to inform conservation and
 47.32 management and serve as a template for study
 47.33 of Minnesota's other native rough fish species.

47.34 **(cc) Understanding to Improve Minnesota's**
 47.35 **Future Lake Water Quality**

48.1 \$595,000 the first year is from the trust fund
48.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of
48.3 Minnesota to use decade-long comprehensive
48.4 lake, watershed, and weather data and
48.5 high-resolution climate models to understand
48.6 lake-specific drivers of water quality and
48.7 predict the effects of future warming on
48.8 harmful algal blooms across Minnesota.

48.9 **(dd) Operationalizing State Zooplankton Data**
48.10 **to Support Lake Health**

48.11 \$423,000 the first year is from the trust fund
48.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of
48.13 Minnesota to use long-term monitoring data
48.14 to determine the relationship between
48.15 zooplankton communities and ecosystem
48.16 services, like fisheries health and water
48.17 quality, and develop biotic indices for lake
48.18 health.

48.19 **(ee) Trialing Climate-Ready Woodland Trees**
48.20 **in Urban Areas**

48.21 \$255,000 the first year is from the trust fund
48.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of
48.23 Minnesota to demonstrate performance of
48.24 climate-adaptive tree species and study land
48.25 manager and public perceptions of these
48.26 species to identify the best species and risk
48.27 tolerance for future plantings in metropolitan
48.28 areas of Minnesota.

48.29 **(ff) Superior Shores: Protecting Our Great**
48.30 **Lakes Coastal Habitats**

48.31 \$675,000 the first year is from the trust fund
48.32 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the
48.33 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to map
48.34 the locations and survey the biological
48.35 diversity and water quality of Lake Superior

49.1 coastal rock pools. This appropriation may
49.2 also be used to develop outreach materials and
49.3 host programs on rock pool understanding and
49.4 conservation.

49.5 **(gg) Recruitment and Fecundity of Minnesota**
49.6 **Moose**

49.7 \$2,007,000 the first year is from the trust fund
49.8 to the commissioner of natural resources for
49.9 state and Tribal biologists to work
49.10 collaboratively to estimate survival and
49.11 fecundity of yearling and 2-year-old moose in
49.12 northeast Minnesota to inform future
49.13 management efforts. Of this amount, \$841,000
49.14 is for an agreement with the 1854 Treaty
49.15 Authority. This appropriation is available until
49.16 June 30, 2031, by which time the project must
49.17 be completed and final products delivered.

49.18 **(hh) Fighting Insect Decline: Minnesota**
49.19 **Bumblebees to the Rescue**

49.20 \$249,000 the first year is from the trust fund
49.21 to the Board of Regents of the University of
49.22 Minnesota to map historical and current
49.23 bumblebee distribution and develop an
49.24 identification tool using molecular barcodes
49.25 and an online resource hub to improve
49.26 conservation of Minnesota's native
49.27 bumblebees.

49.28 **(ii) Trace Metals in Municipal Yard Waste and**
49.29 **Compost**

49.30 \$120,000 the first year is from the trust fund
49.31 to the Board of Regents of the University of
49.32 Minnesota to assess trace metal contamination
49.33 from collected residential yard waste, finished
49.34 compost, and compost leachate in municipal
49.35 yard waste recycling programs.

50.1 **(jj) Chronic Wasting Disease Prions in**
 50.2 **Minnesota Waters**

50.3 \$322,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 50.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 50.5 Minnesota to evaluate the movement of
 50.6 chronic wasting disease in Minnesota waters,
 50.7 assess the risk of spread, and share results with
 50.8 wildlife and watershed managers.

50.9 **Subd. 4. Water Resources**

11,812,000

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50.10 **(a) Enhancing Our Resources - Rural Health**
 50.11 **and Drinking Water**

50.12 \$994,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 50.13 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 50.14 an agreement with Freshwater Society to
 50.15 partner with the Mayo Clinic to educate well
 50.16 owners and family health providers about the
 50.17 geologic occurrence and risk of arsenic in
 50.18 drinking water. This appropriation is also to
 50.19 provide free arsenic testing to well owners in
 50.20 southeast Minnesota.

50.21 **(b) Restoration and Outreach for Minnesota's**
 50.22 **Native Mussels**

50.23 \$1,258,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 50.24 to the commissioner of natural resources to
 50.25 propagate, rear, and restore native freshwater
 50.26 mussel populations and the ecosystem services
 50.27 they provide to Minnesota waters; to evaluate
 50.28 reintroduction success; and to inform the
 50.29 public on mussels and mussel conservation.

50.30 **(c) Pristine to Green: Toxic Blooms Threaten**
 50.31 **Northern Lakes**

50.32 \$1,362,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 50.33 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the
 50.34 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to
 50.35 evaluate drivers that contribute to the

51.1 formation of nuisance and toxic algal blooms
 51.2 in relatively pristine and protected lakes across
 51.3 Minnesota.

51.4 **(d) Training Lake Communities to Track**
 51.5 **Chloride and Algae**

51.6 \$274,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 51.7 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 51.8 Minnesota for the Minnesota Sea Grant
 51.9 college program in Duluth to develop and train
 51.10 a network of community-based volunteers to
 51.11 track chloride and harmful algal blooms in
 51.12 rural Minnesota lakes.

51.13 **(e) Clean Sweep Solution to Nonpoint Source**
 51.14 **Pollution**

51.15 \$386,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 51.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 51.17 Minnesota for the Water Resources Center to
 51.18 enhance Clean Sweep programs, identify the
 51.19 pollutants present in street-sweeping materials,
 51.20 explore material reuse options, and quantify
 51.21 benefits of enhanced street sweeping. This
 51.22 appropriation may also be used to coordinate
 51.23 county and regional collaborations, develop
 51.24 resources, and provide training to increase
 51.25 targeted street-sweeping practices to reduce
 51.26 nonpoint source pollution to Minnesota's water
 51.27 resources.

51.28 **(f) Cyanotoxins in Minnesota Lakes: The Role**
 51.29 **of Sunlight**

51.30 \$220,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 51.31 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 51.32 Minnesota to quantify degradation of
 51.33 cyanobacterial toxins by sunlight to understand
 51.34 how increasing frequency of harmful algal
 51.35 blooms and changing environmental

52.1 conditions influence toxin persistence in
 52.2 natural waters.

52.3 **(g) Enhancing Degradation of Emerging**
 52.4 **Contaminants via Microbial Starvation**

52.5 \$390,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 52.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 52.7 Minnesota to study how wastewater treatment
 52.8 systems can be improved to more effectively
 52.9 biodegrade mixtures of pharmaceuticals,
 52.10 pesticides, and other contaminants of emerging
 52.11 concern and protect Minnesota's water
 52.12 resources.

52.13 **(h) Soil Health Management for Water Storage**

52.14 \$454,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 52.15 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 52.16 Minnesota for the Water Resources Center to
 52.17 conduct on-farm and model-based research
 52.18 and develop guidance for watershed planners
 52.19 and land managers to effectively use soil
 52.20 health management to achieve water storage
 52.21 and water quality goals.

52.22 **(i) Predicting Contaminant Movement in**
 52.23 **Minnesota's Fractured Aquifers**

52.24 \$650,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 52.25 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 52.26 Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, to
 52.27 develop a software program that predicts the
 52.28 fate and movement of contaminants, such as
 52.29 PFAS, chloride, nitrate, and pathogens, in
 52.30 Minnesota's fractured aquifers.

52.31 **(j) Documentation and Toxicity of Microplastics**
 52.32 **in Urban Ecosystems**

52.33 \$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 52.34 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 52.35 Minnesota to research how land use and

53.1 toxicity affect the accumulation of
 53.2 microplastics and associated contaminants of
 53.3 concern in stormwater ponds and the wildlife
 53.4 that use stormwater ponds.

53.5 **(k) Terminating PFAS-Type Pesticides via**
 53.6 **Enzyme Cocktails**

53.7 \$297,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 53.8 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 53.9 Minnesota to evaluate the ability of selected
 53.10 enzymes and combinations of enzymes to
 53.11 biodegrade per- and polyfluoroalkyl
 53.12 substances (PFAS) found in pesticides and to
 53.13 design a pilot-scale biofilter for effective
 53.14 elimination of PFAS from water.

53.15 **(l) Addressing 21st Century Challenges for the**
 53.16 **St. Croix**

53.17 \$243,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 53.18 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the
 53.19 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to
 53.20 develop a watershed model to identify
 53.21 potential hydrologic and water quality impacts
 53.22 to the lower St. Croix River over the next 75
 53.23 years and inform future planning and
 53.24 management in the watershed.

53.25 **(m) Impact of Statewide Conservation Practices**
 53.26 **on Stream Biodiversity**

53.27 \$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 53.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 53.29 Minnesota to use existing monitoring data to
 53.30 evaluate the effects of wetlands and riparian
 53.31 buffers on stream and river biodiversity and
 53.32 biological condition and develop tools and
 53.33 materials to inform the public and natural
 53.34 resource managers.

53.35 **(n) Modeling the Future Mississippi River Gorge**

54.1 \$427,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 54.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 54.3 Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, to
 54.4 construct a reduced-scale physical model of
 54.5 Mississippi River Pool 1, Lock & Dam 1, and
 54.6 adjacent upstream and downstream reaches;
 54.7 analyze water flow and sediment movement
 54.8 under various pool management strategies;
 54.9 and share results with the public to inform
 54.10 decisions on the future management of the
 54.11 lock and dam.

54.12 **(o) Highly Efficient Nutrient Removal**
 54.13 **Technology for Agricultural Drainage**

54.14 \$453,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 54.15 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 54.16 Minnesota to conduct lab- and field-scale tests
 54.17 of a novel bioreactor technology for removing
 54.18 nutrients from agricultural drainage and
 54.19 disseminate results to farmers and the public.

54.20 **(p) Citizen Scientists Capture Microplastic**
 54.21 **Pollution Around State**

54.22 \$419,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 54.23 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 54.24 Minnesota to develop adaptable microplastic
 54.25 sampling and detection methods, develop a
 54.26 public-access database, and leverage citizen
 54.27 scientists to survey microplastic pollution
 54.28 throughout the state to allow for data-driven
 54.29 risk management decisions and solutions.

54.30 **(q) Healthy Native Prairie Microbiomes for**
 54.31 **Cleaner Water**

54.32 \$468,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 54.33 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 54.34 Minnesota to identify and characterize prairie
 54.35 plant microbiomes and study the potential of

55.1 native prairie microbes to provide nitrogen for
55.2 agricultural crops and reduce industrial
55.3 fertilizer use and nitrate contamination of
55.4 water.

55.5 **(r) Wastewater Chloride Reduction through**
55.6 **Industrial Source Reduction Assistance**

55.7 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
55.8 to the Board of Regents of the University of
55.9 Minnesota for the Minnesota Technical
55.10 Assistance Program to provide technical
55.11 assistance to businesses to cost-effectively
55.12 reduce industrial and commercial chloride use
55.13 in communities with high chloride effluent
55.14 concentrations.

55.15 **(s) Pilot Water Budget Framework for**
55.16 **Managing Water Withdrawals**

55.17 \$198,000 the first year is from the trust fund
55.18 to the Board of Regents of the University of
55.19 Minnesota to develop a pilot water budget
55.20 framework to identify sensitive areas in
55.21 Minnesota where net water withdrawals have
55.22 a significant impact on surface water and
55.23 groundwater.

55.24 **(t) Biofilm Mediated Destruction of PFAS in**
55.25 **Groundwater**

55.26 \$1,336,000 the first year is from the trust fund
55.27 to the commissioner of natural resources for
55.28 an agreement with Freshwater Society to
55.29 develop biofilm treatment technology and
55.30 demonstrate field-scale removal of per- and
55.31 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from
55.32 contaminated groundwater. A fiscal
55.33 management plan must be approved in the
55.34 work plan before any trust fund money is
55.35 spent.

56.1 **(u) Impact of Microplastics on Wastewater**
 56.2 **Treatment in Minnesota**

56.3 \$506,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 56.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 56.5 Minnesota to quantify the abundance of
 56.6 microplastics in wastewater treatment plants
 56.7 in Minnesota, determine how microplastics
 56.8 affect wastewater treatment plant performance,
 56.9 and evaluate how different wastewater
 56.10 treatment processes alter microplastics.

56.11 **(v) Portable Arsenic and Nitrate Detector for**
 56.12 **Well Water**

56.13 \$358,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 56.14 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 56.15 Minnesota to develop a small, cheap, and
 56.16 easy-to-use system to detect arsenic and nitrate
 56.17 in well water and determine whether well
 56.18 water is safe to drink.

56.19 **(w) Recovering Salts from Highly Saline**
 56.20 **Wastewater**

56.21 \$272,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 56.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 56.23 Minnesota to develop a method to recover
 56.24 useful salts from concentrated saline
 56.25 wastewater to increase the economic
 56.26 sustainability of high water-recovery
 56.27 softening, sulfate removal, and industrial
 56.28 wastewater treatment.

56.29 **Subd. 5. Environmental Education**

11,965,000

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56.30 **(a) Eagle's Nest: Where the World Becomes**
 56.31 **Your Classroom**

56.32 \$130,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 56.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 56.34 an agreement with Glacial Hills Elementary
 56.35 School to create interactive natural playground

57.1 and landscaping features for children and
57.2 provide environmental education programming
57.3 outside of regular school hours.

57.4 **(b) Advancing Equity in Environmental**
57.5 **Education**

57.6 \$700,000 the first year is from the trust fund
57.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for
57.8 an agreement with Camp Fire Minnesota to
57.9 provide needs-based scholarships for
57.10 Minnesota youth to attend
57.11 state-standards-aligned environmental and
57.12 outdoor education programs.

57.13 **(c) Teacher Field School - Phase 2: Increasing**
57.14 **Impact**

57.15 \$712,000 the first year is from the trust fund
57.16 to the commissioner of natural resources for
57.17 an agreement with Hamline University to
57.18 continue the teacher field school program that
57.19 trains teachers how to connect academic
57.20 content with environmental stewardship,
57.21 natural resource conservation, and outdoor
57.22 recreation. This appropriation is also to pilot
57.23 a train-the-trainer model for nature-based
57.24 education practices.

57.25 **(d) Creating Future Leaders in Outdoor and**
57.26 **Environmental Leadership**

57.27 \$330,000 the first year is from the trust fund
57.28 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota
57.29 State Colleges and Universities for North
57.30 Hennepin Community College to collaborate
57.31 with K-12 education, higher education, and
57.32 outdoor organizations to increase
57.33 environmental education, leadership,
57.34 internship, and career opportunities for

58.1 underrepresented college and high school
58.2 students.

58.3 **(e) Engaging our Diverse Public in**
58.4 **Environmental Stewardship - Phase 2**

58.5 \$249,000 the first year is from the trust fund
58.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
58.7 an agreement with Great River Greening to
58.8 increase participation in natural resources
58.9 conservation and restoration efforts and
58.10 careers through volunteer, internship, and
58.11 youth engagement activities, with a focus on
58.12 diverse audiences that more accurately reflect
58.13 local demographic and socioeconomic
58.14 conditions in Minnesota.

58.15 **(f) Outdoor School for Minnesota K-12 Students**

58.16 \$3,992,000 the first year is from the trust fund
58.17 to the commissioner of natural resources for
58.18 an agreement with Osprey Wilds
58.19 Environmental Learning Center to partner with
58.20 four other accredited residential environmental
58.21 learning centers in Minnesota to provide
58.22 needs-based scholarships to K-12 students
58.23 statewide for immersive multiday
58.24 environmental learning experiences.

58.25 **(g) Statewide Environmental Education via PBS**
58.26 **Outdoor Series**

58.27 \$415,000 the first year is from the trust fund
58.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for
58.29 an agreement with Pioneer Public
58.30 Broadcasting Service to produce, distribute,
58.31 and promote new episodes of a statewide
58.32 public television series that inspires
58.33 Minnesotans to connect with the outdoors and
58.34 to restore and protect the state's natural
58.35 resources.

59.1 **(h) Maajii-akii-gikenjigewin Conservation Crew**
59.2 **Program**

59.3 \$678,000 the first year is from the trust fund
59.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for
59.5 an agreement with Conservation Corps
59.6 Minnesota & Iowa to expand a conservation
59.7 corps program developed to provide natural
59.8 resources career development opportunities
59.9 for indigenous young adults and cultivate an
59.10 enduring action-based conservation ethic
59.11 through the integration of traditional
59.12 knowledge, nature immersion, and the
59.13 implementation of conservation and
59.14 restoration practices in the field.

59.15 **(i) Reuse for the Future: Youth Education and**
59.16 **Engagement**

59.17 \$225,000 the first year is from the trust fund
59.18 to the commissioner of natural resources for
59.19 an agreement with Reuse Minnesota to provide
59.20 curriculum-based opportunities for students
59.21 to learn about the reuse economy, reuse skills,
59.22 and other opportunities to reduce waste. This
59.23 appropriation may also be used to align
59.24 materials to state standards and translate
59.25 materials to additional languages.

59.26 **(j) River Bend Nature Center Outdoor Diversity**
59.27 **Initiative**

59.28 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
59.29 to the commissioner of natural resources for
59.30 an agreement with River Bend Nature Center
59.31 to lead a coalition of educational partners and
59.32 culturally specific organizations to expand
59.33 recognized environmental education
59.34 curriculum and provide conservation-based
59.35 career exploration and job placement

60.1 opportunities for diverse communities in
 60.2 southern Minnesota.

60.3 **(k) Camp Parsons Mississippi Summer**

60.4 \$225,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 60.5 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 60.6 an agreement with the Phyllis Wheatley
 60.7 Community Center to provide environmental
 60.8 education to Minneapolis urban youth through
 60.9 the Camp Parsons Mississippi Summer
 60.10 program that fosters connections to nature and
 60.11 encourages responsible stewardship of our
 60.12 natural resources.

60.13 **(l) Adult Outdoor Education for Minnesota's**
 60.14 **Underrepresented Communities**

60.15 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 60.16 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 60.17 an agreement with Baztec Fishing & Outdoors
 60.18 to create fishing and hunting education,
 60.19 training, and opportunities for underserved
 60.20 and underrepresented communities in
 60.21 Minnesota. All fishing tackle purchased with
 60.22 this appropriation must be lead-free. A fiscal
 60.23 management plan must be approved in the
 60.24 work plan before any trust fund money is
 60.25 spent.

60.26 **(m) Minnesota's Road Map for Sustainability**
 60.27 **and Climate Education**

60.28 \$491,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 60.29 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 60.30 an agreement with Climate Generation to
 60.31 convene community gatherings and partner
 60.32 with institutions and organizations across the
 60.33 education sector to develop a road map on
 60.34 how to build capacity for equitable and
 60.35 accessible sustainability and climate education

61.1 programs that align with the Minnesota
 61.2 Climate Action Framework.

61.3 **(n) ESTEP 2.0: Earth Science Teacher**
 61.4 **Education Project**

61.5 \$643,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 61.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 61.7 an agreement with Minnesota Science
 61.8 Teachers Association to provide professional
 61.9 development for Minnesota science teachers
 61.10 statewide in environmental and earth science
 61.11 content to strengthen environmental education
 61.12 in schools.

61.13 **(o) Engaging Latine Communities in**
 61.14 **Conservation and Preservation**

61.15 \$400,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 61.16 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 61.17 an agreement with Comunidades Organizando
 61.18 el Poder y la Accion Latina to use
 61.19 community-based partnerships and
 61.20 communications platforms to host outdoor
 61.21 events and conduct educational outreach
 61.22 focused on Latine and BIPOC communities
 61.23 about the need to protect Minnesota's
 61.24 environment and natural resources.

61.25 **(p) Inclusive Wildlife Engagement in Classrooms**
 61.26 **and Communities**

61.27 \$712,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 61.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 61.29 the nongame wildlife program to provide three
 61.30 wildlife conservation, action-based outdoor
 61.31 educational opportunities to engage
 61.32 needs-based schools, young adults, and
 61.33 communities underrepresented in natural
 61.34 resources through the Bird by Bird,

- 62.1 Empowering Pathways into Conservation, and
62.2 Community Science programs.
- 62.3 **(q) Activating Youth and Family Environmental**
62.4 **Stewardship through Raptors**
- 62.5 \$228,000 the first year is from the trust fund
62.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of
62.7 Minnesota for the Raptor Center to deliver
62.8 standards-based environmental education
62.9 featuring live raptors through school programs
62.10 and community events across Minnesota.
- 62.11 **(r) Moving Minnesota toward a Lead-Free**
62.12 **Sporting Future**
- 62.13 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund
62.14 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota
62.15 State Colleges and Universities for Bemidji
62.16 State University to conduct educational
62.17 outreach directed at hunters and anglers to
62.18 increase awareness of lead-free options for
62.19 big-game hunting, small-game hunting, and
62.20 fishing as a means of reducing wildlife
62.21 exposure to lead.
- 62.22 **(s) Science Centers Supporting Northern Boys**
62.23 **and Girls Clubs**
- 62.24 \$1,091,000 the first year is from the trust fund
62.25 to the commissioner of natural resources for
62.26 an agreement with the Headwaters Science
62.27 Center to expand access to environmental
62.28 science education in northern Minnesota and
62.29 leverage partnerships between rural and urban
62.30 organizations to deliver culturally relevant,
62.31 hands-on learning experiences to underserved
62.32 students.

63.1	<u>Subd. 6. Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive</u>		
63.2	<u>Species</u>	<u>6,713,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
63.3	<u>(a) Aquatic Invasive Species: From Problems to</u>		
63.4	<u>Real-World Solutions</u>		
63.5	<u>\$5,771,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
63.6	<u>to the Board of Regents of the University of</u>		
63.7	<u>Minnesota for the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive</u>		
63.8	<u>Species Research Center to conduct</u>		
63.9	<u>high-priority projects aimed at solving</u>		
63.10	<u>Minnesota's aquatic invasive species problems</u>		
63.11	<u>using rigorous science and a collaborative</u>		
63.12	<u>process. This appropriation may also be used</u>		
63.13	<u>to deliver research findings to end users</u>		
63.14	<u>through strategic communication and outreach.</u>		
63.15	<u>This appropriation is available until June 30,</u>		
63.16	<u>2029, by which time the project must be</u>		
63.17	<u>completed and final products delivered.</u>		
63.18	<u>(b) Optimizing Nonnative Cattail Treatment</u>		
63.19	<u>Effectiveness in Prairie Wetlands</u>		
63.20	<u>\$942,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
63.21	<u>to the commissioner of natural resources to</u>		
63.22	<u>compare the effectiveness of invasive cattail</u>		
63.23	<u>treatment methods and provide</u>		
63.24	<u>recommendations for managers to maximize</u>		
63.25	<u>benefits of conservation money for native</u>		
63.26	<u>wetland plants and wildlife. This appropriation</u>		
63.27	<u>is available until June 30, 2031, by which time</u>		
63.28	<u>the project must be completed and final</u>		
63.29	<u>products delivered.</u>		
63.30	<u>Subd. 7. Air Quality, Climate Change, and</u>		
63.31	<u>Renewable Energy</u>	<u>11,744,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
63.32	<u>(a) Protecting Coldwater Fish Habitat in</u>		
63.33	<u>Minnesota Lakes</u>		
63.34	<u>\$561,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
63.35	<u>to the Board of Regents of the University of</u>		
63.36	<u>Minnesota to identify lake-specific watershed</u>		

64.1 protection targets and management practices
64.2 needed to maintain coldwater fish habitat
64.3 threatened by warming temperatures and
64.4 increasing extreme rain events and to integrate
64.5 this information into conservation planning
64.6 tools.

64.7 **(b) Agrivoltaics 2.0 Building a Resilient E-Farm**

64.8 \$535,000 the first year is from the trust fund
64.9 to the Board of Regents of the University of
64.10 Minnesota for the West Central Research and
64.11 Outreach Center at Morris to evaluate
64.12 emerging solar system designs and solar
64.13 technology integration with vegetable and
64.14 livestock production systems to maximize
64.15 energy production and benefits to farmers.

64.16 **(c) Pine Needles Reveal Past and Present**
64.17 **Airborne PFAS**

64.18 \$550,000 the first year is from the trust fund
64.19 to the commissioner of the Pollution Control
64.20 Agency to use current and historic pine
64.21 needles as a low-cost method to assess
64.22 statewide per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances
64.23 (PFAS) levels in ambient air.

64.24 **(d) Facilitated Transport Hybrid Membranes**
64.25 **for CO₂ Separation**

64.26 \$1,050,000 the first year is from the trust fund
64.27 to the Board of Regents of the University of
64.28 Minnesota to develop and test advanced
64.29 polymeric membranes for capture and reuse
64.30 of carbon dioxide at industrial sources.

64.31 **(e) Renewable Energy Conversion for Farm**
64.32 **Diesel and Ammonia**

64.33 \$726,000 the first year is from the trust fund
64.34 to the Board of Regents of the University of
64.35 Minnesota to develop a novel charge-swing

65.1 catalytic condenser that will enable the
65.2 low-cost production of hydrogen from water
65.3 using rural electricity for on-the-farm energy
65.4 storage or renewable diesel and ammonia
65.5 fertilizer.

65.6 **(f) Innovative Solution to Renewable Energy**
65.7 **from Food Waste**

65.8 \$5,167,000 the first year is from the trust fund
65.9 to the commissioner of natural resources for
65.10 an agreement with the Ramsey/Washington
65.11 Recycling and Energy Board to provide
65.12 reimbursements to offset the processing fees
65.13 for the public to divert organic materials from
65.14 landfills and produce renewable natural gas
65.15 through anaerobic digestion and sequestration
65.16 of carbon into biochar. Net income generated
65.17 as part of this appropriation may be reinvested
65.18 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is
65.19 approved in the work plan as provided under
65.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This
65.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
65.22 by which time the project must be completed
65.23 and final products delivered.

65.24 **(g) Fueling the Future: Decarbonizing Regional**
65.25 **Transportation Project**

65.26 \$3,155,000 the first year is from the trust fund
65.27 to the commissioner of natural resources for
65.28 an agreement with the city of St. Cloud to
65.29 install a green hydrogen production, storage,
65.30 and fueling station that provides a renewable,
65.31 carbon-free, alternate fuel source to
65.32 decarbonize community transportation and
65.33 manufacturing sectors. This appropriation may
65.34 also be used to convert city fleet and public
65.35 transit vehicles to hydrogen fuel. Net income
65.36 generated as part of this appropriation may be

66.1 reinvested in the project if a plan for
 66.2 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as
 66.3 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
 66.4 116P.10. This appropriation is available until
 66.5 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must
 66.6 be completed and final products delivered.

66.7 **Subd. 8. Methods to Protect or Restore Land,**
 66.8 **Water, and Habitat**

12,188,000

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66.9 **(a) Minnesota PlantWatch: Community**
 66.10 **Scientists Conserving Rare Plants**

66.11 \$1,086,000 the first year is from the trust fund.
 66.12 Of this amount, \$518,000 is to the Board of
 66.13 Regents of the University of Minnesota for
 66.14 the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and
 66.15 \$568,000 is to the commissioner of natural
 66.16 resources to enhance the Minnesota
 66.17 PlantWatch program to improve the
 66.18 conservation of Minnesota's natural resources
 66.19 and support community scientist-driven rare
 66.20 plant surveys and seed banking and
 66.21 preservation.

66.22 **(b) Grassland Restoration for Pollinator**
 66.23 **Conservation and Demonstration**

66.24 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 66.25 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 66.26 Minnesota for the Minnesota Landscape
 66.27 Arboretum to restore a degraded pasture to
 66.28 grassland as a model for climate-resilient
 66.29 pollinator habitat; provide interpretive signage,
 66.30 education, and community engagement; and
 66.31 conduct species monitoring. This appropriation
 66.32 is available until June 30, 2031, by which time
 66.33 the project must be completed and final
 66.34 products delivered.

66.35 **(c) Planning for Long-Term Natural Resources**
 66.36 **Protection in Hennepin County**

67.1 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 67.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 67.3 an agreement with Hennepin County to
 67.4 develop a publicly available interactive map
 67.5 of natural systems, create a centralized
 67.6 clearinghouse of data and best practices
 67.7 toolkit, and provide ongoing technical
 67.8 assistance for local communities with limited
 67.9 resources to manage complex natural resources
 67.10 challenges. Net income generated as part of
 67.11 this appropriation may be reinvested in the
 67.12 project if a plan for reinvestment is approved
 67.13 in the work plan as provided under Minnesota
 67.14 Statutes, section 116P.10.

67.15 **(d) Native Forages: Growing Drought and**
 67.16 **Climate Resiliency**

67.17 \$2,254,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 67.18 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 67.19 an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to
 67.20 collaborate with livestock farmers to establish
 67.21 native grassland wildlife habitat and enhance
 67.22 native forages on working lands to improve
 67.23 ecological, economic, and climate resiliency.
 67.24 Notwithstanding subdivision 13, paragraph
 67.25 (e), restoration efforts may be undertaken on
 67.26 private lands but must occur on properties
 67.27 enrolled in long-term agreements to protect
 67.28 and maintain the restored areas in
 67.29 conformance with approved restoration and
 67.30 grazing plans as approved in the work plan.
 67.31 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 67.32 2031, by which time the project must be
 67.33 completed and final products delivered.

67.34 **(e) Accelerated Genetic Migration of Bur Oak**
 67.35 **- Ten-Year Data**

68.1 \$223,000 the first year is from the trust fund
68.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
68.3 an agreement with Great River Greening to
68.4 assess the growth and survival of previously
68.5 restored bur oak ecotypes to inform techniques
68.6 for improved climate resiliency. This
68.7 appropriation may also be used to enhance the
68.8 previous plantings and disseminate results of
68.9 the study to practitioners, students,
68.10 landowners, and others. This appropriation is
68.11 available until June 30, 2029, by which time
68.12 the project must be completed and final
68.13 products delivered.

68.14 **(f) Superior Hiking Trail Bridge, Boardwalk,**
68.15 **and Trailhead Renewal**

68.16 \$532,000 the first year is from the trust fund
68.17 to the commissioner of natural resources for
68.18 an agreement with the Superior Hiking Trail
68.19 Association to renew Superior Hiking Trail
68.20 bridges, boardwalks, and trailheads to increase
68.21 user safety, improve the user experience, and
68.22 protect adjacent land and water.

68.23 **(g) Mississippi Gateway Shoreline Stabilization**
68.24 **and Fishing Improvements**

68.25 \$735,000 the first year is from the trust fund
68.26 to the commissioner of natural resources for
68.27 an agreement with Three Rivers Park District
68.28 to improve water quality and shoreline fishing
68.29 access through shoreline stabilization and
68.30 construction of accessible trails and fishing
68.31 platforms within Mississippi Gateway
68.32 Regional Park.

68.33 **(h) Phytoremediation of PFAS from Soil**

68.34 \$1,066,000 the first year is from the trust fund
68.35 to the Board of Regents of the University of

69.1 Minnesota to use interdisciplinary research in
69.2 biology, nanotechnology, chemistry, and
69.3 genetic engineering to develop technology to
69.4 remediate soils contaminated with per- and
69.5 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This
69.6 appropriation may also be used to convene
69.7 stakeholders to coordinate and advance PFAS
69.8 remediation research in Minnesota. This
69.9 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,
69.10 section 116P.10.

69.11 **(i) Removing Mercury from Minnesota Waters**

69.12 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund
69.13 to the Board of Regents of the University of
69.14 Minnesota to test and refine a biotechnology
69.15 approach to remove mercury from the food
69.16 chain in Minnesota's lakes and rivers and
69.17 potentially make fish consumption in
69.18 Minnesota safer. This appropriation is subject
69.19 to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

69.20 **(j) Evaluating Native Seed Mixes for Grazing**

69.21 \$208,000 the first year is from the trust fund
69.22 to the commissioner of natural resources for
69.23 an agreement with Restoravore to assess the
69.24 use of native hay and pasture mixes to benefit
69.25 biodiversity, soil health, and Minnesota
69.26 farmers. A fiscal management plan must be
69.27 approved in the work plan before any trust
69.28 fund money is spent.

69.29 **(k) Improving Minnesota Forest Health via**
69.30 **Post-Duff-Burning Soil Analysis**

69.31 \$646,000 the first year is from the trust fund
69.32 to the Board of Regents of the University of
69.33 Minnesota to thoroughly investigate the impact
69.34 of forest floor duff fires on soil dynamics,
69.35 nutrient cycles, invasive shrubs, earthworms,

70.1 and root systems to improve fire management
 70.2 for Minnesota's forest preservation. This
 70.3 appropriation may also be used to develop an
 70.4 outdoor lab-scale duff-burning device.

70.5 **(l) Minnesota Riverbank Protection and Parks**
 70.6 **Improvements**

70.7 \$1,400,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 70.8 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 70.9 an agreement with the city of Shakopee to
 70.10 restore Minnesota River shoreline at Huber
 70.11 Park by regrading and establishing native
 70.12 vegetation to protect fish and wildlife habitat,
 70.13 reduce erosion, and provide public access to
 70.14 the river. This appropriation is available until
 70.15 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must
 70.16 be completed and final products delivered.

70.17 **(m) Restoration at Wakan Tipi and Bruce Vento**
 70.18 **Nature Sanctuary**

70.19 \$669,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 70.20 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 70.21 an agreement with the Lower Phalen Creek
 70.22 Project to conduct citizen-science natural
 70.23 resource data collection events, recruit and
 70.24 train volunteer site stewards, and enhance
 70.25 habitat at Wakan Tipi and the Bruce Vento
 70.26 Nature Sanctuary.

70.27 **(n) Promoting Pollinators on Corporate**
 70.28 **Campuses**

70.29 \$547,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 70.30 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 70.31 an agreement with the University of St.
 70.32 Thomas to use experimental bee lawn
 70.33 installations on corporate campuses, combined
 70.34 with landscape modeling and employee
 70.35 surveys, to determine potential ecological,

71.1 economic, and societal benefits of widespread
 71.2 commercial lawn habitat transformation. This
 71.3 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
 71.4 by which time the project must be completed
 71.5 and final products delivered.

71.6 **(o) Riparian Area Adaptation Strategy for**
 71.7 **Southeast Minnesota**

71.8 \$243,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 71.9 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 71.10 an agreement with The Nature Conservancy,
 71.11 in partnership with the University of
 71.12 Minnesota, to assess an alternative adaptation
 71.13 strategy to restore riparian areas by excavating
 71.14 and planting riparian shrubs to reconnect the
 71.15 floodplains. This appropriation may also be
 71.16 used for outreach materials and educational
 71.17 activities.

71.18 **(p) Minnehaha Park South Plateau Oak Savanna**
 71.19 **Restoration**

71.20 \$242,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 71.21 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 71.22 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
 71.23 Recreation Board to improve wildlife habitat,
 71.24 enhance recreational experiences, and restore
 71.25 an area of urban parkland in Minnehaha Park
 71.26 to an oak savanna ecosystem. This
 71.27 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
 71.28 by which time the project must be completed
 71.29 and final products delivered.

71.30 **(q) Tree Protection for Minnesota's Tamarack**
 71.31 **Against Larch Beetle**

71.32 \$321,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 71.33 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 71.34 Minnesota to evaluate new insect management
 71.35 techniques and key factors for predicting

72.1 future infestations to protect and preserve trees
 72.2 from native eastern larch beetle infestations.

72.3 **(r) Shoreline Restoration and Enhancement at**
 72.4 **Minneapolis Lakes**

72.5 \$819,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 72.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 72.7 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
 72.8 Recreation Board to restore and enhance areas
 72.9 of turf-dominated, eroding, and low habitat
 72.10 value lakeshore that impacts the water quality
 72.11 of the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes.

72.12 **(s) Developing Markets for CLC Crops**

72.13 \$450,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 72.14 to the commissioner of agriculture to provide
 72.15 grants to organizations in Minnesota to
 72.16 develop enterprises, supply chains, and
 72.17 markets for continuous living cover crops and
 72.18 cropping systems in the early stage of
 72.19 commercial development. This appropriation
 72.20 is exempt from the income repayment
 72.21 requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section
 72.22 116P.10, paragraph (c).

72.23 **Subd. 9. Land Acquisition, Habitat, and**
 72.24 **Recreation**

19,553,000

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72.25 **(a) Cannon River Preservation and Access**

72.26 \$2,717,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 72.27 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 72.28 an agreement with Dakota County to
 72.29 rehabilitate the historic Waterford Bridge for
 72.30 the Mill Towns State Trail; restore and
 72.31 enhance upland shoreline, forest, and prairie
 72.32 habitats; and develop a trailhead and
 72.33 recreational access to the Cannon River.

72.34 **(b) Mesabi Trail: Aurora to Hoyt Lakes**

73.1 \$1,325,000 the first year is from the trust fund
73.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
73.3 an agreement with St. Louis and Lake
73.4 Counties Regional Railroad Authority for
73.5 environmental review and permitting and to
73.6 engineer, design, and construct a segment of
73.7 the Mesabi Trail beginning at the intersection
73.8 of Main Street and Forestry Road in Aurora
73.9 toward Hoyt Lakes.

73.10 **(c) RTA Maintenance Trail Stabilization Project**

73.11 \$500,000 the first year is from the trust fund
73.12 to the commissioner of natural resources for
73.13 an agreement with the city of Eden Prairie to
73.14 construct a retaining wall and restore adjacent
73.15 remnant prairie along the maintenance trail at
73.16 Richard T. Anderson (RTA) Conservation
73.17 Area to mitigate ongoing erosion and protect
73.18 native habitat and plant communities.

73.19 **(d) Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant**
73.20 **Programs**

73.21 \$4,769,000 the first year is from the trust fund
73.22 to the commissioner of natural resources to
73.23 solicit, rank, and fund competitive matching
73.24 grants for local parks, trail connections, and
73.25 natural and scenic areas under Minnesota
73.26 Statutes, section 85.019. This appropriation is
73.27 for local nature-based recreation, connections
73.28 to regional and state natural areas, and
73.29 recreation facilities and may not be used for
73.30 athletic facilities such as sport fields, courts,
73.31 and playgrounds. This appropriation is exempt
73.32 from subdivision 13, paragraph (k).

73.33 **(e) Boardwalk Over Boggy Land for**
73.34 **Recreational Purposes**

74.1 \$148,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 74.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 74.3 an agreement with the city of Battle Lake to
 74.4 design and construct a boardwalk over city
 74.5 land to protect wetlands and to increase
 74.6 community access to natural areas and wildlife
 74.7 habitat.

74.8 **(f) Lake Zumbro Park Water Access and Site**
 74.9 **Improvements**

74.10 \$1,978,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 74.11 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 74.12 an agreement with Olmsted County to enhance
 74.13 the Lake Zumbro Park water access and the
 74.14 federal Americans with Disabilities Act
 74.15 (ADA) accessibility for boating, fishing, and
 74.16 viewing, while creating new user-friendly and
 74.17 accessible amenities for individuals and
 74.18 families. This may include new fishing docks
 74.19 or piers, restored shoreline, improved parking,
 74.20 and ADA accessible access to an existing
 74.21 kayak and canoe launch.

74.22 **(g) Scientific and Natural Area (SNA)**
 74.23 **Biodiversity Protection**

74.24 \$1,104,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 74.25 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 74.26 the scientific and natural area program to
 74.27 conserve Minnesota's most unique places and
 74.28 rare species and strategically acquire lands
 74.29 that meet criteria for SNAs under Minnesota
 74.30 Statutes, section 86A.05. This appropriation
 74.31 is available until June 30, 2029, by which time
 74.32 the project must be completed and final
 74.33 products delivered.

74.34 **(h) Scandia Gateway Trail Connection:**
 74.35 **Recreation, Wetlands, and Environmental**
 74.36 **Education**

75.1 \$907,000 the first year is from the trust fund
75.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
75.3 an agreement with the city of Scandia to
75.4 engineer, design, and construct a bike and
75.5 pedestrian trail to connect recreational,
75.6 cultural, and environmental resources in
75.7 Scandia to the state Gateway Trail. This
75.8 appropriation is also to create and install
75.9 educational interpretive signage about
75.10 wetlands and rain gardens near the trail.

75.11 **(i) Lake Byllesby Regional Park Restoration and**
75.12 **Recreation**

75.13 \$1,120,000 the first year is from the trust fund
75.14 to the commissioner of natural resources for
75.15 an agreement with Dakota County to restore
75.16 prairie, woodland, and shoreline habitat and
75.17 design and install trails, birding and picnic
75.18 areas, and other recreational amenities to
75.19 enhance the visitor experience and stewardship
75.20 at Lake Byllesby Regional Park. This
75.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
75.22 by which time the project must be completed
75.23 and final products delivered.

75.24 **(j) Thompson County Park Restoration and**
75.25 **Accessibility Improvements**

75.26 \$867,000 the first year is from the trust fund
75.27 to the commissioner of natural resources for
75.28 an agreement with Dakota County to develop
75.29 a pollinator promenade with accessible natural
75.30 surface paths, native plantings, and interpretive
75.31 signage at Thompson County Park. This
75.32 appropriation may also be used to conduct
75.33 stream restoration to enhance visitor
75.34 experience and provide stormwater storage,
75.35 sediment and nutrient reduction, and increased
75.36 habitat and species diversity within the park.

76.1 This appropriation is available until June 30,
76.2 2029, by which time the project must be
76.3 completed and final products delivered.

76.4 **(k) Thom Storm Chalet and Outdoor Recreation**
76.5 **Center**

76.6 \$2,312,000 the first year is from the trust fund
76.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for
76.8 an agreement with the city of Duluth to
76.9 construct a new building and accessible
76.10 parking for the Thom Storm Chalet and
76.11 Outdoor Recreation Center at Chester Park to
76.12 expand high-quality outdoor recreation and
76.13 environmental education opportunities that
76.14 enhance youth and family understanding of
76.15 the importance of natural resource protection,
76.16 conservation, and preservation. Net income
76.17 generated as part of this appropriation may be
76.18 reinvested in the project if a plan for
76.19 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as
76.20 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
76.21 116P.10.

76.22 **(l) Enhancing Preservation and Accessibility at**
76.23 **Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve**

76.24 \$155,000 the first year is from the trust fund
76.25 to the commissioner of natural resources for
76.26 an agreement with the city of Duluth to
76.27 develop accessible trails and remove invasive
76.28 species to enhance outdoor recreation and
76.29 education opportunities that promote
76.30 conservation of raptors and preservation of
76.31 natural resources at Hawk Ridge Nature
76.32 Reserve.

76.33 **(m) Echo Bay County Park - Phase 1**
76.34 **Construction**

77.1 \$1,122,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 77.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 77.3 an agreement with Otter Tail County to
 77.4 construct, in accordance with the Echo Bay
 77.5 County Park Master Plan, access roads, trails,
 77.6 parking, and bathroom facilities that create
 77.7 designated public access and use corridors for
 77.8 outdoor recreation and limit natural resource
 77.9 impacts in Echo Bay County Park.

77.10 **(n) Chaska Big Woods Property Acquisition**

77.11 \$529,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 77.12 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 77.13 an agreement with the city of Chaska to
 77.14 acquire property that contains remnant Big
 77.15 Woods to protect Minnesota forests and
 77.16 wetlands and to increase community access
 77.17 to natural areas.

77.18 **Subd. 10. Administration, Emerging Issues, and**
 77.19 **Contract Agreement Reimbursement**

7,267,000

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77.20 **(a) Emerging Issues Account**

77.21 \$2,984,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 77.22 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on
 77.23 Minnesota Resources to an emerging issues
 77.24 account authorized in Minnesota Statutes,
 77.25 section 116P.08, subdivision 4, paragraph (d).

77.26 **(b) 2025 Contract Agreement Reimbursement**

77.27 \$280,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 77.28 to the commissioner of natural resources, at
 77.29 the direction of the Legislative-Citizen
 77.30 Commission on Minnesota Resources, for
 77.31 expenses incurred in preparing and
 77.32 administering contracts, including for the
 77.33 agreements specified in this section.

77.34 **(c) LCCMR Administrative Budget**

78.1 \$4,000,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 78.2 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on
 78.3 Minnesota Resources for administration in
 78.4 fiscal years 2026 and 2027 as provided in
 78.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.09,
 78.6 subdivision 5. This appropriation is available
 78.7 until June 30, 2027. Notwithstanding
 78.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.11,
 78.9 paragraph (b), Minnesota Statutes, section
 78.10 16A.281, applies to this appropriation.

78.11 **(d) Legislative Coordinating Commission Legacy**
 78.12 **Website**

78.13 \$3,000 the first year is from the trust fund to
 78.14 the Legislative Coordinating Commission for
 78.15 the website required in Minnesota Statutes,
 78.16 section 3.303, subdivision 10.

78.17 **Subd. 11. Availability of appropriations**

78.18 Money appropriated in this section may not
 78.19 be spent on activities unless they are directly
 78.20 related to and necessary for a specific
 78.21 appropriation and are specified in the work
 78.22 plan approved by the Legislative-Citizen
 78.23 Commission on Minnesota Resources. Money
 78.24 appropriated in this section must not be spent
 78.25 on indirect costs or other institutional overhead
 78.26 charges that are not directly related to and
 78.27 necessary for a specific appropriation. Costs
 78.28 that are directly related to and necessary for
 78.29 an appropriation, including financial services,
 78.30 human resources, information services, rent,
 78.31 and utilities, are eligible only if the costs can
 78.32 be clearly justified and individually
 78.33 documented specific to the appropriation's
 78.34 purpose and would not be generated by the
 78.35 recipient but for receipt of the appropriation.

79.1 No broad allocations for costs in either dollars
79.2 or percentages are allowed. Unless otherwise
79.3 provided, the amounts in this section are
79.4 available for three years beginning July 1,
79.5 2025, and ending June 30, 2028, when projects
79.6 must be completed and final products
79.7 delivered. For acquisition of real property, the
79.8 appropriations in this section are available for
79.9 an additional fiscal year if a binding contract
79.10 for acquisition of the real property is entered
79.11 into before the expiration date of the
79.12 appropriation. If a project receives a federal
79.13 award, the period of the appropriation is
79.14 extended to equal the federal award period to
79.15 a maximum trust fund appropriation length of
79.16 six years.

79.17 **Subd. 12. Data availability requirements**

79.18 Data collected by the projects funded under
79.19 this section must conform to guidelines and
79.20 standards adopted by Minnesota IT Services.
79.21 Spatial data must also conform to additional
79.22 guidelines and standards designed to support
79.23 data coordination and distribution that have
79.24 been published by the Minnesota Geospatial
79.25 Information Office. Descriptions of spatial
79.26 data must be prepared as specified in the state's
79.27 geographic metadata guidelines and final data
79.28 must be uploaded to the Minnesota Geospatial
79.29 Commons upon project completion. All data
79.30 must be accessible and free to the public
79.31 unless made private under the Data Practices
79.32 Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13. To the
79.33 extent practicable, summary data and results
79.34 of projects funded under this section should
79.35 be readily accessible on the Internet and

80.1 identified as having received funding from the
80.2 environment and natural resources trust fund.

80.3 **Subd. 13. Project requirements**

80.4 (a) As a condition of accepting an
80.5 appropriation under this section, an agency or
80.6 entity receiving an appropriation or a party to
80.7 an agreement from an appropriation must
80.8 comply with paragraphs (b) to (m) and
80.9 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, and must
80.10 submit a work plan and annual or semiannual
80.11 progress reports in the form determined by the
80.12 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
80.13 Resources for any project funded in whole or
80.14 in part with money from the appropriation.
80.15 Modifications to the approved work plan and
80.16 budget expenditures must be made through
80.17 the amendment process established by the
80.18 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
80.19 Resources.

80.20 (b) A recipient of money appropriated in this
80.21 section that conducts a restoration using
80.22 money appropriated in this section must use
80.23 native plant species according to the Board of
80.24 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
80.25 establishment and enhancement guidelines
80.26 and include an appropriate diversity of native
80.27 species selected to provide habitat for
80.28 pollinators throughout the growing season as
80.29 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
80.30 84.973.

80.31 (c) For all restorations conducted with money
80.32 appropriated under this section, a recipient
80.33 must prepare an ecological restoration and
80.34 management plan that, to the degree
80.35 practicable, is consistent with the

81.1 highest-quality conservation and ecological
81.2 goals for the restoration site. Consideration
81.3 should be given to soil, geology, topography,
81.4 and other relevant factors that would provide
81.5 the best chance for long-term success and
81.6 durability of the restoration project. The plan
81.7 must include the proposed timetable for
81.8 implementing the restoration, including site
81.9 preparation, establishment of diverse plant
81.10 species, maintenance, and additional
81.11 enhancement to establish the restoration;
81.12 identify long-term maintenance and
81.13 management needs of the restoration and how
81.14 the maintenance, management, and
81.15 enhancement will be financed; and take
81.16 advantage of the best-available science and
81.17 include innovative techniques to achieve the
81.18 best restoration.

81.19 (d) An entity receiving an appropriation in this
81.20 section for restoration activities must provide
81.21 an initial restoration evaluation at the
81.22 completion of the appropriation and an
81.23 evaluation three years after the completion of
81.24 the expenditure. Restorations must be
81.25 evaluated relative to the stated goals and
81.26 standards in the restoration plan, current
81.27 science, and, when applicable, the Board of
81.28 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
81.29 establishment and enhancement guidelines.
81.30 The evaluation must determine whether the
81.31 restorations are meeting planned goals,
81.32 identify any problems with implementing the
81.33 restorations, and, if necessary, give
81.34 recommendations on improving restorations.
81.35 The evaluation must be focused on improving
81.36 future restorations.

- 82.1 (e) All restoration and enhancement projects
82.2 funded with money appropriated in this section
82.3 must be on land permanently protected by a
82.4 conservation easement or public ownership.
- 82.5 (f) A recipient of money from an appropriation
82.6 under this section must give consideration to
82.7 contracting with Conservation Corps
82.8 Minnesota for contract restoration and
82.9 enhancement services.
- 82.10 (g) All conservation easements acquired with
82.11 money appropriated under this section must:
- 82.12 (1) be permanent;
- 82.13 (2) specify the parties to the easement in the
82.14 easement document;
- 82.15 (3) specify all provisions of an agreement that
82.16 are permanent;
- 82.17 (4) be sent to the Legislative-Citizen
82.18 Commission on Minnesota Resources in an
82.19 electronic format at least 20 business days
82.20 before closing;
- 82.21 (5) include a long-term monitoring and
82.22 enforcement plan and funding for monitoring
82.23 and enforcing the easement agreement; and
- 82.24 (6) include requirements in the easement
82.25 document to protect the quantity and quality
82.26 of groundwater and surface water through
82.27 specific activities, such as keeping water on
82.28 the landscape, reducing nutrient and
82.29 contaminant loading, and not permitting
82.30 artificial hydrological modifications.
- 82.31 (h) For any acquisition of lands or interest in
82.32 lands, a recipient of money appropriated under
82.33 this section must not agree to pay more than

83.1 100 percent of the appraised value for a parcel
83.2 of land using this money to complete the
83.3 purchase, in part or in whole, except that up
83.4 to ten percent above the appraised value may
83.5 be allowed to complete the purchase, in part
83.6 or in whole, using this money if permission is
83.7 received in advance of the purchase from the
83.8 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
83.9 Resources.

83.10 (i) For any acquisition of land or interest in
83.11 land, a recipient of money appropriated under
83.12 this section must give priority to high-quality
83.13 natural resources or conservation lands that
83.14 provide natural buffers to water resources.

83.15 (j) For new lands acquired with money
83.16 appropriated under this section, a recipient
83.17 must prepare an ecological restoration and
83.18 management plan in compliance with
83.19 paragraph (c), including sufficient funding for
83.20 implementation unless the work plan addresses
83.21 why a portion of the money is not necessary
83.22 to achieve a high-quality restoration.

83.23 (k) To ensure public accountability for using
83.24 public money, a recipient of money
83.25 appropriated under this section must, within
83.26 60 days of a land acquisition, provide to the
83.27 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
83.28 Resources documentation of the selection
83.29 process used to identify parcels acquired and
83.30 provide documentation of all related
83.31 transaction costs, including but not limited to
83.32 appraisals, legal fees, recording fees,
83.33 commissions, other similar costs, and
83.34 donations. This information must be provided
83.35 for all parties involved in the transaction. The

84.1 recipient must also report to the
84.2 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
84.3 Resources any difference between the
84.4 acquisition amount paid to the seller and the
84.5 state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal, if
84.6 a state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal
84.7 was conducted.

84.8 (l) A recipient of an appropriation from the
84.9 trust fund under this section must acknowledge
84.10 financial support from the environment and
84.11 natural resources trust fund in project
84.12 publications, signage, and other public
84.13 communications and outreach related to work
84.14 completed using the appropriation.

84.15 Acknowledgment may occur, as appropriate,
84.16 through use of the trust fund logo or inclusion
84.17 of language attributing support from the trust
84.18 fund. Each direct recipient of money
84.19 appropriated in this section, as well as each
84.20 recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this
84.21 section, must satisfy all reporting and other
84.22 requirements incumbent upon constitutionally
84.23 dedicated funding recipients as provided in
84.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
84.25 10, and chapter 116P.

84.26 (m) A recipient of an appropriation from the
84.27 trust fund under this section that is receiving
84.28 funding to conduct children's services, as
84.29 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
84.30 299C.61, subdivision 7, must certify to the
84.31 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
84.32 Resources, as part of the required work plan,
84.33 that criminal background checks for
84.34 background check crimes, as defined in
84.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.61,

85.1 subdivision 2, are performed on all employees,
85.2 contractors, and volunteers that have or may
85.3 have access to a child to whom the recipient
85.4 provides children's services using the
85.5 appropriation.

85.6 **Subd. 14. Payment conditions and capital**
85.7 **equipment expenditures**

85.8 (a) All agreements, grants, or contracts
85.9 referred to in this section must be administered
85.10 on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise
85.11 provided in this section. Notwithstanding
85.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41,
85.13 expenditures made on or after July 1, 2025,
85.14 or the date the work plan is approved,
85.15 whichever is later, are eligible for
85.16 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
85.17 this section. Periodic payments must be made
85.18 upon receiving documentation that the
85.19 deliverable items articulated in the approved
85.20 work plan have been achieved, including
85.21 partial achievements as evidenced by approved
85.22 progress reports. Reasonable amounts may be
85.23 advanced to projects to accommodate
85.24 cash-flow needs or match federal money. The
85.25 advances must be approved as part of the work
85.26 plan. No expenditures for capital equipment
85.27 are allowed unless expressly authorized in the
85.28 project work plan.

85.29 (b) Single-source contracts as specified in the
85.30 approved work plan are allowed.

85.31 **Subd. 15. Purchasing recycled and recyclable**
85.32 **materials**

85.33 A political subdivision, public or private
85.34 corporation, or other entity that receives an
85.35 appropriation under this section must use the

86.1 appropriation in compliance with Minnesota
86.2 Statutes, section 16C.0725, regarding
86.3 purchasing recycled, repairable, and durable
86.4 materials, and Minnesota Statutes, section
86.5 16C.073, regarding purchasing and using
86.6 paper stock and printing.

86.7 **Subd. 16. Accessibility**

86.8 Structural and nonstructural facilities must
86.9 meet the design standards in the Americans
86.10 with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility
86.11 guidelines.

86.12 **Subd. 17. Carryforward; extensions**

86.13 (a) The availability of the appropriations for
86.14 the following projects is extended to June 30,
86.15 2026:

86.16 (1) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
86.17 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph
86.18 (d), Foundational Hydrology Data for Wetland
86.19 Protection and Restoration;

86.20 (2) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
86.21 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 6, paragraph
86.22 (b), Protect Community Forests by Managing
86.23 Ash for Emerald Ash Borer;

86.24 (3) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
86.25 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 9, paragraph
86.26 (t), Chippewa County Acquisition, Recreation,
86.27 and Education;

86.28 (4) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
86.29 6, article 6, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph
86.30 (g), Geologic Atlases for Water Resource
86.31 Management;

86.32 (5) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
86.33 6, article 6, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph

- 87.1 (n), Bioacoustics for Broad-Scale Species
- 87.2 Monitoring and Conservation;
- 87.3 (6) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
- 87.4 subdivision 4, paragraph (f), Water and
- 87.5 Climate Information to Enhance Community
- 87.6 Resilience;
- 87.7 (7) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
- 87.8 subdivision 4, paragraph (i), Is the Tire
- 87.9 Chemical 6PPDq Killing Minnesota's Fish?;
- 87.10 (8) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
- 87.11 subdivision 7, paragraph (a), Green Solar Cells
- 87.12 from a Minnesota Natural Resource;
- 87.13 (9) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
- 87.14 subdivision 8, paragraph (d), Hastings Lake
- 87.15 Rebecca Park Area;
- 87.16 (10) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
- 87.17 subdivision 9, paragraph (a), as amended by
- 87.18 Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 15,
- 87.19 Mesabi Trail: Wahlsten Road (CR 26) to
- 87.20 Tower; and
- 87.21 (11) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
- 87.22 subdivision 9, paragraph (j), as amended by
- 87.23 Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 5, Silver Bay
- 87.24 Multimodal Trailhead Project.
- 87.25 (b) The availability of the appropriations for
- 87.26 the following projects is extended to June 30,
- 87.27 2027:
- 87.28 (1) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
- 87.29 subdivision 4, paragraph (g), Catch and
- 87.30 Reveal: Discovering Unknown Fish
- 87.31 Contamination Threats;
- 87.32 (2) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,
- 87.33 subdivision 9, paragraph (e), Native Prairie

88.1 Stewardship and Prairie Bank Easement

88.2 Acquisition;

88.3 (3) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,

88.4 subdivision 9, paragraph (h), SNA Habitat

88.5 Restoration and Public Engagement; and

88.6 (4) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,

88.7 subdivision 9, paragraph (n), Ranier Safe

88.8 Harbor/Transient Dock - Phase 2.

88.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 17 is effective the day following final enactment.

88.10 Sec. 3. Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

88.11 **Subd. 3. Foundational Natural Resource Data**

88.12 **and Information**

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88.13 **(a) Native Plant Community Data in the City of**

88.14 **Duluth**

88.15 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust

88.16 fund to the commissioner of natural resources

88.17 for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust

88.18 to develop field-verified native plant

88.19 community data and maps for the city of

88.20 Duluth and the St. Louis River estuary to

88.21 support conservation and restoration activities.

88.22 **(b) Reconstructing Historical Wild Rice to**

88.23 **Understand Its Future**

88.24 \$200,000 the second year is from the trust

88.25 fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota for

88.26 the St. Croix Watershed Research Station to

88.27 characterize environmental drivers

88.28 contributing to the decline of wild rice using

88.29 lake sediment cores to reconstruct historical

88.30 wild rice abundance in relation to lake and

88.31 watershed stressors.

88.32 **(c) Characterizing Tree Cavities and Use by**

88.33 **Minnesota's Wildlife**

89.1 \$349,000 the second year is from the trust
89.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
89.3 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
89.4 Research Institute in Duluth to assess the
89.5 effects of forest management on Minnesota's
89.6 primary cavity engineer, the pileated
89.7 woodpecker, and on the wildlife that rely on
89.8 the cavities that pileated woodpeckers create.
89.9 This appropriation is also to develop
89.10 management guidelines.

89.11 **(d) Fate of Minnesota's Lakes in the Next**
89.12 **Century**

89.13 \$453,000 the second year is from the trust
89.14 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
89.15 of Minnesota to use new modeling techniques
89.16 to quantify how water quality of Minnesota's
89.17 lakes will change in the next century under
89.18 future land use and climate change scenarios
89.19 and to create an online web tool to display the
89.20 results. This appropriation is subject to
89.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This
89.22 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,
89.23 by which time the project must be completed
89.24 and final products delivered.

89.25 **(e) Turtle Island Skywatchers - Minnesota**
89.26 **Research and Data Visualization**

89.27 \$200,000 the second year is from the trust
89.28 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
89.29 for an agreement with Native Skywatchers
89.30 Inc. to engage youth in environmental
89.31 stewardship by collecting images and acoustic
89.32 data from turtles and other culturally
89.33 significant animals and their habitats,
89.34 evaluating the differences in these soundscapes
89.35 across landscapes, and sharing the results

90.1 through scientific storytelling and online
90.2 platforms.

90.3 **(f) Monitoring Minnesota's Insects: Connecting**
90.4 **Habitat to Insect Prey**

90.5 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust
90.6 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
90.7 of Minnesota to investigate the ecological
90.8 roles of and energy transfer by certain
90.9 Minnesota insects throughout their life cycles
90.10 and to train future insect researchers on field
90.11 techniques.

90.12 **(g) Determining Ambient Background PFAS**
90.13 **Concentrations in Minnesota Soils**

90.14 \$621,000 the second year is from the trust
90.15 fund to the commissioner of the Pollution
90.16 Control Agency to determine ambient
90.17 background per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance
90.18 (PFAS) levels in urban and nonurban soils to
90.19 help Minnesota develop management
90.20 strategies for PFAS-contaminated soils. This
90.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,
90.22 by which time the project must be completed
90.23 and final products delivered.

90.24 **(h) Investigating Life History Characteristics of**
90.25 **Minnesota Elk**

90.26 \$933,000 the second year is from the trust
90.27 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
90.28 to assess Minnesota elk herd health and
90.29 genetic diversity, movements, survival, and
90.30 causes of mortality and to develop a
90.31 noninvasive, safer, and more accurate method
90.32 to estimate population size. This appropriation
90.33 is available until June 30, 2028, by which time
90.34 the project must be completed and final
90.35 products delivered.

91.1 **(i) Foundational Data for Moth and Butterfly**
91.2 **Conservation**

91.3 \$195,000 the second year is from the trust
91.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
91.5 to perform field surveys and consolidate
91.6 existing data to create the first comprehensive
91.7 list of Minnesota moths and butterflies. This
91.8 appropriation is also to conduct outreach to
91.9 inform land managers and to facilitate public
91.10 appreciation of these species.

91.11 **(j) DNR County Groundwater Atlas**

91.12 \$3,200,000 the second year is from the trust
91.13 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
91.14 to continue producing county groundwater
91.15 atlases to inform management of surface water
91.16 and groundwater resources for drinking and
91.17 other purposes. This appropriation is for Part
91.18 B, to characterize the potential water yields of
91.19 aquifers and aquifers' sensitivity to
91.20 contamination.

91.21 **(k) Voyageurs Wolf Project - Phase III**

91.22 \$996,000 the second year is from the trust
91.23 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
91.24 of Minnesota to continue to study summertime
91.25 wolf predation on deer, moose, and other
91.26 species in the greater Voyageurs ecosystem
91.27 to inform wildlife management and to share
91.28 natural history of this species with the public.
91.29 This appropriation is available until June 30,
91.30 2028, by which time the project must be
91.31 completed and final products delivered.

91.32 **(l) Distribution and Population Status of Weasels**
91.33 **in Minnesota**

91.34 \$400,000 the second year is from the trust
91.35 fund to the Board of Regents of the University

92.1 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
 92.2 Research Institute in Duluth to determine the
 92.3 distribution, relative abundance, and spatial
 92.4 occupancy patterns of small weasel species in
 92.5 Minnesota to fill key knowledge gaps in
 92.6 weasel distribution and status in Minnesota.

92.7 **(m) Improving Aquatic Plant Knowledge for**
 92.8 **Healthy Waters**

92.9 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust
 92.10 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 92.11 to collect foundational data on Minnesota's
 92.12 native aquatic plant biodiversity through new
 92.13 and enhanced lake surveys and to disseminate
 92.14 results to state resource managers, scientists,
 92.15 and the public.

92.16 **(n) New Small Mammal Monitoring Methods**
 92.17 **for Minnesota**

92.18 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust
 92.19 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 92.20 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
 92.21 Research Institute in Duluth to develop camera
 92.22 trapping methods as a new tool to collect
 92.23 foundational data and fill key knowledge gaps
 92.24 in the status of small mammal species in
 92.25 Minnesota.

92.26 **(o) Status of Bats and Roost Trees after**
 92.27 **White-Nose Syndrome**

92.28 \$195,000 the second year is from the trust
 92.29 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 92.30 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
 92.31 Research Institute in Duluth to study changes
 92.32 in maternity roost trees and bat populations in
 92.33 the forested areas of Minnesota and to evaluate
 92.34 the effects of years of white-nose syndrome
 92.35 on Minnesota bats.

93.1 **(p) Sublethal Effects of Pesticides on the**
 93.2 **Invertebrate Community**

93.3 \$387,000 the second year is from the trust
 93.4 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 93.5 of Minnesota to provide data on pesticide
 93.6 contamination in soil and the insect
 93.7 community across the state and the effect of
 93.8 insecticide exposure on insect reproduction.
 93.9 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 93.10 2029, by which time the project must be
 93.11 completed and final products delivered.

93.12 **(q) Modernizing Minnesota's Plant Community**
 93.13 **Classification and Field Guides**

93.14 \$1,800,000 the second year is from the trust
 93.15 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 93.16 to collect additional vegetation and
 93.17 environmental data and update the state's
 93.18 20-year-old native plant community
 93.19 classification guides to incorporate new data,
 93.20 streamline user application and access to
 93.21 products, and include analysis of climate and
 93.22 vegetation trends. Net income generated as
 93.23 part of this appropriation may be reinvested
 93.24 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is
 93.25 approved in the work plan. This appropriation
 93.26 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 93.27 116P.10.

93.28 **(r) Assessing Prairie Health to Inform Pollinator**
 93.29 **Conservation**

93.30 \$297,000 the second year is from the trust
 93.31 fund to the Minnesota Zoological Society to
 93.32 assess habitat quality and pesticide occurrence
 93.33 in Minnesota prairies to help inform
 93.34 management actions, endangered species
 93.35 recovery plans, and pollinator reintroduction

94.1 efforts for endangered and threatened
94.2 butterflies and other wildlife.

94.3 **(s) Understanding Native Fishes in the**
94.4 **Bowfishing Era**

94.5 \$588,000 the second year is from the trust
94.6 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
94.7 of Minnesota, Duluth, to collect foundational
94.8 biological information on a selection of native
94.9 Minnesota fish to aid in sustainable
94.10 management, improve recreational
94.11 opportunities, and educate the public about
94.12 these shared aquatic resources. This
94.13 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,
94.14 by which time the project must be completed
94.15 and final products delivered.

94.16 **(t) Preserving Minnesota Wildflower**
94.17 **Information**

94.18 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust
94.19 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
94.20 of Minnesota, Bell Museum of Natural
94.21 History, to preserve and enhance Minnesota
94.22 Wildflowers Information, an online tool for
94.23 plant identification, by integrating the content
94.24 and functionality of the website with the
94.25 Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas for public use
94.26 as required by Laws 2017, chapter 96, section
94.27 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (e).

94.28 **(u) White-Tailed Deer Movement and Disease**
94.29 **in Suburban Areas**

94.30 \$699,000 the second year is from the trust
94.31 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
94.32 of Minnesota to better understand white-tailed
94.33 deer movement, habitat use, and disease
94.34 dynamics at the suburban-agricultural interface

95.1 to inform more efficient deer management and
95.2 disease control.

95.3 **(v) Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and**
95.4 **Minnesota Raptors**

95.5 \$187,000 the second year is from the trust
95.6 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
95.7 of Minnesota for the Raptor Center to evaluate
95.8 Minnesota raptors for current or past infections
95.9 with highly pathogenic avian influenza virus
95.10 to better understand disease transmission and
95.11 outbreak impacts on raptor populations.

95.12 **(w) Geologic Atlases for Water Resource**
95.13 **Management**

95.14 \$1,236,000 the second year is from the trust
95.15 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
95.16 of Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey,
95.17 to continue producing county geologic atlases
95.18 to inform management of surface water and
95.19 groundwater resources. This appropriation is
95.20 to complete Part A, which focuses on the
95.21 properties and distribution of earth materials
95.22 to define aquifer boundaries and the
95.23 connection of aquifers to the land surface and
95.24 surface water resources.

95.25 **(x) Remote Sensing for Pollinator Habitat**

95.26 \$180,000 the second year is from the trust
95.27 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
95.28 for an agreement with Monarch Joint Venture
95.29 to use remote sensing technology to evaluate
95.30 pollinator habitat on energy and transportation
95.31 corridors across Minnesota and to host
95.32 field-day training workshops. Net income
95.33 generated as part of this appropriation may be
95.34 reinvested in the project if a plan for
95.35 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as

96.1 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
 96.2 116P.10.

96.3 **(y) Harnessing Cover Crops and Roots for**
 96.4 **Sustainable Cropping**

96.5 \$375,000 the second year is from the trust
 96.6 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 96.7 of Minnesota to determine carbon
 96.8 sequestration, nitrogen credit potential, water
 96.9 use, and performance of cover crops in
 96.10 corn-soybean and corn-soybean-wheat
 96.11 rotations in southern Minnesota.

96.12 **(z) Effects of Conservation Grazing on Solar**
 96.13 **Sites Managed for Pollinator Habitat**

96.14 \$88,000 the second year is from the trust fund
 96.15 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 96.16 an agreement with Minnesota Native
 96.17 Landscapes, in partnership with Temple
 96.18 University, to analyze the effects of sheep
 96.19 grazing and mowing on the vegetation and
 96.20 soils of solar sites managed for pollinator
 96.21 habitat and to improve understanding of the
 96.22 environmental outcomes from the colocation
 96.23 of solar panels; grazing; and native,
 96.24 pollinator-friendly vegetation. This
 96.25 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
 96.26 by which time the project must be completed
 96.27 and final products delivered.

96.28 **(aa) Genetic Detection of Endangered Mussels**
 96.29 **in the Mississippi**

96.30 \$241,000 the second year is from the trust
 96.31 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 96.32 for an agreement with the United States
 96.33 Geological Survey, Ohio Water Microbiology
 96.34 Lab, to create, optimize, and use eDNA assays
 96.35 to detect the presence of endangered or

97.1 threatened mussel species around Buffalo
 97.2 Slough near the Prairie Island Indian
 97.3 Community.

97.4 **(bb) Integrated Population Modeling for**
 97.5 **Trumpeter Swans**

97.6 \$180,000 the second year is from the trust
 97.7 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 97.8 of Minnesota to compile and use all available
 97.9 data to model historical population abundance
 97.10 and estimate future population dynamics of
 97.11 Minnesota trumpeter swans.

97.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2024.

97.13 Sec. 4. Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

97.14 **Subd. 8. Methods to Protect or Restore Land,**
 97.15 **Water, and Habitat**

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97.16 **(a) Long-Term Preservation of Minnesota's Ball**
 97.17 **Cactus Population**

97.18 \$100,000 the second year is from the trust
 97.19 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 97.20 of Minnesota for the Minnesota Landscape
 97.21 Arboretum to protect Minnesota's only
 97.22 population of ball cactus by supporting
 97.23 population expansion and establishment,
 97.24 monitoring transferred plants, and training
 97.25 long-term volunteer monitors. This
 97.26 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,
 97.27 by which time the project must be completed
 97.28 and final products delivered.

97.29 **(b) Morrison County Historical Society**
 97.30 **Streambank Stabilization and Restoration**

97.31 \$519,000 the second year is from the trust
 97.32 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 97.33 for an agreement with the Morrison Soil and
 97.34 Water Conservation District to stabilize and

98.1 restore land along the Mississippi River owned
98.2 by the Morrison County Historical Society
98.3 within the statutory boundaries of Charles A.
98.4 Lindbergh State Park to improve water quality
98.5 and improve aquatic and terrestrial habit. For
98.6 purposes of this appropriation, subdivision 13,
98.7 paragraph (e), does not apply. The
98.8 commissioner of natural resources may make
98.9 reasonable amounts of this appropriation
98.10 available on an advance basis to accommodate
98.11 the Morrison Soil and Water Conservation
98.12 District's cash-flow needs if a plan for the
98.13 advances is approved as part of the work plan.

98.14 **(c) Can Increased Tree Diversity Increase**
98.15 **Community Diversity?**

98.16 \$415,000 the second year is from the trust
98.17 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
98.18 of Minnesota to evaluate impacts of increasing
98.19 tree diversity on wildlife, plant and fungal
98.20 communities, and carbon storage within aspen
98.21 forests in northern Minnesota to develop best
98.22 management practices for mixed woodland
98.23 systems.

98.24 **(d) Restoration of Riverside Park**

98.25 \$141,000 the second year is from the trust
98.26 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
98.27 for an agreement with the city of Long Prairie
98.28 to improve water retention, increase native
98.29 habitat, and enhance footpaths for recreation
98.30 at Riverside Park in Todd County, Minnesota.
98.31 The project must create a net increase in
98.32 habitat, and this appropriation may not be used
98.33 to meet the conditions of any permits received
98.34 for the project.

99.1 **(e) Pollinator Central IV: Habitat Improvement**
99.2 **with Public Engagement**

99.3 \$698,000 the second year is from the trust
99.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
99.5 for an agreement with Great River Greening
99.6 to partner with municipalities, educational
99.7 organizations, and volunteers to create and
99.8 enhance pollinator habitat along public
99.9 corridors from Lakeville to St. Cloud and to
99.10 engage youth and the public through education
99.11 and monitoring the impact of habitat
99.12 improvements. This appropriation is available
99.13 until June 30, 2028, by which time the project
99.14 must be completed and final products
99.15 delivered.

99.16 **(f) Conservation Grazing for Birds, Beef, and**
99.17 **Better Soil**

99.18 \$342,000 the second year is from the trust
99.19 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
99.20 for an agreement with the National Audubon
99.21 Society, Minnesota office, to assess Audubon
99.22 Conservation Ranching as a strategic approach
99.23 to improve grassland biodiversity, soils, and
99.24 ecosystem resilience. This appropriation is
99.25 available until June 30, 2028, by which time
99.26 the project must be completed and final
99.27 products delivered.

99.28 **(g) Minnesota Microbes for Enhanced**
99.29 **Biodegradation of Microplastics**

99.30 \$524,000 the second year is from the trust
99.31 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
99.32 of Minnesota to investigate the potential of
99.33 natural and indigenous microbes to biodegrade
99.34 conventional plastics in contaminated soils
99.35 and waters across the state. This appropriation

100.1 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
100.2 116P.10.

100.3 **(h) Completing the Mississippi River Greenway:**
100.4 **Dakota County**

100.5 \$657,000 the second year is from the trust
100.6 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
100.7 for an agreement with Dakota County to
100.8 restore and enhance habitat on public lands,
100.9 establish linear native plantings, and install
100.10 electric-vehicle charging stations within and
100.11 along the 27-mile Mississippi River Greenway
100.12 in Dakota County. Net income generated as
100.13 part of this appropriation may be reinvested
100.14 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is
100.15 approved in the work plan. This appropriation
100.16 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
100.17 116P.10, and is available until June 30, 2028,
100.18 by which time the project must be completed
100.19 and final products delivered.

100.20 **(i) Enabling Nature to Destroy Environmental**
100.21 **PFAS Contaminants**

100.22 \$378,000 the second year is from the trust
100.23 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
100.24 of Minnesota to identify enzymes and
100.25 microbes that can break down soil-based per-
100.26 and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into
100.27 nontoxic elements. This appropriation is
100.28 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

100.29 **(j) Bioacoustics for Species Monitoring and**
100.30 **Conservation - Phase 2**

100.31 \$568,000 the second year is from the trust
100.32 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
100.33 of Minnesota to assess avian diversity at the
100.34 statewide scale by developing a citizen science

101.1 bioacoustics monitoring program with an
101.2 initial focus on private lands.

101.3 **(k) Preventing PFAS and Microplastics**
101.4 **Contaminants Across Minnesota**

101.5 \$656,000 the second year is from the trust
101.6 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
101.7 of Minnesota to help stop the flow of per- and
101.8 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and
101.9 microplastics contaminants into Minnesota's
101.10 environment by developing strategies and
101.11 technologies to manage solid waste streams
101.12 on site. This appropriation is subject to
101.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

101.14 **(l) Shingle Creek Aquatic and Shoreline Habitat**
101.15 **Enhancement**

101.16 \$1,100,000 the second year is from the trust
101.17 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
101.18 for an agreement with the Minneapolis Park
101.19 and Recreation Board to plan and restore a
101.20 section of Shingle Creek in north Minneapolis
101.21 with native aquatic and shoreline vegetation,
101.22 channel and bank modification, and natural
101.23 stream features. This appropriation is also to
101.24 monitor plant and animal health following
101.25 construction to ensure that the ecological
101.26 functioning of the creek corridor is restored.
101.27 This appropriation is available until June 30,
101.28 2030, by which time the project must be
101.29 completed and final products delivered.

101.30 **(m) LiDAR Technology to Help Prevent Wildlife**
101.31 **Fatalities from Wind Turbines**

101.32 \$525,000 the second year is from the trust
101.33 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
101.34 of Minnesota to create a low-cost and
101.35 advanced LiDAR system to detect bats and

102.1 birds approaching wind turbines that may be
102.2 used in concert with deterrence or impact
102.3 avoidance methods to prevent collisions. This
102.4 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,
102.5 section 116P.10.

102.6 **(n) Road Salt Pollution of Surface Waters from**
102.7 **Groundwater**

102.8 \$622,000 the second year is from the trust
102.9 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
102.10 of Minnesota to inform source-reduction
102.11 efforts by developing a model to identify hot
102.12 spots where road-salt-contaminated
102.13 groundwater leads to chloride pollution of
102.14 surface waters.

102.15 **(o) Growing the Minnesota Bison Conservation**
102.16 **Herd**

102.17 \$1,775,000 the second year is from the trust
102.18 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
102.19 to reintroduce bison to Camden State Park as
102.20 part of a statewide effort to preserve the
102.21 American Plains bison genome.
102.22 Reintroduction includes the design,
102.23 construction, and installation of fencing, a
102.24 handling facility, signage, exhibits, and other
102.25 site improvements. This appropriation is
102.26 available until June 30, 2030, by which time
102.27 the project must be completed and final
102.28 products delivered.

102.29 **(p) Priority Lakes: Meeting Protection Goals**
102.30 **and Multiplying Benefits**

102.31 \$1,890,000 the second year is from the trust
102.32 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
102.33 for an agreement with the Hubbard County
102.34 Soil and Water Conservation District, in
102.35 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to

103.1 protect habitat, forest health, and water quality
 103.2 in the best fishing lakes by creating lake
 103.3 implementation action plans, conducting
 103.4 community-based habitat restorations and
 103.5 improvements, and protecting forest lands with
 103.6 conservation easements and Sustainable Forest
 103.7 Incentive Act (SFIA) enrollments within
 103.8 prioritized areas of the upper Mississippi River
 103.9 basin ~~in Hubbard County~~. Of this amount, up
 103.10 to \$168,000 is for deposit in a monitoring fund
 103.11 to be used by Minnesota Land Trust as
 103.12 approved in the work plan and subject to
 103.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.20.

103.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2024.

103.15 **ARTICLE 3**

103.16 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND COMMUNITY**
 103.17 **GRANTS APPROPRIATIONS**

103.18 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; ENRTF COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

103.19 \$28,180,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$28,180,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated
 103.20 from the environment and natural resources trust fund to the commissioner of natural
 103.21 resources to make grants under the environment and natural resources trust fund community
 103.22 grant program established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116X.03. These are onetime
 103.23 appropriations and are available until June 30, 2029.

103.24 **ARTICLE 4**

103.25 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY**

103.26 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.027, is amended by adding a subdivision
 103.27 to read:

103.28 **Subd. 21. Outreach to culturally diverse communities.** The commissioner must ensure
 103.29 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the commissioner's work and the work of the
 103.30 department are carried out in a manner that facilitates outreach to and communication with
 103.31 Minnesotans of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and languages. To the maximum extent
 103.32 practicable, public hearings, solicitations for grant proposals, and other interactions with

104.1 the public must include audiovisual communication components and must not rely exclusively
 104.2 on written forms of communication.

104.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.03, is amended to read:

104.4 **84.03 ADDITIONAL DUTIES AND POWERS.**

104.5 (a) So far as practicable the commissioner shall collect and arrange statistics and other
 104.6 information in reference to the lands and general and special resources of the state.

104.7 (b) The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to take such measures as
 104.8 the commissioner may deem advisable to advertise, both within and without the state, sales
 104.9 of all state lands, and to secure, compile, and issue such valuable statistics of the resources
 104.10 of the state.

104.11 (c) The commissioner may adopt and promulgate reasonable rules, not inconsistent with
 104.12 law, governing the use and enjoyment of state land reserved from sale, state parks, state
 104.13 water-access sites, state trails, state monuments, state scientific and natural areas, state
 104.14 wilderness areas, and recreational areas owned by other state, local and federal agencies
 104.15 and operated under agreement by the Department of Natural Resources, which shall have
 104.16 the force and effect of law. A reasonable fee may be fixed, charged, and collected by the
 104.17 commissioner for the privilege of the use of any or all of the foregoing privileges and
 104.18 facilities.

104.19 ~~(d) The commissioner, on or before November 15 of each even-numbered year, shall~~
 104.20 ~~report to the legislature the commissioner's acts and doings, with recommendation for the~~
 104.21 ~~improvement or conservation of state parks, state water-access sites, state trails, and state~~
 104.22 ~~monuments, state scientific and natural areas, state forests, state wildlife management areas,~~
 104.23 ~~public hunting grounds, public shooting grounds, food and cover planting areas, wildlife~~
 104.24 ~~lands, recreational or public hunting areas, state wild and scenic rivers, state wilderness~~
 104.25 ~~areas, and all other recreational lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural~~
 104.26 ~~Resources, and for desirable accessions thereto, such report to include an inventory of the~~
 104.27 ~~tracts and parcels of land, and rights, interests, and easements therein, held by the state or~~
 104.28 ~~withdrawn from sale for any of these purposes, with the value thereof, and a list of the name,~~
 104.29 ~~location, size, and description of each state trail, state scientific and natural area, state wildlife~~
 104.30 ~~management area, state water-access site, and state wild, scenic, or recreational river~~
 104.31 ~~designated by the commissioner, and each public hunting grounds, public shooting grounds,~~
 104.32 ~~food and cover planting area, wildlife lands, and recreational or public hunting area acquired~~
 104.33 ~~by the commissioner since the last report. The commissioner shall maintain a long-range~~
 104.34 ~~plan governing the use of the public domain under the commissioner's jurisdiction.~~

105.1 Sec. 3. [84.1515] WILD RICE POLICY.

105.2 It is the policy of the state to recognize the innate significance of uncultivated wild rice's
105.3 ability to exist and thrive in Minnesota. The legislature finds that wild rice:

105.4 (1) is a nutrient-rich, natural food source that has been sustainably harvested in this state
105.5 for centuries;

105.6 (2) is sacred to Indian Tribes and is a core component of their cultural identity;

105.7 (3) thrives in clean, shallow water, without requiring pesticides, fertilizers, or harmful
105.8 chemicals;

105.9 (4) supports rural economies by providing jobs, fostering local businesses, and supporting
105.10 ecotourism;

105.11 (5) plays a crucial role in preventing toxic algae blooms, absorbing carbon dioxide,
105.12 fostering vital habitat for fish, and stabilizing lake beds; and

105.13 (6) is essential for safeguarding Tribal food security and upholding Tribal treaty rights.

105.14 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.8035, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

105.15 Subdivision 1. **Pass required; fee.** (a) Except as provided under paragraph (c), a person
105.16 may not operate an off-road vehicle on a state or grant-in-aid off-road vehicle trail or use
105.17 area unless ~~the vehicle displays an~~ operator carries a valid off-road vehicle state trail pass
105.18 issued according to this section. The pass must be available to be viewed for inspection by
105.19 a peace officer, a conservation officer, or an employee designated under section 84.0835.

105.20 (b) The commissioner of natural resources shall issue a pass upon application and payment
105.21 of the fee. Fees collected under this section, except for the issuing fee for licensing agents,
105.22 shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the off-road vehicle account in the
105.23 natural resources fund and, except for the electronic licensing system commission established
105.24 by the commissioner under section 84.027, subdivision 15, must be used for grants-in-aid
105.25 to counties and municipalities for off-road vehicle organizations to construct and maintain
105.26 off-road vehicle trails and use areas.

105.27 (c) An off-road vehicle state trail pass is not required for:

105.28 (1) an off-road vehicle that is owned and used by the United States, another state, or a
105.29 political subdivision thereof that is exempt from registration under section 84.798, subdivision
105.30 2;

106.1 (2) a person operating an off-road vehicle only on the portion of a trail that is owned by
 106.2 the person or the person's spouse, child, or parent; or

106.3 (3) a person operating an off-road vehicle that is registered according to section 84.798.

106.4 (d) The fee for an annual nonresident off-road vehicle state trail pass is \$20. The
 106.5 nonresident pass is valid from January 1 through December 31. The fee for a nonresident
 106.6 three-year pass is \$30.

106.7 (e) The fee for a resident off-road vehicle state trail pass is \$20. The resident pass is
 106.8 valid for 30 consecutive days after the date of issuance.

106.9 **Sec. 5. [84.9766] OUTDOOR SCHOOL FOR ALL; GRANT PROGRAM.**

106.10 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of natural resources must establish
 106.11 and administer a program to provide grants to learning centers eligible under subdivision
 106.12 2 for outdoor education programs serving students in grades 4 through 12.

106.13 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** (a) The commissioner may award grants under this section to
 106.14 overnight outdoor school experience providers accredited by a state-recognized school
 106.15 accrediting agency and to other outdoor school experience accredited providers offering
 106.16 similar programming.

106.17 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this section, the outdoor education program must:

106.18 (1) provide a multiday, overnight educational experience that is comprised mainly of
 106.19 outdoor-based learning activities;

106.20 (2) provide students with opportunities to directly experience and understand nature and
 106.21 the natural world, including field study opportunities for student learning;

106.22 (3) use a research-based environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other
 106.23 natural-resource-based educational curriculum;

106.24 (4) be integrated with local school curricula to help students meet academic standards;

106.25 (5) provide students with opportunities to develop:

106.26 (i) leadership;

106.27 (ii) critical thinking;

106.28 (iii) self-sufficiency;

106.29 (iv) decision-making skills; and

106.30 (v) social and emotional skills; and

107.1 (6) address accessibility of outdoor educational opportunities for underserved students,
 107.2 including students with disabilities.

107.3 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84D.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 107.4 read:

107.5 Subd. 6a. **Eviscerated.** "Eviscerated" means to have the internal organs removed from
 107.6 the body cavity or to have the gills severed to ensure that an organism is dead.

107.7 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84D.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

107.8 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited activities.** A person may not possess, import, purchase, sell,
 107.9 propagate, transport, or introduce a prohibited invasive species, except:

107.10 (1) under a permit issued by the commissioner under section 84D.11;

107.11 (2) in the case of purple loosestrife, as provided by sections 18.75 to 18.88;

107.12 (3) under a restricted species permit issued under section 17.457;

107.13 (4) a person may possess, import, purchase, sell, and transport bighead carp, grass carp,
 107.14 and silver carp if they are dead and eviscerated;

107.15 ~~(4)~~ (5) when being transported to the department, or another destination as the
 107.16 commissioner may direct, in a sealed container for purposes of identifying the species or
 107.17 reporting the presence of the species;

107.18 ~~(5)~~ (6) when being transported for disposal as part of a harvest or control activity when
 107.19 specifically authorized under a permit issued by the commissioner according to section
 107.20 103G.615, when being transported for disposal as specified under a commercial fishing
 107.21 license issued by the commissioner according to section 97A.418, 97C.801, 97C.811,
 107.22 97C.825, 97C.831, or 97C.835, or when being transported as specified by the commissioner;

107.23 ~~(6)~~ (7) when being removed from watercraft and equipment, or caught while angling,
 107.24 and immediately returned to the water from which they came;

107.25 ~~(7)~~ (8) when being transported from riparian property to a legal disposal site that is at
 107.26 least 100 feet from any surface water, ditch, or seasonally flooded land, provided the
 107.27 prohibited invasive species are in a covered commercial vehicle specifically designed and
 107.28 used for hauling trash; or

107.29 ~~(8)~~ (9) as the commissioner may otherwise prescribe by rule.

108.1 Sec. 8. **[86B.109] ABANDONED WATERCRAFT.**

108.2 **Subdivision 1. Tagging authority; notice to owner.** (a) A peace officer or an employee
108.3 designated by the commissioner under section 84.0835 may place a tag on a watercraft
108.4 unlawfully located on public accesses, public lands, and waters of this state or unlawfully
108.5 located on property adjacent to waters of this state. A watercraft is unlawfully located if the
108.6 watercraft appears to be:

108.7 (1) inoperative and neglected, wrecked, stranded, or substantially dismantled;

108.8 (2) in immediate danger of sinking; or

108.9 (3) unmoored and unattended.

108.10 (b) A peace officer or employee who places a tag on a watercraft under this subdivision
108.11 must notify the commissioner of placing the tag within 48 hours. The notification must
108.12 include a statement of the basis for the decision to place a tag on the watercraft.

108.13 (c) Upon receiving notification under paragraph (b), the commissioner must send a notice
108.14 by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the registered owner of the watercraft. The
108.15 notice must state that:

108.16 (1) the watercraft has been tagged and the condition that resulted in the watercraft being
108.17 tagged must be remedied immediately; and

108.18 (2) failure to remedy within 14 days of the notice being sent is a criminal violation that
108.19 may result in civil and criminal penalties and the forfeiture of the watercraft.

108.20 **Subd. 2. Failure to remedy.** The registered owner of a watercraft who knowingly fails
108.21 to remedy the condition that resulted in the watercraft being tagged within 14 days of the
108.22 commissioner sending the notice required by subdivision 1, paragraph (c), is guilty of a
108.23 misdemeanor. In addition, the owner is liable to the Department of Natural Resources for
108.24 all costs incurred by the commissioner in enforcing this section against the owner and is
108.25 subject to a civil penalty of not less than two times nor more than five times the costs incurred
108.26 by the commissioner to remove, process, and dispose of the watercraft. Civil penalties
108.27 imposed under this subdivision may be enforced and distributed as provided in section
108.28 115A.99.

108.29 **Subd. 3. Seizure of abandoned watercraft.** Fourteen days after the commissioner sends
108.30 the notice required by subdivision 1, paragraph (c), to the registered owner, or concludes
108.31 that there is no registered owner, the commissioner must investigate the watercraft. If, upon
108.32 inspection, the watercraft has not been removed and the condition that prompted the peace
108.33 officer or employee to tag it has not been substantially remedied, the watercraft is considered

109.1 abandoned and the commissioner must seize and forfeit the watercraft according to section
109.2 97A.223.

109.3 Subd. 4. **Relation to other law.** An abandoned watercraft that becomes submerged and
109.4 subject to section 86B.107 must be removed and disposed of in accordance with that section.

109.5 Subd. 5. **Exceptions.** This section does not apply to previously sunk watercraft of
109.6 historical significance or that are currently a destination for scuba divers or commercial
109.7 tourism that do not pose an ongoing environmental or public safety risk.

109.8 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

109.9 Subd. 7. **Watercraft surcharge.** A ~~\$10.60~~ surcharge is placed on each watercraft licensed
109.10 under subdivisions 1 to 5 for control, public awareness, law enforcement, monitoring, and
109.11 research of aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussel, purple loosestrife, and Eurasian
109.12 watermilfoil in public waters and public wetlands. The surcharge is:

109.13 (1) for a watercraft 19 feet or less in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses (2)
109.14 to (8), \$29;

109.15 (2) for a watercraft, other than personal watercraft, 19 feet in length or less that is offered
109.16 for rent or lease, \$25;

109.17 (3) for a sailboat 19 feet in length or less, \$20;

109.18 (4) for a watercraft used by a nonprofit corporation for teaching boat and water safety,
109.19 \$14;

109.20 (5) for a watercraft owned by a dealer under a dealer's license, \$50;

109.21 (6) for a personal watercraft, including one offered for rent or lease, \$25;

109.22 (7) for a watercraft less than 17 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses
109.23 (2) to (6), \$25;

109.24 (8) for a canoe, kayak, sailboard, paddleboard, paddleboat, or rowing shell over ten feet
109.25 in length, \$20;

109.26 (9) for a watercraft more than 19 feet but less than 26 feet in length, other than a
109.27 watercraft listed in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$38;

109.28 (10) for a watercraft 26 feet but less than 40 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed
109.29 in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$50;

109.30 (11) for a watercraft 40 feet in length or longer, other than a watercraft listed in clauses
109.31 (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$62; and

110.1 (12) for a watercraft used primarily for charter fishing, commercial fishing, commercial
110.2 passenger carrying, or other commercial operation, \$50.

110.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

110.4 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.223, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

110.5 Subdivision 1. **Property subject to seizure and forfeiture.** (a) An enforcement officer
110.6 must seize:

110.7 (1) firearms possessed in violation of state or federal law or court order; ~~and~~

110.8 (2) property described in section 97A.221, subdivision 1, where no owner can be
110.9 determined; and

110.10 (3) a watercraft that is abandoned according to section 86B.109, subdivision 3.

110.11 (b) Property seized under this section is subject to administrative forfeiture.

110.12 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.421, is amended by adding a subdivision
110.13 to read:

110.14 **Subd. 3c. Restrictions after conviction; abandoned watercraft.** (a) After a conviction
110.15 under section 86B.109, subdivision 2, the following license and registration restrictions
110.16 remain in effect until the person reimburses the Department of Natural Resources for all
110.17 the department's costs under section 86B.109, subdivision 2:

110.18 (1) all the person's annual game and fish licenses are void;

110.19 (2) the person may not act under any lifetime game and fish license;

110.20 (3) all the person's watercraft licenses and registrations that are required to operate
110.21 watercraft in the state are void;

110.22 (4) all the person's off-highway vehicle and snowmobile licenses and registrations that
110.23 are required to operate those vehicles in the state are void; and

110.24 (5) the person may not obtain any of the licenses or registrations described in clauses
110.25 (1) to (4).

110.26 (b) If a conviction under section 86B.109, subdivision 2, was for abandoning a watercraft
110.27 in a boundary water of the state, the commissioner must coordinate with neighboring
110.28 jurisdictions to ensure that, to the maximum extent practicable, the person is subject to
110.29 similar consequences in the neighboring jurisdiction as those imposed under paragraph (a).

111.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.465, is amended by adding a subdivision
111.2 to read:

111.3 Subd. 9. Resident disabled veterans; reduced fee licenses. A person authorized to
111.4 issue licenses must issue the following licenses for the reduced fee specified under section
111.5 97A.475 to a resident who is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, and who has a 50 to
111.6 99 percent service-connected disability as defined by the United States Department of
111.7 Veterans Affairs upon being furnished satisfactory evidence:

111.8 (1) a license to take deer by firearms, archery, or muzzleloader;

111.9 (2) a license to take small game; and

111.10 (3) a license to take fish by angling.

111.11 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

111.12 Subd. 2. **Resident hunting.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents
111.13 only, are:

111.14 (1) for persons age 18 or over and under age 65 to take small game, \$15.50;

111.15 (2) for persons age 65 or over, \$7 to take small game;

111.16 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take turkey, \$26;

111.17 (4) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, \$5;

111.18 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms
111.19 season, \$34;

111.20 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, \$34;

111.21 (7) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader
111.22 season, \$34;

111.23 (8) to take moose, for a party of not more than six persons, \$356;

111.24 (9) for persons age 18 or over to take bear, \$44;

111.25 (10) to take elk, for a party of not more than two persons, \$287;

111.26 (11) to take light geese during the light goose conservation order, \$2.50;

111.27 (12) to take sandhill crane during the sandhill crane season, \$3;

111.28 (13) to take prairie chickens, \$23;

112.1 (14) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during the
112.2 regular firearms season, \$5;

112.3 (15) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, \$5;

112.4 (16) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by muzzleloader during
112.5 the muzzleloader season, \$5;

112.6 (17) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take bear, no fee;

112.7 (18) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take bear, \$5;

112.8 (19) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour period
112.9 selected by the licensee, \$19, of which an amount equal to one-half of the fee for the
112.10 migratory-waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the
112.11 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half of
112.12 the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in the
112.13 pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and one-half
112.14 of the small-game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited in the wildlife acquisition
112.15 account;

112.16 (20) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take small game, \$5;

112.17 (21) to take wolf, \$30;

112.18 (22) for persons age 12 and under to take turkey, no fee;

112.19 (23) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by firearm, no fee;

112.20 (24) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by archery, no fee; ~~and~~

112.21 (25) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader
112.22 season, no fee; and

112.23 (26) for disabled veterans to take deer or small game under section 97A.465, subdivision
112.24 9, \$5.

112.25 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

112.26 Subd. 6. **Resident fishing.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents only,
112.27 are:

112.28 (1) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, \$25;

112.29 (2) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, for a combined license for a married
112.30 couple, \$40;

113.1 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by spearing from a dark house, \$6, and the
113.2 person must possess an angling license;

113.3 (4) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected by
113.4 the licensee, \$12;

113.5 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a consecutive 72-hour period
113.6 selected by the licensee, \$14;

113.7 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for three consecutive years, \$71;
113.8 ~~and~~

113.9 (7) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take fish by angling, \$5-; and

113.10 (8) for disabled veterans to take fish by angling under section 97A.465, subdivision 9,
113.11 \$5.

113.12 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.001, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

113.13 Subd. 4. **Entering posted land prohibited; signs.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision
113.14 6, a person may not:

113.15 (1) enter, for outdoor recreation purposes, any land that is posted under this subdivision
113.16 without first obtaining permission of the owner, occupant, or lessee; or

113.17 (2) knowingly enter, for outdoor recreation purposes, any land that is posted under this
113.18 subdivision without first obtaining permission of the owner, occupant, or lessee. A person
113.19 who violates this clause is subject to the penalty provided in section 97A.315, subdivision
113.20 1, paragraph (b).

113.21 (b) The owner, occupant, or lessee of private land, or an authorized manager of public
113.22 land may prohibit outdoor recreation on the land by posting signs once each year that:

113.23 (1) state "no trespassing" or similar terms;

113.24 (2) display letters at least two inches high;

113.25 (3) either:

113.26 (i) are signed by the owner, occupant, lessee, or authorized manager; or

113.27 (ii) include the legible name and telephone number of the owner, occupant, lessee, or
113.28 authorized manager; and

113.29 (4) either:

114.1 (i) are at intervals of 1,000 feet or less along the boundary of the area, or in a wooded
114.2 area where boundary lines are not clear, at intervals of 500 feet or less; or

114.3 (ii) mark the primary corners of each parcel of land and access roads and trails at the
114.4 point of entrance to each parcel of land except that corners only accessible through
114.5 agricultural land need not be posted.

114.6 (c) A person may not ~~erect a sign that prohibits outdoor recreation or trespassing act~~
114.7 under paragraph (b) or (d) where the person does not have a property right, title, or interest
114.8 to use the land.

114.9 (d) As an alternative to posting signage under paragraph (b), the owner, occupant, or
114.10 lessee of private land or an authorized manager of public land may prohibit outdoor recreation
114.11 on the land by:

114.12 (1) applying purple paint to trees along the perimeter of the area to which the person
114.13 wants to prohibit entrance. Paint applied under this paragraph must be applied:

114.14 (i) at least three feet off the ground;

114.15 (ii) to trees that are at least one inch wide; and

114.16 (iii) in a strip that is at least eight inches tall; and

114.17 (2) posting signs once each year that mark the primary corners of the area to which the
114.18 person wants to prohibit entrance.

114.19 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.037, is amended to read:

114.20 **97B.037 CROSSBOW HUNTING AND FISHING.**

114.21 (a) Notwithstanding section 97B.035, subdivisions 1 and 2, a person may take deer,
114.22 bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish by crossbow during the respective regular
114.23 archery seasons. The transportation requirements of section 97B.051 apply to crossbows
114.24 during the regular archery deer, bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish season.
114.25 Crossbows must meet the requirements of section 97B.106, subdivision 2. A person taking
114.26 deer, bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish by crossbow under this section must
114.27 have a valid license to take the respective game.

114.28 (b) This section expires June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

115.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

115.2 Subdivision 1. **Shotgun use area.** (a) During the regular firearms season in the shotgun
 115.3 use area, only legal shotguns loaded with single-slug shotgun shells, legal muzzle-loading
 115.4 long guns, and legal handguns may be used for taking deer. Legal shotguns include those
 115.5 with rifled barrels. The shotgun use area ~~is that portion of the state lying within the following~~
 115.6 ~~described boundary: Beginning on the west boundary of the state at the northern boundary~~
 115.7 ~~of Clay County; thence along the northern boundary of Clay County to State Trunk Highway~~
 115.8 ~~(STH) 32; thence along STH 32 to STH 34; thence along STH 34 to Interstate Highway 94~~
 115.9 ~~(I-94); thence along I-94 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 40, Douglas County; thence~~
 115.10 ~~along CSAH 40 to CSAH 82, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 82 to CSAH 22, Douglas~~
 115.11 ~~County; thence along CSAH 22 to CSAH 6, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 6 to~~
 115.12 ~~CSAH 14, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 14 to STH 29; thence along STH 29 to~~
 115.13 ~~CSAH 46, Otter Tail County; thence along CSAH 46, Otter Tail County, to CSAH 22, Todd~~
 115.14 ~~County; thence along CSAH 22 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to STH~~
 115.15 ~~27; thence along STH 27 to the Mississippi River; thence along the east bank of the~~
 115.16 ~~Mississippi River to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to STH 95; thence along STH 95 to~~
 115.17 ~~U.S. Highway 8; thence along U.S. Highway 8 to the eastern boundary of the state; thence~~
 115.18 ~~along the east, south, and west boundaries of the state to the point of beginning consists of~~
 115.19 the counties that have passed a resolution as provided under paragraph (b).

115.20 (b) A county board may adopt an ordinance after notice and public hearing to limit the
 115.21 type of firearms that may be used to hunt deer within the county. To be included in the
 115.22 shotgun use area beginning January 1, the county board must submit the resolution to the
 115.23 commissioner of natural resources on or before October 1 of the prior year.

115.24 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.405, is amended to read:

115.25 **97B.405 COMMISSIONER MAY LIMIT NUMBER OF BEAR HUNTERS.**

115.26 (a) The commissioner may limit the number of persons that may hunt bear in an area,
 115.27 if it is necessary to prevent an overharvest or improve the distribution of hunters. The
 115.28 commissioner may establish, by rule, a method, including a drawing, to impartially select
 115.29 the hunters for an area. The commissioner shall give preference to hunters that have
 115.30 previously applied and have not been selected. Additionally, the commissioner may award
 115.31 points toward a preference under this section to a person who is at least six years of age, so
 115.32 that by the time the person is old enough to be a bear hunter the person has accumulated a
 115.33 number of preference points.

116.1 (b) If the commissioner limits the number of persons that may hunt bear in an area under
116.2 paragraph (a), the commissioner must reserve one permit and give first preference for that
116.3 permit to a resident of a Minnesota veterans home.

116.4 (c) A person selected through a drawing must purchase a license by August 1. Any
116.5 remaining available licenses not purchased shall be issued to any eligible person as prescribed
116.6 by the commissioner on a first-come, first-served basis beginning three business days after
116.7 August 1.

116.8 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.667, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

116.9 Subd. 3. **Permits and notice; requirements.** (a) Before killing or arranging to kill a
116.10 beaver under this section, the road authority or government unit must contact a conservation
116.11 officer for a special beaver permit if the beaver will be killed within two weeks before or
116.12 after the trapping season for beaver, and the conservation officer must issue the permit for
116.13 any beaver subject to this section. A permit is not required:

116.14 (1) for a licensed trapper during the open trapping season for beaver; or

116.15 (2) when the trapping season for beaver is closed and it is not within two weeks before
116.16 or after the trapping season for beaver.

116.17 (b) A road authority or government unit that kills or arranges to have killed a beaver
116.18 under this section must notify a conservation officer or employee of the Fish and Wildlife
116.19 Division within ten days after the animal is killed.

116.20 (c) Unless otherwise directed by a conservation officer, the road authority, local
116.21 government unit, the landowner, or their agent may dispose of or retain beaver killed under
116.22 this section. ~~Human consumption of a retained beaver is prohibited.~~

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

116.24 Sec. 20. **[97B.902] OPENING HOUR FOR TRAPPING SEASONS.**

116.25 A season for taking fur-bearing animals by trapping begins at sunrise on the opening
116.26 day prescribed by rule adopted by the commissioner.

117.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.945, is amended to read:

117.2 **97B.945 SETTING TRAPS NEAR WATER RESTRICTED.**

117.3 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person may not set a trap within 50 feet of
117.4 any water other than temporary surface water within 30 days before the open season for
117.5 mink and muskrat without a special permit by the commissioner.

117.6 (b) A person may set a foot-encapsulating trap within 50 feet of any water other than
117.7 temporary surface water within 30 days before the open season for mink and muskrat without
117.8 a special permit by the commissioner. For purposes of this paragraph, "foot-encapsulating
117.9 trap" means a trap for which:

117.10 (1) the triggering and restraining mechanisms are enclosed within a housing and are
117.11 only accessible through a single opening when set; and

117.12 (2) the opening does not exceed two inches in diameter.

117.13 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97C.395, is amended to read:

117.14 **97C.395 OPEN SEASONS FOR ANGLING.**

117.15 Subdivision 1. **Dates for certain species.** (a) The open seasons to take fish by angling
117.16 are as follows:

117.17 (1) for walleye, sauger, northern pike, and muskellunge, largemouth bass, and smallmouth
117.18 bass, the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through the
117.19 last Sunday in February;

117.20 (2) for brown trout, brook trout, lake trout, rainbow trout, and splake, between January
117.21 1 through October 31 as prescribed by the commissioner by rule except as provided in
117.22 section 97C.415, subdivision 2; and

117.23 (3) for salmon, as prescribed by the commissioner by rule.

117.24 (b) The commissioner shall close the season in areas of the state where fish are spawning
117.25 and closing the season will protect the resource.

117.26 Subd. 2. **Continuous season for certain species.** For largemouth bass, smallmouth bass,
117.27 sunfish, white crappie, black crappie, yellow perch, channel catfish, rock bass, white bass,
117.28 yellow bass, burbot, cisco (tullibee), lake whitefish, common carp, and native rough fish,
117.29 the open season is continuous.

118.1 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97C.835, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

118.2 Subd. 2. **Types of fish permitted.** Lake trout, ciscoes, chubs, alewives, lake whitefish,
118.3 round whitefish, pygmy whitefish, rainbow smelt, common carp, burbot, and native rough
118.4 fish may be taken by licensed commercial fishing operators from Lake Superior, in
118.5 accordance with this section.

118.6 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.005, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

118.7 Subd. 15. **Public waters.** (a) "Public waters" means:

118.8 (1) water basins assigned a shoreland management classification by the commissioner
118.9 under sections 103F.201 to 103F.221;

118.10 (2) waters of the state that have been finally determined to be public waters or navigable
118.11 waters by a court of competent jurisdiction;

118.12 (3) meandered lakes, excluding lakes that have been legally drained;

118.13 (4) water basins previously designated by the commissioner for management for a
118.14 specific purpose such as trout lakes and game lakes pursuant to applicable laws;

118.15 (5) water basins designated as scientific and natural areas under section 84.033;

118.16 (6) water basins located within and totally surrounded by publicly owned lands;

118.17 (7) water basins where the state of Minnesota or the federal government holds title to
118.18 any of the beds or shores, unless the owner declares that the water is not necessary for the
118.19 purposes of the public ownership;

118.20 (8) water basins where there is a publicly owned and controlled access that is intended
118.21 to provide for public access to the water basin;

118.22 (9) natural and altered watercourses with a total drainage area greater than two square
118.23 miles;

118.24 (10) natural and altered watercourses designated by the commissioner as trout streams;
118.25 and

118.26 (11) public waters wetlands, unless the statute expressly states otherwise.

118.27 (b) Public waters are not determined exclusively by:

118.28 (1) the proprietorship of the underlying, overlying, or surrounding land; or

118.29 (2) whether it is a body or stream of water that was navigable in fact or susceptible of
118.30 being used as a highway for commerce at the time this state was admitted to the union; ~~or.~~

119.1 ~~(3) their inclusion in or exclusion from the public waters inventory required under section~~
119.2 ~~103G.201. This clause is effective July 1, 2027.~~

119.3 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.201, is amended to read:

119.4 **103G.201 PUBLIC WATERS INVENTORY.**

119.5 (a) The commissioner shall maintain a public waters inventory map of each county that
119.6 shows the waters of this state that are designated as public waters under the public waters
119.7 inventory and classification procedures prescribed under Laws 1979, chapter 199, and shall
119.8 provide access to a copy of the maps. As county public waters inventory maps are revised
119.9 according to this section, the commissioner shall send a notification or a copy of the maps
119.10 to the auditor of each affected county.

119.11 (b) The commissioner ~~must~~ may revise the map of public waters established under Laws
119.12 1979, chapter 199, to reclassify those types 3, 4, and 5 wetlands previously identified as
119.13 public waters wetlands under Laws 1979, chapter 199, as public waters or as wetlands under
119.14 section 103G.005, subdivision 19. The commissioner may only reclassify public waters
119.15 wetlands as public waters if:

119.16 (1) they are assigned a shoreland management classification by the commissioner under
119.17 sections 103F.201 to 103F.221;

119.18 (2) they are classified as lacustrine wetlands or deepwater habitats according to
119.19 Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States (Cowardin, et al.,
119.20 1979 edition); or

119.21 (3) the state or federal government has become titleholder to any of the beds or shores
119.22 of the public waters wetlands, subsequent to the preparation of the public waters inventory
119.23 map filed with the auditor of the county, pursuant to paragraph (a), and the responsible state
119.24 or federal agency declares that the water is necessary for the purposes of the public
119.25 ownership.

119.26 (c) The commissioner must provide notice of the reclassification to the local government
119.27 unit, the county board, the watershed district, if one exists for the area, and the soil and
119.28 water conservation district. Within 60 days of receiving notice from the commissioner, a
119.29 party required to receive the notice may provide a resolution stating objections to the
119.30 reclassification. If the commissioner receives an objection from a party required to receive
119.31 the notice, the reclassification is not effective. If the commissioner does not receive an
119.32 objection from a party required to receive the notice, the reclassification of a wetland under
119.33 paragraph (b) is effective 60 days after the notice is received by all of the parties.

120.1 (d) The commissioner shall give priority to the reclassification of public waters wetlands
120.2 that are or have the potential to be affected by public works projects.

120.3 (e) The commissioner ~~may~~ must revise the public waters inventory map of each county:

120.4 (1) to reflect the changes authorized in paragraph (b); and

120.5 (2) as needed, to:

120.6 (i) correct errors in the original inventory;

120.7 (ii) add or subtract trout stream tributaries within sections that contain a designated trout
120.8 stream following written notice to the landowner;

120.9 (iii) add depleted quarries, and sand and gravel pits, when the body of water exceeds 50
120.10 acres and the shoreland has been zoned for residential development; and

120.11 (iv) add or subtract public waters that have been created or eliminated as a requirement
120.12 of a permit authorized by the commissioner under section 103G.245.

120.13 (f) \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund each year in fiscal years 2025
120.14 through 2032 to the commissioner to update the public water inventory as required in this
120.15 section. The commissioner must develop and implement a process to update the public
120.16 water inventory. This paragraph expires June 30, 2032.

120.17 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.271, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

120.18 Subd. 6. **Water-use permit; processing fee.** (a) Except as described in paragraphs (b)
120.19 to (g), a water-use permit processing fee must be prescribed by the commissioner in
120.20 accordance with the schedule of fees in this subdivision for each water-use permit in force
120.21 at any time during the year. Fees collected under this paragraph are credited to the water
120.22 management account in the natural resources fund. The schedule is as follows, with the
120.23 stated fee in each clause applied to the total amount appropriated:

120.24 (1) ~~\$140~~ \$200 for amounts not exceeding 50,000,000 gallons per year;

120.25 (2) ~~\$3.50~~ \$6 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 50,000,000 gallons but less
120.26 than 100,000,000 gallons per year;

120.27 (3) ~~\$4~~ \$7 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 100,000,000 gallons but less
120.28 than 150,000,000 gallons per year;

120.29 (4) ~~\$4.50~~ \$8 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 150,000,000 gallons but
120.30 less than 200,000,000 gallons per year;

- 121.1 (5) ~~\$5~~ \$9 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 200,000,000 gallons but less
 121.2 than 250,000,000 gallons per year;
- 121.3 (6) ~~\$5.50~~ \$10 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 250,000,000 gallons but
 121.4 less than 300,000,000 gallons per year;
- 121.5 (7) ~~\$6~~ \$11 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 300,000,000 gallons but less
 121.6 than 350,000,000 gallons per year;
- 121.7 (8) ~~\$6.50~~ \$12 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 350,000,000 gallons but
 121.8 less than 400,000,000 gallons per year;
- 121.9 (9) ~~\$7~~ \$13 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 400,000,000 gallons but less
 121.10 than 450,000,000 gallons per year;
- 121.11 (10) ~~\$7.50~~ \$14 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 450,000,000 gallons but
 121.12 less than 500,000,000 gallons per year; and
- 121.13 (11) ~~\$8~~ \$15 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 500,000,000 gallons per
 121.14 year.
- 121.15 (b) For once-through cooling systems, a water-use processing fee must be prescribed
 121.16 by the commissioner in accordance with the following schedule of fees for each water-use
 121.17 permit in force at any time during the year:
- 121.18 (1) for nonprofit corporations and school districts, \$200 per 1,000,000 gallons; and
- 121.19 (2) for all other users, \$420 per 1,000,000 gallons.
- 121.20 (c) The fee is payable based on the amount of water appropriated during the year and;
 121.21 ~~except as provided in paragraph (f),~~ the minimum fee is \$100.
- 121.22 (d) For water-use processing fees other than once-through cooling systems:
- 121.23 (1) the fee for a city of the first class may not exceed ~~\$250,000~~ \$325,000 per year;
- 121.24 (2) the fee for other entities for any permitted use may not exceed:
- 121.25 (i) ~~\$60,000~~ \$75,000 per year for an entity holding three or fewer permits;
- 121.26 (ii) ~~\$90,000~~ \$125,000 per year for an entity holding four or five permits; or
- 121.27 (iii) ~~\$300,000~~ \$400,000 per year for an entity holding more than five permits;
- 121.28 (3) the fee for agricultural irrigation may not exceed ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 per year;

122.1 (4) the fee for a municipality that furnishes electric service and cogenerates steam for
122.2 home heating may not exceed \$10,000 for its permit for water use related to the cogeneration
122.3 of electricity and steam;

122.4 (5) the fee for a facility that temporarily diverts a water of the state from its natural
122.5 channel to produce hydroelectric or hydromechanical power may not exceed \$5,000 per
122.6 year. A permit for such a facility does not count toward the number of permits held by an
122.7 entity as described in this paragraph; and

122.8 (6) no fee is required for a project involving the appropriation of surface water to prevent
122.9 flood damage or to remove floodwaters during a period of flooding, as determined by the
122.10 commissioner.

122.11 (e) Failure to pay the fee is sufficient cause for revoking a permit. A penalty of ten
122.12 percent per month calculated from the original due date must be imposed on the unpaid
122.13 balance of fees remaining 30 days after the sending of a second notice of fees due. A fee
122.14 may not be imposed on an agency, as defined in section 16B.01, subdivision 2, or federal
122.15 governmental agency holding a water appropriation permit.

122.16 (f) The minimum water-use processing fee for a permit issued for irrigation of agricultural
122.17 land is ~~\$20~~ \$100 for years in which:

122.18 (1) there is no appropriation of water under the permit; or

122.19 (2) the permit is suspended for more than seven consecutive days between May 1 and
122.20 October 1.

122.21 (g) The commissioner shall waive the water-use permit fee for installations and projects
122.22 that use stormwater runoff or where public entities are diverting water to treat a water quality
122.23 issue and returning the water to its source without using the water for any other purpose,
122.24 unless the commissioner determines that the proposed use adversely affects surface water
122.25 or groundwater.

122.26 (h) A surcharge of \$50 per million gallons in addition to the fee prescribed in paragraph
122.27 (a) ~~shall be~~ is applied to the volume of water used in each of the months of May, June, July,
122.28 August, and September that exceeds the volume of water used in January for municipal
122.29 water use, irrigation of golf courses, and landscape irrigation. The surcharge for
122.30 municipalities with more than one permit ~~shall be~~ is determined based on the total
122.31 appropriations from all permits that supply a common distribution system.

122.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

123.1 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.301, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

123.2 Subd. 2. **Permit application and notification fees.** (a) A fee to defray the costs of
123.3 receiving, recording, and processing must be paid for a permit application authorized under
123.4 this chapter, except for a general permit application, for each request to amend or transfer
123.5 an existing permit, and for a notification to request authorization to conduct a project under
123.6 a general permit. Fees established under this subdivision, unless specified in paragraph (c),
123.7 must comply with section 16A.1285.

123.8 (b) Proposed projects that require water in excess of 100 million gallons per year must
123.9 be assessed fees to recover the costs incurred to evaluate the project and the costs incurred
123.10 for environmental review. Fees collected under this paragraph must be credited to an account
123.11 in the natural resources fund and are appropriated to the commissioner.

123.12 (c) The fee to apply for a permit to appropriate water, in addition to any fee under
123.13 paragraph (b), is ~~\$150~~ \$600. The application fee for a permit to construct or repair a dam
123.14 that is subject to a dam safety inspection, to work in public waters, or to divert waters for
123.15 mining must be at least \$1,200, but not more than \$12,000. The fee for a notification to
123.16 request authorization to conduct a project under a general permit is \$400, except that the
123.17 fee for a notification to request authorization to appropriate water under a general permit
123.18 is \$100.

123.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

123.20 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
123.21 read:

123.22 Subd. 2a. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Pollution
123.23 Control Agency.

123.24 Sec. 29. **[115.033] OUTDOOR USE OF RAINWATER AND STORMWATER.**

123.25 (a) A state agency, political subdivision of the state, joint powers organization, or special
123.26 purpose unit of government with authority to establish water-quality standards may allow
123.27 using untreated rainwater or stormwater for outdoor purposes when the probability of
123.28 consumption or immersion by humans or animals is low or nonexistent.

123.29 (b) For purposes of this section, "using untreated rainwater or stormwater for outdoor
123.30 purposes" does not include using the water:

123.31 (1) as a source of drinking water;

124.1 (2) for swimming or immersion; or

124.2 (3) for agricultural activities that produce food crops for humans or livestock.

124.3 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115B.421, is amended to read:

124.4 **115B.421 CLOSED LANDFILL INVESTMENT FUND.**

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

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

124.12 ~~(c) If the commissioner determines that a release or threatened release from a qualified~~
 124.13 ~~facility for which the commissioner has assumed obligations for environmental response~~
 124.14 ~~actions under section 115B.40 or 115B.406 constitutes an emergency requiring immediate~~
 124.15 ~~action to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage either to the public health or welfare or the~~
 124.16 ~~environment or to a system designed to protect the public health or welfare or the~~
 124.17 ~~environment, up to \$9,000,000 in addition to the amount appropriated under paragraph (b)~~
 124.18 ~~is appropriated to the commissioner in the first year of the biennium and may be spent by~~
 124.19 ~~the commissioner to take reasonable and necessary emergency response actions. Money~~
 124.20 ~~not spent in the first year of the biennium may be spent in the second year. If money is~~
 124.21 ~~appropriated under this paragraph, the commissioner must notify the chairs of the senate~~
 124.22 ~~and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over environment policy and~~
 124.23 ~~finance as soon as possible. The commissioner must maintain the fund balance to ensure~~
 124.24 ~~long-term viability of the fund and reflect the responsibility of the landfill cleanup program~~
 124.25 ~~in perpetuity.~~

124.26 ~~(d) Paragraphs (b) and (c) expire June 30, 2025.~~

124.27 Subd. 2. **Local notification.** If money in the closed landfill investment fund is spent or
 124.28 transferred for purposes other than the purposes provided under sections 115B.39 to
 124.29 115B.444, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must provide written
 124.30 notification to each county with a qualified facility within 30 days of the transfer or
 124.31 expenditure that includes the amount, purpose, and authority used to spend or transfer the
 124.32 money.

125.1 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to
125.2 read:

125.3 Subd. 13. **Outreach to culturally diverse communities.** The commissioner must ensure
125.4 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the commissioner's work and the work of the agency
125.5 are carried out in a manner that facilitates outreach to and communication with Minnesotans
125.6 of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and languages. To the maximum extent practicable, public
125.7 hearings, solicitations for grant proposals, and other interactions with the public must include
125.8 audiovisual communication components and must not rely exclusively on written forms of
125.9 communication.

125.10 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.073, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

125.11 Subdivision 1. **Authority to issue.** (a) Pollution Control Agency staff designated by the
125.12 commissioner and Department of Natural Resources conservation officers may issue citations
125.13 to a person who:

125.14 (1) disposes of solid waste as defined in section 116.06, subdivision 22, at a location
125.15 not authorized by law for the disposal of solid waste without permission of the owner of
125.16 the property;

125.17 (2) fails to report or recover discharges as required under section 115.061;

125.18 (3) fails to take discharge preventive or preparedness measures required under chapter
125.19 115E;

125.20 (4) fails to install or use vapor recovery equipment during the transfer of gasoline from
125.21 a transport delivery vehicle to an underground storage tank as required in section 116.49,
125.22 subdivisions 3 and 4;

125.23 (5) performs labor or services designing, installing, constructing, inspecting, servicing,
125.24 repairing, or operating a subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) as defined in chapter
125.25 115 and has violated rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 in any of the following
125.26 categories:

125.27 (i) failure to acquire or maintain a current state-issued SSTS license;

125.28 (ii) failure to acquire or maintain a current surety bond for SSTS activities;

125.29 (iii) failure to acquire or maintain a required local permit for SSTS activities; or

125.30 (iv) failure to submit SSTS as-built plans or compliance inspection forms to the local
125.31 governmental unit; ~~or~~

126.1 (6) performs labor or services pumping, hauling, treating, spreading, dumping,
 126.2 discharging, or land applying septage as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 7080.1100, subpart
 126.3 69, and has violated rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 or Code of Federal
 126.4 Regulations, title 40, section 503, in any of the following categories:

126.5 (i) failure to acquire or maintain a current state-issued SSTS license;

126.6 (ii) failure to acquire or maintain a current surety bond for SSTS activities;

126.7 (iii) failure to provide control measures to prevent the pollution of underground waters
 126.8 from the discharge of septage into the saturated or unsaturated zone;

126.9 (iv) failure to produce records or maintain records in accordance with Code of Federal
 126.10 Regulations, title 40, section 503; or

126.11 (v) failure to treat septage for pathogens and vectors in accordance with Code of Federal
 126.12 Regulations, title 40, section 503; or

126.13 (7) fails to self-certify that they have received the skin-lightener notice and will comply
 126.14 with the law, as required by section 325F.998.

126.15 (b) Agency staff designated by the commissioner may issue citations to facility owners
 126.16 and operators who fail to produce, within 30 days or within a reasonable alternative time
 126.17 frame as determined and required by the commissioner, information or reports necessary
 126.18 for developing and reissuing permits and permit amendments under chapters 114C and 115
 126.19 to 116. If the owner or operator cannot produce the information or reports within 30 days
 126.20 or according to an alternative time frame required by the commissioner, the owner or operator
 126.21 may request an extension within 30 days of the request for information or reports. The
 126.22 commissioner must keep records of citations issued under this paragraph that identify the
 126.23 facility, the owner or operator, and any person hired by or representing the owner or operator
 126.24 to prepare or assist in preparing the permit application or other information or report requested
 126.25 by the commissioner.

126.26 ~~(b)~~ (c) In addition, Pollution Control Agency staff designated by the commissioner may
 126.27 issue citations to owners and operators of facilities who violate sections 116.46 to 116.50
 126.28 and Minnesota Rules, chapters 7150 and 7151 and parts 7001.4200 to 7001.4300. A citation
 126.29 issued under this subdivision must include a requirement that the person cited remove and
 126.30 properly dispose of or otherwise manage the waste or discharged oil or hazardous substance,
 126.31 reimburse any government agency that has disposed of the waste or discharged oil or
 126.32 hazardous substance and contaminated debris for the reasonable costs of disposal, or correct
 126.33 any storage tank violations.

127.1 ~~(e)~~(d) Citations for violations of sections 115E.045 and 116.46 to 116.50 and Minnesota
127.2 Rules, chapters 7150 and 7151, may be issued only after the owners and operators have had
127.3 a 60-day period to correct violations stated in writing by Pollution Control Agency staff,
127.4 unless there is a discharge associated with the violation or the violation is a repeat violation
127.5 from a previous inspection.

127.6 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.073, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

127.7 Subd. 2. **Penalty amount.** The citation must impose the following penalty amounts:

127.8 (1) \$100 per major appliance, as defined in section 115A.03, subdivision 17a, up to a
127.9 maximum of \$2,000;

127.10 (2) \$25 per waste tire, as defined in section 115A.90, subdivision 11, up to a maximum
127.11 of \$2,000;

127.12 (3) \$25 per lead acid battery governed by section 115A.915, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

127.13 (4) \$1 per pound of other solid waste or \$20 per cubic foot up to a maximum of \$2,000;

127.14 (5) up to \$200 for any amount of waste that escapes from a vehicle used for the
127.15 transportation of solid waste if, after receiving actual notice that waste has escaped the
127.16 vehicle, the person or company transporting the waste fails to immediately collect the waste;

127.17 (6) \$50 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to underground
127.18 storage tank system design, construction, installation, and notification requirements, up to
127.19 a maximum of \$2,000;

127.20 (7) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to upgrading of
127.21 existing underground storage tank systems, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per tank system;

127.22 (8) \$250 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to underground
127.23 storage tank system general operating requirements, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

127.24 (9) \$250 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to underground
127.25 storage tank system release detection requirements, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

127.26 (10) \$50 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to out-of-service
127.27 underground storage tank systems and closure, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

127.28 (11) \$50 per violation of sections 116.48 to 116.491 relating to underground storage
127.29 tank system notification, monitoring, environmental protection, and tank installers training
127.30 and certification requirements, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

128.1 (12) \$25 per gallon of oil or hazardous substance discharged which is not reported or
128.2 recovered under section 115.061, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

128.3 (13) \$1 per gallon of oil or hazardous substance being stored, transported, or otherwise
128.4 handled without the prevention or preparedness measures required under chapter 115E, up
128.5 to a maximum of \$2,000;

128.6 (14) \$250 per violation of Minnesota Rules, parts 7001.4200 to 7001.4300 or chapter
128.7 7151, related to aboveground storage tank systems, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

128.8 (15) \$250 per delivery made in violation of section 116.49, subdivision 3 or 4, levied
128.9 against:

128.10 (i) the retail location if vapor recovery equipment is not installed or maintained properly;

128.11 (ii) the carrier if the transport delivery vehicle is not equipped with vapor recovery
128.12 equipment; or

128.13 (iii) the driver for failure to use supplied vapor recovery equipment;

128.14 (16) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 relating to failure
128.15 to comply with state subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) license requirements, up
128.16 to a maximum of \$2,000;

128.17 (17) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 relating to failure
128.18 to comply with SSTS surety bond requirements, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

128.19 (18) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 relating to failure
128.20 to provide control measures to prevent the pollution of underground waters from the discharge
128.21 of septage into the saturated or unsaturated zone, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

128.22 (19) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 or Code of Federal
128.23 Regulations, title 40, section 503, relating to failure to treat septage for pathogens and
128.24 vectors, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

128.25 (20) \$250 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 or Code of Federal
128.26 Regulations, title 40, section 503, relating to failure to produce records or maintain records,
128.27 up to a maximum of \$2,000;

128.28 (21) \$250 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 or Code of Federal
128.29 Regulations, title 40, section 503, relating to failure to submit as-built plans or compliance
128.30 inspection forms to the local governmental unit, up to a maximum of \$2,000; ~~and~~

128.31 (22) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 relating to failure
128.32 to obtain required local permits, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

129.1 (23) \$100 per violation of section 325F.998, relating to certification that businesses will
129.2 comply with skin-lightener requirements; and

129.3 (24) \$50 per day under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), for each information item or report
129.4 requested for the first 30 days delinquent and \$500 per day thereafter, up to a maximum of
129.5 \$20,000 for each information item or report requested, until the commissioner determines
129.6 the request for information or report is complete.

129.7 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.182, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

129.8 Subd. 5. **Rules.** (a) The agency shall adopt rules for the administration of the financial
129.9 assistance program. For wastewater treatment projects, the rules must include:

129.10 (1) application requirements;

129.11 (2) criteria for the ranking of projects in order of priority based on factors including the
129.12 type of project and the degree of environmental impact, and scenic and wild river standards;
129.13 and

129.14 (3) criteria for determining essential project components.

129.15 (b) Notwithstanding any provision in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7077, to the contrary,
129.16 for purposes of Minnesota Rules, parts 7077.0117, 7077.0118, and 7077.0119, the
129.17 commissioner must assign 40 points if a municipality is proposing a project to address
129.18 emerging contaminants, as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
129.19 This paragraph expires June 30, 2030.

129.20 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.943, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

129.21 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
129.22 the meanings given.

129.23 (b) "Adult mattress" means a mattress other than a crib mattress or toddler mattress.

129.24 (c) "Air care product" means a chemically formulated consumer product labeled to
129.25 indicate that the purpose of the product is to enhance or condition the indoor environment
129.26 by eliminating odors or freshening the air.

129.27 (d) "Automotive maintenance product" means a chemically formulated consumer product
129.28 labeled to indicate that the purpose of the product is to maintain the appearance of a motor
129.29 vehicle, including products for washing, waxing, polishing, cleaning, or treating the exterior
129.30 or interior surfaces of motor vehicles. Automotive maintenance product does not include
129.31 automotive paint or paint repair products.

130.1 (e) "Carpet or rug" means a fabric marketed or intended for use as a floor covering.

130.2 (f) "Cleaning product" means a finished product used primarily for domestic, commercial,
130.3 or institutional cleaning purposes, including but not limited to an air care product, an
130.4 automotive maintenance product, a general cleaning product, or a polish or floor maintenance
130.5 product.

130.6 (g) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency.

130.7 (h) "Cookware" means durable houseware items used to prepare, dispense, or store food,
130.8 foodstuffs, or beverages. Cookware includes but is not limited to pots, pans, skillets, grills,
130.9 baking sheets, baking molds, trays, bowls, and cooking utensils.

130.10 (i) "Cosmetic" means articles, excluding soap:

130.11 (1) intended to be rubbed, poured, sprinkled, or sprayed on, introduced into, or otherwise
130.12 applied to the human body or any part thereof for the purpose of cleansing, beautifying,
130.13 promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance; and

130.14 (2) intended for use as a component of any such article.

130.15 (j) "Currently unavoidable use" means a use of PFAS that the commissioner has
130.16 determined by rule under this section to be essential for health, safety, or the functioning
130.17 of society and for which alternatives are not reasonably available.

130.18 (k) "Fabric treatment" means a substance applied to fabric to give the fabric one or more
130.19 characteristics, including but not limited to stain resistance or water resistance.

130.20 (l) "Intentionally added" means PFAS deliberately added during the manufacture of a
130.21 product where the continued presence of PFAS is desired in the final product or one of the
130.22 product's components to perform a specific function.

130.23 (m) "Juvenile product" means a product designed or marketed for use by infants and
130.24 children under 12 years of age:

130.25 (1) including but not limited to a baby or toddler foam pillow; bassinet; bedside sleeper;
130.26 booster seat; changing pad; child restraint system for use in motor vehicles and aircraft;
130.27 co-sleeper; crib mattress; highchair; highchair pad; infant bouncer; infant carrier; infant
130.28 seat; infant sleep positioner; infant swing; infant travel bed; infant walker; nap cot; nursing
130.29 pad; nursing pillow; play mat; playpen; play yard; polyurethane foam mat, pad, or pillow;
130.30 portable foam nap mat; portable infant sleeper; portable hook-on chair; soft-sided portable
130.31 crib; stroller; and toddler mattress; ~~and~~

131.1 (2) not including a children's electronic product such as a personal computer, audio and
131.2 video equipment, calculator, wireless phone, game console, handheld device incorporating
131.3 a video screen, or any associated peripheral such as a mouse, keyboard, power supply unit,
131.4 or power cord; or an adult mattress; and

131.5 (3) not including:

131.6 (i) an off-highway vehicle made for children;

131.7 (ii) an all-terrain vehicle made for children;

131.8 (iii) an off-highway motorcycle made for children;

131.9 (iv) a snowmobile made for children;

131.10 (v) an electric-assisted bicycle made for children; or

131.11 (vi) a replacement part for a vehicle described in items (i) through (v).

131.12 (n) "Manufacturer" means the person that creates or produces a product or whose brand
131.13 name is affixed to the product. In the case of a product imported into the United States,
131.14 manufacturer includes the importer or first domestic distributor of the product if the person
131.15 that manufactured or assembled the product or whose brand name is affixed to the product
131.16 does not have a presence in the United States.

131.17 (o) "Medical device" has the meaning given "device" under United States Code, title
131.18 21, section 321, subsection (h).

131.19 (p) "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" means a class of
131.20 fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

131.21 (q) "Product" means an item manufactured, assembled, packaged, or otherwise prepared
131.22 for sale to consumers, including but not limited to its product components, sold or distributed
131.23 for personal, residential, commercial, or industrial use, including for use in making other
131.24 products.

131.25 (r) "Product component" means an identifiable component of a product, regardless of
131.26 whether the manufacturer of the product is the manufacturer of the component.

131.27 (s) "Ski wax" means a lubricant applied to the bottom of snow runners, including but
131.28 not limited to skis and snowboards, to improve their grip or glide properties. Ski wax includes
131.29 related tuning products.

132.1 (t) "Textile" means an item made in whole or part from a natural or synthetic fiber, yarn,
132.2 or fabric. Textile includes but is not limited to leather, cotton, silk, jute, hemp, wool, viscose,
132.3 nylon, and polyester.

132.4 (u) "Textile furnishings" means textile goods of a type customarily used in households
132.5 and businesses, including but not limited to draperies, floor coverings, furnishings, bedding,
132.6 towels, and tablecloths.

132.7 (v) "Upholstered furniture" means an article of furniture that is designed to be used for
132.8 sitting, resting, or reclining and that is wholly or partly stuffed or filled with any filling
132.9 material.

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

132.11 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.943, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

132.12 Subd. 5. **Prohibitions.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2025, a person may not sell, offer for
132.13 sale, or distribute for sale in this state the following products if the product contains
132.14 intentionally added PFAS:

132.15 (1) carpets or rugs;

132.16 (2) cleaning products;

132.17 (3) cookware;

132.18 (4) cosmetics;

132.19 (5) dental floss;

132.20 (6) fabric treatments;

132.21 (7) juvenile products;

132.22 (8) menstruation products;

132.23 (9) textile furnishings;

132.24 (10) ski wax; or

132.25 (11) upholstered furniture.

132.26 (b) Paragraph (a) does not prohibit the sale, offering for sale, or distribution of a product
132.27 that contains intentionally added PFAS only in internal components that do not come into
132.28 direct contact with a person's skin or mouth during reasonably foreseeable use or abuse of
132.29 the product.

133.1 ~~(b)~~ (c) The commissioner may by rule identify additional products by category or use
 133.2 that may not be sold, offered for sale, or distributed for sale in this state if they contain
 133.3 intentionally added PFAS and designate effective dates. A prohibition adopted under this
 133.4 paragraph must be effective no earlier than January 1, 2025, and no later than January 1,
 133.5 2032. The commissioner must prioritize the prohibition of the sale of product categories
 133.6 that, in the commissioner's judgment, are most likely to contaminate or harm the state's
 133.7 environment and natural resources if they contain intentionally added PFAS.

133.8 ~~(e)~~ (d) Beginning January 1, 2032, a person may not sell, offer for sale, or distribute for
 133.9 sale in this state any product that contains intentionally added PFAS, unless the commissioner
 133.10 has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.
 133.11 The commissioner may specify specific products or product categories for which the
 133.12 commissioner has determined the use of PFAS is a currently unavoidable use. The
 133.13 commissioner may not determine that the use of PFAS in a product is a currently unavoidable
 133.14 use if the product is listed in paragraph (a).

133.15 ~~(d)~~ (e) The commissioner may not take action under paragraph ~~(b)~~ (c) or ~~(e)~~ (d) with
 133.16 respect to a pesticide, as defined under chapter 18B, a fertilizer, an agricultural liming
 133.17 material, a plant amendment, or a soil amendment as defined under chapter 18C, unless the
 133.18 commissioner of agriculture approves the action.

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

133.20 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325E.3892, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

133.21 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
 133.22 the meanings given.

133.23 (b) "Covered product" means any of the following products or product components:

133.24 (1) jewelry;

133.25 (2) toys;

133.26 (3) cosmetics and personal care products;

133.27 (4) puzzles, board games, card games, and similar games;

133.28 (5) play sets and play structures;

133.29 (6) outdoor games;

133.30 (7) school supplies, except ink pens and mechanical pencils;

133.31 (8) pots and pans;

- 134.1 (9) cups, bowls, and other food containers;
- 134.2 (10) craft supplies and jewelry-making supplies;
- 134.3 (11) chalk, crayons, children's paints, and other art supplies except professional artist
- 134.4 materials, including but not limited to oil-based paints, water-based paints, paints, pastels,
- 134.5 pigments, ceramic glazes, and markers;
- 134.6 (12) fidget spinners;
- 134.7 (13) costumes, costume accessories, and children's and seasonal party supplies;
- 134.8 (14) ~~keys~~, key chains, and key rings; and
- 134.9 (15) clothing, footwear, headwear, and accessories.
- 134.10 (c) "Pastels" means a crayon composed of powdered pigments bonded with gum or resin.
- 134.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 134.12 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325E.3892, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 134.13 Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** (a) A person must not import, manufacture, sell, hold for sale, or
- 134.14 distribute or offer for use in this state any covered product containing:
- 134.15 (1) lead at more than 0.009 percent by total weight (90 parts per million); or
- 134.16 (2) cadmium at more than 0.0075 percent by total weight (75 parts per million).
- 134.17 (b) This section does not apply to:
- 134.18 (1) covered products containing lead or cadmium, or both, when regulation is preempted
- 134.19 by federal law; or
- 134.20 (2) covered products that contain lead only in solder used in internal components or in
- 134.21 pen tips so long as:
- 134.22 (i) the product is not imported, manufactured, sold, held for sale, distributed, or offered
- 134.23 for use in this state after July 1, 2028; and
- 134.24 (ii) the manufacturer of the product submits biennial reports to the commissioner of the
- 134.25 Pollution Control Agency that explain the barriers to removing lead from the product,
- 134.26 progress toward adoption of lead-free alternatives, and a timeline for full adoption of those
- 134.27 alternatives.
- 134.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

135.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325F.072, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

135.2 Subd. 3. **Prohibition.** (a) No person, political subdivision, or state agency shall
135.3 manufacture or knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use in this
135.4 state, and no person shall use in this state, class B firefighting foam containing PFAS
135.5 chemicals.

135.6 (b) This subdivision does not apply to the manufacture, sale, distribution, or use of class
135.7 B firefighting foam for which the inclusion of PFAS chemicals is required by federal law,
135.8 including but not limited to Code of Federal Regulations, title 14, section 139.317. If a
135.9 federal requirement to include PFAS chemicals in class B firefighting foam is revoked after
135.10 January 1, 2024, class B firefighting foam subject to the revoked requirements is no longer
135.11 exempt under this paragraph effective one year after the day of revocation.

135.12 (c) This subdivision does not apply to the manufacture, sale, distribution, or use of class
135.13 B firefighting foam for purposes of use at an airport, as defined under section 360.013,
135.14 subdivision 39, until the state fire marshal makes a determination that:

135.15 (1) the Federal Aviation Administration has provided policy guidance on the transition
135.16 to fluorine-free firefighting foam;

135.17 (2) a fluorine-free firefighting foam product is included in the Federal Aviation
135.18 Administration's Qualified Product Database; and

135.19 (3) a firefighting foam product included in the database under clause (2) is commercially
135.20 available in quantities sufficient to reliably meet the requirements under Code of Federal
135.21 Regulations, title 14, part 139.

135.22 (d) Until the state fire marshal makes a determination under paragraph (c), the operator
135.23 of an airport using class B firefighting foam containing PFAS chemicals must, on or before
135.24 December 31 each calendar year, submit a report to the state fire marshal regarding the
135.25 status of the airport's conversion to class B firefighting foam products without intentionally
135.26 added PFAS, the disposal of class B firefighting foam products with intentionally added
135.27 PFAS, and an assessment of the factors listed in paragraph (c) as applied to the airport.

135.28 (e) Until January 1, 2028, this subdivision does not apply to the manufacture, sale,
135.29 distribution, or use of class B firefighting foam for use in hangar fixed firefighting systems
135.30 at an airport, as defined under section 360.013, subdivision 39. The commissioner of the
135.31 Pollution Control Agency, in consultation with the state fire marshal, may provide the
135.32 operator of an airport using class B firefighting foam containing PFAS chemicals one year
135.33 extensions beyond this date upon a showing that the need for additional time is beyond the

136.1 operator's control and that public safety and the environment will be protected during the
136.2 period of the extension.

136.3 Sec. 40. **[325F.998] SKIN-LIGHTENER NOTICE REQUIRED.**

136.4 Subdivision 1. **Notice required.** After August 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the
136.5 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must send a notice to retailers who sell
136.6 skin-lightening products that states that selling skin-lightening products that contain mercury
136.7 is illegal and subject to penalties. Additionally, the commissioner must engage in outreach
136.8 to retailers who sell skin-lightening products in order to convey the dangers of using
136.9 skin-lightening products that contain mercury.

136.10 Subd. 2. **Certification.** Businesses who receive notice from the commissioner must
136.11 self-certify on a form prescribed by the commissioner that they have received the notice
136.12 and will comply with the law.

136.13 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 446A.07, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

136.14 Subd. 8. **Other uses of revolving fund.** (a) The clean water revolving fund may be used
136.15 as provided in title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, including the following
136.16 uses:

136.17 (1) to buy or refinance the debt obligation of governmental units for treatment works
136.18 where debt was incurred and construction begun after March 7, 1985, at or below market
136.19 rates;

136.20 (2) to guarantee or purchase insurance for local obligations to improve credit market
136.21 access or reduce interest rates;

136.22 (3) to provide a source of revenue or security for the payment of principal and interest
136.23 on revenue or general obligation bonds issued by the authority if the bond proceeds are
136.24 deposited in the fund;

136.25 (4) to provide loan guarantees, loans, or set-aside for similar revolving funds established
136.26 by a governmental unit other than state agencies, or state agencies under sections 17.117,
136.27 103F.725, subdivision 1a, and 116J.617;

136.28 (5) to earn interest on fund accounts; and

136.29 (6) to pay the reasonable costs incurred by the authority and the Pollution Control Agency
136.30 of administering the fund and conducting activities required under the Federal Water Pollution

137.1 Control Act, including water quality management planning under section 205(j) of the act
 137.2 and water quality standards continuing planning under section 303(e) of the act;

137.3 (b) The clean water revolving fund may be used to provide additional subsidization as
 137.4 permitted under the federal Water Pollution Control Act and other federal law to provide
 137.5 principal forgiveness or grants:

137.6 ~~(7) to provide principal forgiveness or grants to the extent permitted under the Federal~~
 137.7 ~~Water Pollution Control Act and other federal law, (1) based on the affordability criteria~~
 137.8 ~~and requirements established for the wastewater water infrastructure funding program under~~
 137.9 ~~section 446A.072; and~~

137.10 ~~(8) to provide loans, principal forgiveness, or grants to the extent permitted under the~~
 137.11 ~~Federal Water Pollution Control Act and other federal law (2) for 25 percent of project costs~~
 137.12 ~~up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for projects to address green infrastructure, water or energy~~
 137.13 ~~efficiency improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities; and~~

137.14 (3) for 50 percent of project costs up to a maximum of \$3,000,000 for projects that
 137.15 address emerging contaminants as defined by the United States Environmental Protection
 137.16 Agency.

137.17 ~~(b) Amounts spent under paragraph (a), clause (6), may not exceed the amount allowed~~
 137.18 ~~under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.~~

137.19 ~~(c) Principal forgiveness or grants provided under paragraph (a), clause (8), may not~~
 137.20 ~~exceed 25 percent of the eligible project costs as determined by the Pollution Control Agency~~
 137.21 ~~for project components directly related to green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency~~
 137.22 ~~improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities, up to a maximum of~~
 137.23 ~~\$1,000,000.~~

137.24 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.355, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

137.25 Subd. 2. **Grants.** (a) The Metropolitan Council must establish a grant program to provide
 137.26 grants to cities, counties, townships, Tribal governments, and implementing agencies for
 137.27 the following purposes:

137.28 (1) removing and planting shade trees on public land to provide environmental benefits;

137.29 (2) replacing trees lost to forest pests, disease, or storms; and

137.30 (3) establishing a more diverse community forest better able to withstand disease and
 137.31 forest pests.

138.1 (b) Any tree planted with money granted under this section must be a climate-adapted
138.2 species to Minnesota.

138.3 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.859, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

138.4 Subd. 2. **Land use plan.** (a) A land use plan must include the water management plan
138.5 required by section 103B.235, and shall designate the existing and proposed location,
138.6 intensity and extent of use of land and water, including lakes, wetlands, rivers, streams,
138.7 natural drainage courses, and adjoining land areas that affect water natural resources, for
138.8 agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial and other public and private purposes, or
138.9 any combination of such purposes.

138.10 (b) A land use plan must contain a protection element, as appropriate, for historic sites,
138.11 the matters listed in the water management plan required by section 103B.235, and an
138.12 element for protection and development of access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems.

138.13 (c) A land use plan must also include a housing element containing standards, plans and
138.14 programs for providing adequate housing opportunities to meet existing and projected local
138.15 and regional housing needs, including but not limited to the use of official controls and land
138.16 use planning to promote the availability of land for the development of low and moderate
138.17 income housing.

138.18 (d) A land use plan must also include an assessment of the impact of all land use
138.19 designations and easements on access to aggregate resources and the local government's
138.20 goals, intentions, and priorities concerning aggregate and other natural resources,
138.21 transportation infrastructure, land use compatibility, habitat, agricultural preservation, and
138.22 other planning priorities, considering information regarding supply from the Minnesota
138.23 Geological Survey Information Circular No. 46.

138.24 (e) A land use plan must also include an inventory and projections pertaining to
138.25 greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled that are generated from activity that
138.26 occurs within the local government's jurisdiction. The inventory and projections must include
138.27 the emission sources from transportation, land use, energy use, solid waste, and, where
138.28 available and applicable, livestock and agriculture. The inventory and projections must
138.29 include the estimated impact of strategies, including efficient land use and compact growth,
138.30 that reduce or naturally sequester greenhouse gas emissions across sectors.

138.31 Sec. 44. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

138.32 Subd. 2. **Environmental Analysis and Outcomes** 79,311,000 72,785,000

139.1		Appropriations by Fund	
139.2		2024	2025
139.3	General	60,103,000	53,047,000
139.4	Environmental	18,959,000	19,533,000
139.5	Remediation	249,000	205,000

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

139.8 (1) a municipal liaison to assist municipalities
139.9 in implementing and participating in the
139.10 rulemaking process for water quality standards
139.11 and navigating the NPDES/SDS permitting
139.12 process;

139.13 (2) enhanced economic analysis in the
139.14 rulemaking process for water quality
139.15 standards, including more-specific analysis
139.16 and identification of cost-effective permitting;

139.17 (3) developing statewide economic analyses
139.18 and templates to reduce the amount of
139.19 information and time required for
139.20 municipalities to apply for variances from
139.21 water quality standards; and

139.22 (4) coordinating with the Public Facilities
139.23 Authority to identify and advocate for the
139.24 resources needed for urban, suburban, and
139.25 Greater Minnesota municipalities to achieve
139.26 permit requirements.

139.27 (b) \$216,000 the first year and \$219,000 the
139.28 second year are from the environmental fund
139.29 for a monitoring program under Minnesota
139.30 Statutes, section 116.454.

139.31 (c) \$132,000 the first year and \$137,000 the
139.32 second year are for monitoring water quality
139.33 and operating assistance programs.

140.1 (d) \$390,000 the first year and \$399,000 the
140.2 second year are from the environmental fund
140.3 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous
140.4 pollutants.

140.5 (e) \$106,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
140.6 second year are from the environmental fund
140.7 for duties related to harmful chemicals in
140.8 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,
140.9 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this
140.10 amount, \$68,000 the first year and \$70,000
140.11 the second year are transferred to the
140.12 commissioner of health.

140.13 (f) \$128,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
140.14 second year are from the environmental fund
140.15 for registering wastewater laboratories.

140.16 (g) \$1,492,000 the first year and \$1,519,000
140.17 the second year are from the environmental
140.18 fund to continue perfluorochemical
140.19 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan
140.20 communities, as recommended by the
140.21 Environmental Health Tracking and
140.22 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address
140.23 other environmental health risks, including air
140.24 quality. The communities must include Hmong
140.25 and other immigrant farming communities.
140.26 Of this amount, up to \$1,226,000 the first year
140.27 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer
140.28 to the commissioner of health.

140.29 (h) \$61,000 the first year and \$62,000 the
140.30 second year are from the environmental fund
140.31 for the listing procedures for impaired waters
140.32 required under this act.

140.33 (i) \$72,000 the first year and \$74,000 the
140.34 second year are from the remediation fund for

141.1 the leaking underground storage tank program
141.2 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
141.3 releases from underground petroleum storage
141.4 tanks and for the petroleum remediation
141.5 program for vapor assessment and
141.6 remediation. These same annual amounts are
141.7 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
141.8 the remediation fund.

141.9 (j) \$500,000 the first year is to facilitate the
141.10 collaboration and modeling of greenhouse gas
141.11 impacts, costs, and benefits of strategies to
141.12 reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.
141.13 This is a onetime appropriation.

141.14 (k) \$50,266,000 the first year and \$50,270,000
141.15 the second year are to establish and implement
141.16 a local government climate resiliency and
141.17 water infrastructure grant program for local
141.18 governmental units and Tribal governments.
141.19 Of this amount, \$49,100,000 each year is for
141.20 grants to support communities in planning and
141.21 implementing projects that will allow for
141.22 adaptation for a changing climate. At least 40
141.23 percent of the money granted under this
141.24 paragraph must be for projects in areas that
141.25 meet environmental justice criteria. By
141.26 December 30, 2027, the commissioner must
141.27 submit a report on the use of grant money to
141.28 the chairs and ranking minority members of
141.29 the legislative committees with jurisdiction
141.30 over environment and natural resources
141.31 finance. This appropriation is available until
141.32 June 30, 2027. The base for this appropriation
141.33 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$270,000.

- 142.1 (l) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to the
142.2 city of Fergus Falls to address water-quality
142.3 concerns at Lake Alice.
- 142.4 (m) \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to
142.5 Rice County to address water-quality concerns
142.6 at French Lake.
- 142.7 (n) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to
142.8 Ramsey County to address water-quality
142.9 concerns at Round Lake.
- 142.10 (o) Recipients of money appropriated in
142.11 paragraphs (l), (m), and (n) may use the grants
142.12 to contract for water-quality improvement
142.13 services, testing, necessary infrastructure,
142.14 training, and maintenance.
- 142.15 (p) \$2,070,000 the first year and \$2,070,000
142.16 the second year are from the environmental
142.17 fund to develop and implement a program
142.18 related to emerging issues, including
142.19 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint.
- 142.20 (q) \$1,820,000 the first year and \$1,820,000
142.21 the second year are from the environmental
142.22 fund to support improved management of data
142.23 collected by the agency and its partners and
142.24 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making
142.25 and public access.
- 142.26 (r) \$500,000 the first year is from the general
142.27 fund for the report on firefighter turnout gear
142.28 and biomonitoring required under this act. Of
142.29 this amount, up to ~~\$250,000~~ \$425,000 may be
142.30 transferred to the commissioner of health for
142.31 biomonitoring of firefighters. This
142.32 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.
- 142.33 (s) \$500,000 the first year is to develop
142.34 protocols to be used by agencies and

143.1 departments for sampling and testing
143.2 groundwater, surface water, public drinking
143.3 water, and private wells for microplastics and
143.4 nanoplastics and to begin implementation. The
143.5 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency
143.6 may transfer money appropriated under this
143.7 paragraph to the commissioners of agriculture,
143.8 natural resources, and health to implement the
143.9 protocols developed. This is a onetime
143.10 appropriation and is available until June 30,
143.11 2025.

143.12 (t) \$50,000 the first year is from the
143.13 remediation fund for the work group on PFAS
143.14 manufacturer fees and report required under
143.15 this act.

143.16 (u) \$387,000 the first year and \$90,000 the
143.17 second year are to develop and implement the
143.18 requirements for fish kills under Minnesota
143.19 Statutes, sections 103G.216 and 103G.2165.
143.20 Of this amount, up to \$331,000 the first year
143.21 and \$90,000 the second year may be
143.22 transferred to the commissioners of health,
143.23 natural resources, agriculture, and public
143.24 safety and to the Board of Regents of the
143.25 University of Minnesota as necessary to
143.26 implement those sections. The base for this
143.27 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and beyond
143.28 is \$7,000.

143.29 (v) \$63,000 the first year and \$92,000 the
143.30 second year are for transfer to the
143.31 commissioner of health for amending the
143.32 health risk limit for PFOS. This is a onetime
143.33 appropriation and is available until June 30,
143.34 2026.

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

144.5 (x) \$2,333,000 the first year and \$2,333,000
 144.6 the second year are to adopt rules and
 144.7 implement air toxics emissions requirements
 144.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.

144.9 The general fund appropriations are onetime
 144.10 and are available until June 30, 2027. The base
 144.11 for this appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2026
 144.12 and \$1,400,000 from the environmental fund
 144.13 in fiscal year 2027 and beyond.

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

144.15 Sec. 45. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

144.16 Subd. 7. **Resource Management and Assistance** 82,000,000 57,974,000

144.17	Appropriations by Fund	
144.18	2024	2025
144.19	General	38,464,000 13,850,000
144.20	Environmental	43,536,000 44,124,000

144.21 (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000
 144.22 the second year may be transferred from the
 144.23 environmental fund to the small business
 144.24 environmental improvement loan account
 144.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

144.26 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 144.27 the second year are for competitive recycling
 144.28 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
 144.29 115A.565. Of this amount, \$300,000 the first
 144.30 year and \$300,000 the second year are from
 144.31 the general fund, and \$700,000 the first year
 144.32 and \$700,000 the second year are from the

145.1 environmental fund. This appropriation is
145.2 available until June 30, 2027.

145.3 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the
145.4 second year are from the environmental fund
145.5 for emission-reduction activities and grants to
145.6 small businesses and other
145.7 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this
145.8 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000
145.9 the second year are to continue work with
145.10 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner
145.11 may enter into an agreement with
145.12 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.

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

145.16 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the
145.17 second year are from the environmental fund
145.18 for environmental assistance grants or loans
145.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.

145.20 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
145.21 second year are from the environmental fund
145.22 for grants to develop and expand recycling
145.23 markets for Minnesota businesses. This
145.24 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

145.25 (g) \$767,000 the first year and \$770,000 the
145.26 second year are from the environmental fund
145.27 for reducing and diverting food waste,
145.28 redirecting edible food for consumption, and
145.29 removing barriers to collecting and recovering
145.30 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each
145.31 year is for grants to increase food rescue and
145.32 waste prevention. This appropriation is
145.33 available until June 30, 2027.

146.1 (h) \$2,797,000 the first year and \$2,811,000
146.2 the second year are from the environmental
146.3 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
146.4 section 473.844.

146.5 (i) \$318,000 the first year and \$324,000 the
146.6 second year are from the environmental fund
146.7 to address chemicals in products, including to
146.8 implement and enforce flame retardant
146.9 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
146.10 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and
146.11 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging
146.12 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section
146.13 325F.075. Of this amount, \$78,000 the first
146.14 year and \$80,000 the second year are
146.15 transferred to the commissioner of health.

146.16 (j) \$180,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
146.17 second year are for quantifying climate-related
146.18 impacts from projects for environmental
146.19 review. This is a onetime appropriation. This
146.20 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

146.21 (k) \$1,790,000 the first year and \$70,000 the
146.22 second year are for accelerating pollution
146.23 prevention at small businesses. Of this amount,
146.24 \$1,720,000 the first year is for transfer to the
146.25 environmental fund for zero-interest loans
146.26 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993, to
146.27 phase out high-polluting equipment, products,
146.28 and processes and replace with new options.
146.29 This appropriation is available until June 30,
146.30 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

146.31 (l) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the
146.32 second year are to support the Greenstep Cities
146.33 program. This is a onetime appropriation. This
146.34 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

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

147.5 (n) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
147.6 second year are from the environmental fund
147.7 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.

147.8 (o) \$4,210,000 the first year and \$210,000 the
147.9 second year are for PFAS reduction grants.
147.10 Of this amount, \$4,000,000 the first year is
147.11 for grants to industry and public entities to
147.12 identify sources of PFAS entering facilities
147.13 and to develop pollution prevention and
147.14 reduction initiatives to reduce PFAS entering
147.15 facilities, prevent releases, and monitor the
147.16 effectiveness of these projects. Priority must
147.17 be given to projects in underserved
147.18 communities. This is a onetime appropriation
147.19 and is available until June 30, 2027.

147.20 (p) \$12,940,000 the first year and \$12,940,000
147.21 the second year are for a waste prevention and
147.22 reduction grants and loan program. This is a
147.23 onetime appropriation and is available until
147.24 June 30, 2027. Of this amount in the first year,
147.25 \$7,950,000 is for waste prevention and
147.26 reduction grants and loans and \$3,000,000 is
147.27 for a grant to the owner of a biomass energy
147.28 generation plant in Shakopee that uses waste
147.29 heat from the generation of electricity in the
147.30 malting process to purchase a wood dehydrator
147.31 to facilitate disposal of wood that is infested
147.32 by the emerald ash borer. Of this amount in
147.33 the second year, \$10,950,000 is for waste
147.34 prevention and reduction grants and loans,
147.35 including \$1,000,000 for transfer to the

148.1 environmental fund for the purposes of
148.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716. By
148.3 October 1, 2024, the commissioner of the
148.4 Pollution Control Agency must report to the
148.5 chairs and ranking minority members of the
148.6 legislative committees and divisions with
148.7 jurisdiction over environment and natural
148.8 resources on the use of money appropriated
148.9 for the wood dehydrator under this paragraph.

148.10 (q) \$16,562,000 the first year is for grants to
148.11 a Minnesota nonprofit corporation that owns
148.12 a cogeneration facility that serves a St. Paul
148.13 district heating and cooling system to preserve
148.14 existing biomass energy infrastructure for
148.15 purposes of local and regional emerald ash
148.16 borer response efforts. The commissioner of
148.17 the Pollution Control Agency may require the
148.18 nonprofit corporation to charge a fee per ton
148.19 of wood waste delivered to the facility. This
148.20 is a onetime appropriation and is available
148.21 until June 30, 2030.

148.22 (r) \$1,163,000 the first year and \$1,115,000
148.23 the second year are from the environmental
148.24 fund for rulemaking and implementation of
148.25 the new PFAS requirements under Minnesota
148.26 Statutes, section 116.943. Of this amount,
148.27 \$312,000 the first year and \$468,000 the
148.28 second year are for transfer to the
148.29 commissioner of health.

148.30 (s) \$680,000 the first year is for the resource
148.31 management report required in this act. This
148.32 is a onetime appropriation and is available
148.33 until June 30, 2026.

148.34 (t) \$35,000 the second year is from the
148.35 environmental fund for the compostable

- 149.1 labeling requirements under Minnesota
149.2 Statutes, section 325E.046. The base for this
149.3 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond
149.4 is \$68,000 from the environmental fund.
- 149.5 (u) \$175,000 the first year is for the
149.6 rulemaking required under this act providing
149.7 for the safe and lawful disposal of waste
149.8 treated seed. This appropriation is available
149.9 until June 30, 2025.
- 149.10 (v) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a lead tackle
149.11 reduction program that provides outreach,
149.12 education, and opportunities to safely dispose
149.13 of and exchange lead tackle throughout the
149.14 state. This is a onetime appropriation and is
149.15 available until June 30, 2027.
- 149.16 (w) \$17,000 the first year is for rulemaking
149.17 for the capital assistance program. This is a
149.18 onetime appropriation.
- 149.19 (x) Any unencumbered grant and loan
149.20 balances in the first year do not cancel but are
149.21 available for grants and loans in the second
149.22 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
149.23 section 16A.28, the appropriations
149.24 encumbered on or before June 30, 2025, as
149.25 contracts or grants for environmental
149.26 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,
149.27 section 115A.0716; technical and research
149.28 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section
149.29 115A.152; technical assistance under
149.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and
149.31 pollution prevention assistance under
149.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are
149.33 available until June 30, 2027.
- 149.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.

150.1 Sec. 46. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

150.2 **Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management** 111,125,000 96,963,000

150.3 Appropriations by Fund

150.4		2024	2025
150.5	General	23,643,000	9,888,000
150.6	Natural Resources	2,082,000	2,082,000
150.7	Game and Fish	85,400,000	84,993,000

150.8 (a) \$11,158,000 the first year and \$11,158,000

150.9 the second year are from the heritage

150.10 enhancement account in the game and fish

150.11 fund only for activities specified under

150.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,

150.13 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding

150.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five

150.15 percent of this appropriation may be used for

150.16 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and

150.17 retention.

150.18 (b) \$982,000 the first year and \$982,000 the

150.19 second year are from the general fund and

150.20 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the

150.21 second year are from the game and fish fund

150.22 for statewide response and management of

150.23 chronic wasting disease. The commissioner

150.24 and the Board of Animal Health must each

150.25 submit annual reports on chronic wasting

150.26 disease activities funded in this biennium to

150.27 the chairs and ranking minority members of

150.28 the legislative committees and divisions with

150.29 jurisdiction over environment and natural

150.30 resources and agriculture. The general fund

150.31 base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026

150.32 and beyond is \$282,000.

150.33 (c) \$5,150,000 the first year and \$3,250,000

150.34 the second year are for inspections,

150.35 investigations, and enforcement activities

151.1 taken for the white-tailed deer farm program
151.2 and for statewide response and management
151.3 of chronic wasting disease. This appropriation
151.4 is available until June 30, 2029.

151.5 (d) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000
151.6 the second year are from the deer management
151.7 account for the purposes identified in
151.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.075,
151.9 subdivision 1.

151.10 (e) \$268,000 the first year and \$268,000 the
151.11 second year are for increased capacity for
151.12 broadband utility licensing for state lands and
151.13 public waters. This is a onetime appropriation
151.14 and is available until June 30, 2028.

151.15 (f) \$10,000,000 the first year is for enhancing
151.16 prairies and grasslands and restoring wetlands
151.17 on state-owned wildlife management areas to
151.18 sequester more carbon and enhance climate
151.19 resiliency. This is a onetime appropriation and
151.20 is available until June 30, 2027.

151.21 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
151.22 second year are from the general fund and
151.23 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
151.24 second year are from the heritage enhancement
151.25 account in the game and fish fund for grants
151.26 for natural-resource-based education and
151.27 recreation programs serving youth under
151.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976, and for
151.29 grant administration. Priority must be given
151.30 to projects benefiting underserved
151.31 communities. The base for this appropriation
151.32 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$500,000
151.33 from the heritage enhancement account in the
151.34 game and fish fund. The general fund
151.35 appropriation is onetime.

152.1 (h) \$2,300,000 the first year is for a grant to
152.2 the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior
152.3 Chippewa to expand Minnesota's wild elk
152.4 population and range. Consideration must be
152.5 given to moving elk from existing herds in
152.6 northwest Minnesota to the area of the Fond
152.7 du Lac State Forest and the Fond du Lac
152.8 Reservation in Carlton and southern St. Louis
152.9 Counties. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake
152.10 Superior Chippewa's elk reintroduction efforts
152.11 must undergo thorough planning with the
152.12 Department of Natural Resources to develop
152.13 necessary capture and handling protocols,
152.14 including protocols related to cervid disease
152.15 management, and to produce postrelease state
152.16 and Tribal elk comanagement plans. Of this
152.17 amount, \$300,000 is for the department for
152.18 the purposes of this paragraph. This is a
152.19 onetime appropriation and is available until
152.20 June 30, 2026.

152.21 (i) \$767,000 the first year is from the heritage
152.22 enhancement account in the game and fish
152.23 fund to examine the effects of neonicotinoid
152.24 exposure on the reproduction and survival of
152.25 Minnesota's game species, including deer and
152.26 prairie chicken. This is a onetime
152.27 appropriation and is available until June 30,
152.28 2027.

152.29 (j) \$134,000 the first year and \$134,000 the
152.30 second year are from the heritage enhancement
152.31 account in the game and fish fund for native
152.32 fish conservation and classification.

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

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

153.5 (m) Up to \$5,750,000 the first year and up to
153.6 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for
153.7 transfer from the critical habitat private sector
153.8 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota
153.9 fund for wildlife management areas
153.10 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement
153.11 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
153.12 84.943, subdivision 5b.

153.13 (n) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
153.14 section 297A.94, \$300,000 the first year and
153.15 \$300,000 the second year are from the heritage
153.16 enhancement account in the game and fish
153.17 fund for shooting sports facility grants under
153.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10, including
153.19 grants for archery facilities. Grants must be
153.20 matched with a nonstate match, which may
153.21 include in-kind contributions. This is a
153.22 onetime appropriation and is available until
153.23 June 30, ~~2026~~ 2028. ~~This appropriation must~~
153.24 ~~be allocated as follows:~~

153.25 ~~(1) \$200,000 each fiscal year is for grants of~~
153.26 ~~\$25,000 or less; and~~

153.27 ~~(2) \$100,000 each fiscal year is for grants in~~
153.28 ~~excess of \$25,000.~~

153.29 (o) \$75,000 the first year is from the heritage
153.30 enhancement account in the game and fish
153.31 fund for enhanced fish stocking of white bass
153.32 and crappies in lakes in the metropolitan area
153.33 that have pier and shore fishing opportunities
153.34 where communities are currently underserved.

154.1 (p) \$1,633,000 the first year is for a grant to
 154.2 the Board of Regents of the University of
 154.3 Minnesota for chronic wasting disease
 154.4 contingency plans developed by the Center
 154.5 for Infectious Disease Research and Policy.
 154.6 This is a onetime appropriation.

154.7 (q) \$900,000 the first year is to create new or
 154.8 expand existing outreach and education
 154.9 programs for non-native English-speaking
 154.10 communities. Of this amount, \$250,000 is for
 154.11 the commissioner of the Pollution Control
 154.12 Agency and \$250,000 is for the Board of
 154.13 Water and Soil Resources for this purpose. Up
 154.14 to \$400,000 may be used to expand the
 154.15 Fishing in the Neighborhood program for
 154.16 outreach to new and underserved audiences.
 154.17 This appropriation may be used for community
 154.18 outreach consultants for reaching new
 154.19 audiences. This is a onetime appropriation and
 154.20 is available until June 30, 2027.

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

154.22 Sec. 47. **MINNESOTA SUSTAINABLE FORAGING TASK FORCE.**

154.23 **Subdivision 1. Membership.** (a) The task force shall consist of the following members:

154.24 (1) two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority leader of the senate and
 154.25 one appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

154.26 (2) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
 154.27 house of representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of the house of
 154.28 representatives;

154.29 (3) two members appointed by the Minnesota Mycological Society, of which one member
 154.30 must be an owner of a small business;

154.31 (4) two members appointed by the Minnesota Foraging Alliance, of which one member
 154.32 must be from an underrepresented cultural group;

155.1 (5) two scientists with expertise in botany, ecology, and environmental science appointed
155.2 by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

155.3 (6) three representatives of the Department of Natural Resources involved with managing
155.4 state parks, forestry, fish and wildlife, and public lands appointed by the commissioner of
155.5 natural resources;

155.6 (7) one member of the Minnesota Ojibwe Tribe appointed by the Minnesota Indian
155.7 Affairs Council;

155.8 (8) one member of the Minnesota Dakota Tribe appointed by the Minnesota Indian
155.9 Affairs Council; and

155.10 (9) two representatives with expertise on local ecosystems, species recovery, and
155.11 sustainable harvesting appointed by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota
155.12 Extension.

155.13 (b) A member appointed under paragraph (a) may not be a registered lobbyist.

155.14 (c) The appointing authorities must make the appointments by August 1, 2025.

155.15 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The task force must:

155.16 (1) gather and review data and information, including traditional ecological knowledge,
155.17 on the impact of foraging on species resilience, ecosystem health, and other aspects of
155.18 Minnesota's diverse biomes;

155.19 (2) review existing regulations governing foraging activities on state lands;

155.20 (3) develop recommendations for science-based, including traditional ecological
155.21 knowledge, foraging guidelines for state lands that balance public access with conservation
155.22 needs, setting limits on foraging activities only where supported by data. The
155.23 recommendations must be in the form of draft statutory or rule language and must be
155.24 consistent with Indigenous and other cultural practices and traditions;

155.25 (4) develop recommendations for increasing public understanding of sustainable foraging
155.26 practices that include safety and ecological considerations;

155.27 (5) solicit public input, when appropriate; and

155.28 (6) develop recommendations for reduced-priced foraging permits.

155.29 Subd. 3. **Administrative support; meetings.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating
155.30 Commission must provide administrative support and convene the first meeting by September
155.31 1, 2025.

156.1 (b) The commissioner of natural resources must provide subject matter resources and
156.2 expertise, including information on the management of, and flora and fauna on, state lands,
156.3 as requested by the task force.

156.4 (c) The task force must meet at regular intervals as often as necessary to accomplish the
156.5 goals enumerated under subdivision 2. Meetings of the task force are subject to the Minnesota
156.6 Open Meeting Law under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

156.7 Subd. 4. **Chair.** The task force must elect a chair at its first meeting from among the
156.8 legislative members.

156.9 Subd. 5. **Legislative recommendations; expiration.** By February 28, 2026, the task
156.10 force must submit a written report containing its findings and recommendations to the
156.11 commissioner of natural resources and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
156.12 legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over natural resources policy. The
156.13 recommendations in the report must be specific and actionable. The report must detail the
156.14 proposals for changes or additions to statute or rules to effectuate the task force's
156.15 recommendations. The task force expires March 15, 2026, or upon submission of the report
156.16 required by this subdivision, whichever occurs later.

156.17 Subd. 6. **Compensation; expense reimbursement.** Members of the task force appointed
156.18 under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), may receive per diem and
156.19 reimbursement for expenses as provided in the rules of their respective bodies. Other
156.20 members of the task force may be compensated and have expenses reimbursed as provided
156.21 in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

156.22 Sec. 48. **MORATORIUM ON FORAGING RULES.**

156.23 The commissioner of natural resources shall not commence or complete any rulemaking
156.24 on foraging before July 1, 2027.

156.25 Sec. 49. **EXTENSION OF CERTAIN TIMBER PERMITS.**

156.26 If the holder of a timber permit that expires in 2025 has been unable to cut and remove
156.27 some or all of the timber described in the permit, then, notwithstanding any provisions to
156.28 the contrary in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 90, the commissioner of natural resources must
156.29 grant an extension of the permit for two years without penalty or interest upon written
156.30 request to the commissioner by the holder of the permit.

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

157.1 **Sec. 50. AUDIT OF AGGREGATE TAX AND THE USE OF THE REVENUES**
157.2 **COLLECTED BY COUNTIES.**

157.3 The Office of the Legislative Auditor is directed to conduct a program audit of the
157.4 aggregate production tax established by Minnesota Statutes, section 298.75, to include the
157.5 following by individual participating county and covering all fiscal years since the county
157.6 established the tax:

157.7 (1) a report on total revenues collected by fiscal year;

157.8 (2) a report on how revenues are distributed between maintenance, construction, and
157.9 reconstruction of roads, highways, and bridges;

157.10 (3) a report as to the funding priority given to roads, highways, and bridges that service
157.11 or are impacted by aggregate operations;

157.12 (4) a report as to whether the county distributes aggregate tax revenues on a project or
157.13 formula basis;

157.14 (5) a report as to distribution and expenditure of funds for aggregate mine reclamation
157.15 activities; and

157.16 (6) a report on how tax revenue deposited in the special reserve fund established in
157.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 298.75, subdivision 7, paragraph (c), clause (3), has been
157.18 expended since each county began collecting the tax.

157.19 **Sec. 51. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERMITTING**
157.20 **CHANGES TO PROTECT AGGREGATE RESOURCES.**

157.21 By February 1, 2027, the commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the
157.22 Minnesota Asphalt Paving Association, the Aggregate and Ready Mix Association of
157.23 Minnesota, the Association of Minnesota Counties, and other interested stakeholders, must
157.24 make recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
157.25 committees with primary jurisdiction over environment and local government for statutory
157.26 changes that would facilitate local government permitting processes that adequately protect
157.27 the state's aggregate resources and foster environmentally responsible reclamation of former
157.28 aggregate mining sites.

157.29 **Sec. 52. REPEALER.**

157.30 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 103E.067; 116C.04, subdivision 11; 116C.991; and
157.31 116D.04, subdivision 5b, are repealed.

158.1

ARTICLE 5

158.2

STATE LANDS

158.3

Section 1. **ADDITION TO STATE PARK.**

158.4

[85.012] [Subd. 11] Carley State Park, Wabasha County. The following area is added

158.5

to Carley State Park: That part of Section 32, Township 108 North, Range 11 West, Wabasha

158.6

County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the South Quarter corner stake of

158.7

said Section 32; thence North 15-1/2 degrees East along road 425 feet; thence North 17

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degrees East 290 feet; thence North 53 degrees East 280 feet; thence North 17 degrees East

158.9

115 feet; thence North 6-1/2 degrees West 643 feet; thence North 72-1/2 degrees West 720

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feet; thence North across river 690 feet; thence South 62 degrees East 263 feet along northerly

158.11

bank of river; thence North 250 feet to center of said Section 32; thence East 1,320 feet;

158.12

thence North 440 feet to river; thence North 54-1/2 degrees East 224 feet along center of

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river; thence North 75 degrees East 192 feet; thence South 49 degrees East 115 feet; thence

158.14

North 79 degrees East 155 feet; thence North 62 degrees East 232 feet; thence North 86

158.15

degrees East 293 feet; thence North 64 degrees East 255 feet; thence South 3,368 feet, more

158.16

or less to the southeast corner of Section 32; thence West 2,643.13 feet to the place of

158.17

beginning.

158.18

EXCEPTING therefrom that portion lying West of the centerline of Wabasha County

158.19

Road No. 4 owned by the State of Minnesota and A. M. Christenson.

158.20

ALSO EXCEPTING that part of the East Half of Section 32, Township 108 North,

158.21

Range 11 West, Wabasha County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the South

158.22

Quarter corner stake of said Section 32; thence North 15-1/2 degrees East along road 425

158.23

feet; thence North 17 degrees East 290 feet; thence North 53 degrees East 280 feet; thence

158.24

South 80 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds East 304.46 feet; thence North 6 degrees 12 minutes

158.25

49 seconds West 483.31 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 25 seconds East 386.31

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feet; thence North 1 degree 39 minutes 32 seconds East 358.66 feet; thence North 36 degrees

158.27

14 minutes 35 seconds East 693.46 feet; thence North 81 degrees 03 minutes 15 seconds

158.28

East 349.81 feet; thence North 1 degree 49 minutes 43 seconds West 298.16 feet; thence

158.29

North 79 degrees 04 minutes 47 seconds East 529.39 feet; thence South 35 degrees 46

158.30

minutes 01 seconds East to the east line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32; thence

158.31

southerly along the east line of said Southeast Quarter to the southeast corner of said

158.32

Southeast Quarter of Section 32; thence on a bearing of West along the south line of said

158.33

Southeast Quarter 2,643.13 feet to the point of beginning.

158.34

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

159.1 Sec. 2. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; AITKIN COUNTY.**

159.2 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or
159.3 other law to the contrary, Aitkin County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land
159.4 described in paragraph (c).

159.5 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
159.6 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

159.7 (c) The land to be sold is located in Aitkin County and is described as: the West 20 feet
159.8 of the East 932 feet of the South 208 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,
159.9 as in DOC 203542, Section 32, Township 46 North, Range 25 West (0.1 acres) (parcel
159.10 number 09-0-054803).

159.11 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
159.12 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

159.13 Sec. 3. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; AITKIN COUNTY.**

159.14 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or
159.15 other law to the contrary, Aitkin County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands
159.16 described in paragraph (c).

159.17 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
159.18 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

159.19 (c) The land to be sold is located in Aitkin County and is described as: the East 32 feet
159.20 of the West 250 feet of Lot 5 and the East 32 feet of the West 250 feet of the North 10 feet
159.21 of Lot 3, Hill City Realty Cos Fourth Addition, Section 14, Township 52 North, Range 26
159.22 West, Aitkin County, Minnesota (0.1 acres) (parcel number 57-1-073003).

159.23 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
159.24 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

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

159.26 Sec. 4. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ITASCA COUNTY.**

159.27 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or
159.28 other law to the contrary, Itasca County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands
159.29 described in paragraph (c).

159.30 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
159.31 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

160.1 (c) The lands to be sold are located in Itasca County and are described as: That part of
 160.2 the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 15, Township 59 North, Range 24
 160.3 west of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Itasca County, Minnesota, further described as
 160.4 follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast
 160.5 Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds East, assigned bearing, along the
 160.6 north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 255.80 feet to
 160.7 the point of beginning; thence South 10 degrees 50 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of
 160.8 604.37 feet; thence North 55 degrees 26 minutes 17 seconds East a distance of 672.63 feet,
 160.9 more or less to the centerline of County Road 52; thence North 51 degrees 32 minutes 12
 160.10 seconds West along said centerline a distance of 351.56 feet to said north line of the
 160.11 Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds
 160.12 West along said north line a distance of 392.39 feet to the point of beginning.

160.13 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
 160.14 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

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

160.16 **Sec. 5. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

160.17 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or
 160.18 other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land
 160.19 described in paragraph (c).

160.20 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
 160.21 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

160.22 (c) The land to be sold is located in St. Louis County and is described as:

160.23 (1) the easterly 15 feet of Lot 5, Block 47, West Duluth 6th Division, Section 7, Township
 160.24 49, Range 14 (parcel number 010-4520-06505); and

160.25 (2) that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter described as follows:
 160.26 beginning at the northwest corner continue due East parallel with the north boundary line
 160.27 a distance of 330 feet to a point of beginning; thence due South parallel with the west
 160.28 boundary line a distance of 400 feet to a point; thence due East parallel with the north
 160.29 boundary line a distance of 190 feet to a point; thence due North parallel with the west
 160.30 boundary a distance of 60 feet to a point; thence due East parallel with the north boundary
 160.31 line a distance of 140 feet to a point; thence due North parallel with the west boundary line
 160.32 a distance of 340 feet to a point; thence due West parallel with the north boundary line a

161.1 distance of 330 feet to the point of beginning, Section 14, Township 54, Range 20 (parcel
 161.2 number 550-0020-02294).

161.3 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best
 161.4 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

161.5 **ARTICLE 6**

161.6 **ELECTRONIC WASTE AND BATTERY STEWARDSHIP**

161.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

161.8 Subdivision 1. **Remedies available.** The provisions of sections 103F.701 to 103F.755,
 161.9 this chapter and chapters 114C, 115A, and 116, and sections 325E.10 to ~~325E.125~~ 325E.12
 161.10 and 325E.32 and all rules, standards, orders, stipulation agreements, schedules of compliance,
 161.11 and permits adopted or issued by the agency thereunder or under any other law now in force
 161.12 or hereafter enacted for the prevention, control, or abatement of pollution may be enforced
 161.13 by any one or any combination of the following: criminal prosecution; action to recover
 161.14 civil penalties; injunction; action to compel or cease performance; or other appropriate
 161.15 action, in accordance with the provisions of said chapters and this section.

161.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

161.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.121, is amended to read:

161.18 **115A.121 TOXICS AND POLLUTION PREVENTION EVALUATION;**
 161.19 **CONSOLIDATED REPORT.**

161.20 The commissioner shall prepare and adopt a report on pollution prevention activities
 161.21 required in chapters 115A, 115D, and 325E. ~~The report must include activities required~~
 161.22 ~~under section 115A.1320.~~ The commissioner must submit the report to the senate and house
 161.23 of representatives committees having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources
 161.24 by December 31, 2013, and every four years thereafter.

161.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.

161.26 Sec. 3. **[115A.1331] STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR CIRCUIT BOARDS,**
 161.27 **BATTERIES, AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS; DEFINITIONS.**

161.28 (a) The terms used in sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 have the meanings given in this
 161.29 section.

161.30 (b) "Battery" means one or more galvanic cells, including any structural members,
 161.31 insulative casing, and terminals.

162.1 (c) "Board" means the Covered Products Reimbursement Board established under section
162.2 115A.1333.

162.3 (d) "Brand" means a trademark, including both a registered and an unregistered trademark;
162.4 a logo; a name; a symbol; a word; an identifier; or a traceable mark that identifies a covered
162.5 product or other electrical product and identifies the owner or licensee of the brand as the
162.6 producer of the product.

162.7 (e) "Circuit board" means a nonconductive substrate onto which one or more layers of
162.8 conductive paths have been printed or wires attached for mounting and interconnecting
162.9 electronic components, such as resistors, capacitors, diodes, transistors, integrated circuit
162.10 chips, and connecting wires. Circuit boards include printed circuit boards, printed wiring
162.11 boards, and any other style or type of circuit board.

162.12 (f) "Collection site" means a physical location where a collector collects covered products
162.13 and other electrical products from members of the public and businesses. Collection site
162.14 includes a location regardless of whether it is operated permanently, temporarily, or for
162.15 purposes of a collection event.

162.16 (g) "Collector" means a person that collects covered products and other electrical products
162.17 on behalf of the stewardship organization and receives reimbursement from the stewardship
162.18 organization for the collector's costs to collect and manage the products.

162.19 (h) "Covered battery" means a battery of any type, physical size, or energy capacity
162.20 including but not limited to batteries designed and marketed for sale or resale for use in
162.21 lawn care equipment as defined in section 181A.116, off-highway vehicles, snowmobiles,
162.22 watercraft, tools, household items, lights, or devices powered by an internal combustion
162.23 engine. A covered battery does not include:

162.24 (1) a lead acid battery subject to sections 325E.115 and 325E.1151;

162.25 (2) a battery designed, manufactured, and intended solely for use in manufacturing,
162.26 industrial, or other commercial settings; or

162.27 (3) a battery designed, manufactured, and intended solely for use in a medical device,
162.28 as defined in the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, United States Code, title 21, section
162.29 301 et seq.

162.30 (i) "Covered circuit board" means any circuit board except a circuit board from:

162.31 (1) a major appliance;

- 163.1 (2) an appliance or tool powered by electrical power of equal to or greater than 240 volts
163.2 alternating current; or
- 163.3 (3) an appliance or tool designed, manufactured, and intended solely for use in
163.4 manufacturing, industrial, or other commercial settings.
- 163.5 (j) "Covered product" means:
- 163.6 (1) a covered circuit board;
- 163.7 (2) a covered battery;
- 163.8 (3) a cathode-ray tube; or
- 163.9 (4) a product that has a covered circuit board, a covered battery, or a cathode-ray tube
163.10 contained within it or otherwise attached or connected to it, except:
- 163.11 (i) a medical device, as defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, United
163.12 States Code, title 21, section 301 et seq.;
- 163.13 (ii) any device powered by an internal combustion engine;
- 163.14 (iii) an off-highway vehicle, watercraft, or snowmobile; and
- 163.15 (iv) a motor vehicle, as defined in section 168.002.
- 163.16 (k) "Covered services" means collection, sorting, storage, transport, processing, repair,
163.17 refurbishment, reuse, recycling, reclamation of useful materials from, or disposal of covered
163.18 products, other electrical products, and residual materials.
- 163.19 (l) "De minimis producer" means a producer that, in the most recent calendar year, had
163.20 fewer than 100 covered products that were sold in or into the state and for which the producer
163.21 was responsible.
- 163.22 (m) "Facilitate a sale" means to assist a person in transferring title or possession of a
163.23 covered product or other electrical product, regardless of whether title or possession is ever
163.24 acquired by the person facilitating a sale, such as by operating an online marketplace,
163.25 publishing an offer for sale on a website, physically storing inventory of products, entering
163.26 into a contract to allow another person to list a product for sale, processing payment on
163.27 behalf of another person, entering into a contract with a buyer or a seller related to a sale,
163.28 or otherwise providing a sales process. Facilitate a sale does not include acting solely as:
- 163.29 (1) an advertiser;
- 163.30 (2) a payment processor; or
- 163.31 (3) a common carrier.

164.1 (n) "Full collection site" means a collection site that meets the requirements of section
164.2 115A.1341, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

164.3 (o) "Household hazardous waste collection program" means a program established under
164.4 section 115A.96 to collect and manage household hazardous waste as defined in that section.

164.5 (p) "Independent auditor" means an independent and actively licensed certified public
164.6 accountant that is:

164.7 (1) retained by the stewardship organization;

164.8 (2) not otherwise employed by or affiliated with the stewardship organization; and

164.9 (3) qualified to conduct an audit under section 115A.1337, subdivision 5, paragraph (b),
164.10 clause (8).

164.11 (q) "Off-highway vehicle" has the meaning given in section 84.771.

164.12 (r) "Organohalogenated chemical" has the meaning given in section 325F.071.

164.13 (s) "Other electrical product" means an appliance or tool that is powered by electricity
164.14 provided through a flexible cord with an attached standardized plug intended for temporary,
164.15 manual connection to the electrical distribution system in a residential or commercial
164.16 structure. Other electrical product does not include:

164.17 (1) a covered product;

164.18 (2) a major appliance;

164.19 (3) an appliance or tool powered by electrical power of greater than 240 volts alternating
164.20 current; or

164.21 (4) an appliance or tool designed, manufactured, and intended solely for use in
164.22 manufacturing, industrial, or other commercial settings.

164.23 (t) "Partial collection site" means a collection site that meets the requirements of section
164.24 115A.1341, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), and does not meet the requirements of paragraph
164.25 (b) of that subdivision.

164.26 (u) "Participant" means a producer that is named by the stewardship organization as
164.27 meeting the producer's obligations under sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 to contract with
164.28 a stewardship organization and to pay for a stewardship program that meets the producer's
164.29 obligations on the producer's behalf.

165.1 (v) "Producer" means, with respect to a covered product or other electrical product that
165.2 is sold, including online sales; offered for sale or promotional purposes; or distributed in
165.3 or into the state:

165.4 (1) a person that manufactured:

165.5 (i) the covered product;

165.6 (ii) any component of the covered product if the component is also a covered product;

165.7 or

165.8 (iii) the other electrical product;

165.9 (2) a person that imported into the United States:

165.10 (i) the covered product;

165.11 (ii) any component of the covered product if the component is also a covered product;

165.12 or

165.13 (iii) the other electrical product; and

165.14 (3) a person that owns or controls or is licensed to use a brand under which the covered
165.15 product or other electrical product is sold, including online sales; offered for sale or
165.16 promotional purposes; or distributed in or into the state.

165.17 (w) "Responsible market" means a market for covered products and other electrical
165.18 products, for reusable or repairable components of covered products and other electrical
165.19 products, for reclaimed materials from covered products and other electrical products, or
165.20 for any other recyclable residues from covered products and other electrical products that:

165.21 (1) reuses, recycles, or otherwise recovers materials and disposes of contaminants in a
165.22 manner that protects the environment and minimizes risks to public health and worker health
165.23 and safety;

165.24 (2) complies with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, rules, ordinances, and
165.25 other laws governing environmental, health, safety, and financial responsibility;

165.26 (3) possesses all licenses and permits required by a federal or state agency or political
165.27 subdivision;

165.28 (4) if operating in the state, recycles covered products and other electrical products to
165.29 the maximum extent practicable in accordance with section 115A.02, paragraph (b); and

165.30 (5) minimizes adverse impacts to environmental justice areas.

165.31 (x) "Snowmobile" has the meaning given in section 84.81, subdivision 3.

166.1 (y) "Specialized battery or circuit board recycler" means a person that, if and as
166.2 applicable, is properly authorized by the commissioner or, if operating in another state, an
166.3 equivalent state or federal governmental body, to process, repair, refurbish, facilitate reuse
166.4 of, recycle, or reclaim useful materials from covered products.

166.5 (z) "Stewardship organization" means a nonprofit organization as described in section
166.6 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that enters into a contract with producers to draft
166.7 and submit a plan for a stewardship program under sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347, and
166.8 to be responsible for administering and implementing that plan on the producers' behalf.

166.9 (aa) "Stewardship plan" means a plan that is prepared according to section 115A.1335
166.10 and submitted to the commissioner by a stewardship organization.

166.11 (bb) "Stewardship program" means a system implemented by a stewardship organization
166.12 that provides and pays for covered services and all other activities described in a stewardship
166.13 plan approved by the commissioner under section 115A.1335, subdivision 4.

166.14 (cc) "Watercraft" has the meaning given in section 86B.005, subdivision 18,
166.15 notwithstanding the exceptions contained therein.

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

166.17 **Sec. 4. [115A.1333] COVERED PRODUCTS REIMBURSEMENT BOARD.**

166.18 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Covered Products Reimbursement Board is
166.19 established to recommend reimbursement rates to the commissioner. Except as provided in
166.20 this section, chapter 15 does not apply to the board.

166.21 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) By January 1, 2027, the commissioner must appoint the initial
166.22 membership of the Covered Products Reimbursement Board. Membership must consist of:

166.23 (1) two members representing household hazardous waste collection programs;

166.24 (2) two members representing collectors, according to paragraph (c); and

166.25 (3) four members representing and nominated by the stewardship organization.

166.26 (b) In making appointments under paragraph (a), the commissioner may not appoint
166.27 persons who are:

166.28 (1) current or elected Minnesota state representatives or senators;

166.29 (2) required to register as lobbyists under section 10A.03; or

166.30 (3) employees of the agency.

167.1 (c) Initial appointments under paragraph (a), clause (2), must represent potential
167.2 collectors. After January 1, 2028, whenever the terms of these members expire according
167.3 to subdivision 3, the new appointments must represent collectors. Members appointed under
167.4 paragraph (a), clause (2), must not represent household hazardous waste collection programs.

167.5 Subd. 3. **Terms; removal.** Members serve for a term of four years, except that one
167.6 member appointed under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (1); one member appointed
167.7 under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (2); and two members appointed under subdivision
167.8 2, paragraph (a), clause (3), must be appointed to serve an initial term of two years, so that
167.9 membership terms are staggered. Members may be reappointed to another term following
167.10 the end of a term. The removal of members is governed by section 15.059, subdivision 4.

167.11 Subd. 4. **Quorum; voting.** Meetings of the board must have at least a quorum of
167.12 members, consisting of six members. Recommendations of the board require the affirmative
167.13 vote of at least five members.

167.14 Subd. 5. **Administrative support; facilitator.** (a) The commissioner must provide
167.15 administrative support to the board. The commissioner must ensure that all activities of the
167.16 board that require public notice, such as notice of meetings, agendas and materials related
167.17 to agenda items, and minutes, are published on the agency's publicly accessible website.
167.18 The commissioner must provide meeting space and public access for meetings conducted
167.19 by telephone or interactive technology.

167.20 (b) The commissioner must contract for a professional facilitator for the board. The
167.21 facilitator must schedule and chair the meetings of the board but is not a member for purposes
167.22 of quorum or voting. The facilitator must ensure that all activities of the board that require
167.23 public notice are timely provided to the commissioner for publication.

167.24 Subd. 6. **Meetings.** (a) The board must meet at least biannually and as necessary to meet
167.25 the requirements of subdivisions 7 to 9. Meetings may be scheduled at the request of the
167.26 facilitator or a majority of the members.

167.27 (b) The board must comply with the Open Meeting Law under chapter 13D.

167.28 Subd. 7. **Recommendations for reimbursement rates.** (a) By July 1, 2027, and annually
167.29 thereafter, the board must submit to the commissioner a recommendation for reimbursement
167.30 rates to collectors for the following calendar year.

167.31 (b) Recommended rates must be differentiated by methods recommended by the board
167.32 under subdivision 4, such as local property lease or purchase costs, prevailing local wages,

168.1 or other factors to ensure convenient collection statewide according to section 115A.1335,
168.2 subdivision 3, and that all costs of collection are covered according to paragraph (c).

168.3 (c) Recommended rates must cover all costs of collecting covered products and other
168.4 electrical products incurred by collectors, including at least:

168.5 (1) labor and overhead;

168.6 (2) covered services performed by a collector in accordance with section 115A.1337,
168.7 subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

168.8 (3) necessary collection and storage structures and containers as provided in section
168.9 115A.1347, subdivision 1, paragraph (d);

168.10 (4) employee training;

168.11 (5) necessary safety equipment, including appropriate fire protection and suppression
168.12 equipment and supplies; and

168.13 (6) any other costs determined necessary by the commissioner.

168.14 (d) In making determinations under paragraph (c), clause (6), the commissioner may
168.15 consider data submitted according to section 115A.1337, subdivision 5; the volume of
168.16 covered products collected; the estimated volume of covered products sold in or into the
168.17 state; the estimated volume of covered products disposed of in the state; and other information
168.18 related to the effectiveness of the stewardship program.

168.19 (e) The board must also consider any additional financial incentives necessary to induce
168.20 collectors to join the stewardship program in locations that would otherwise not be served,
168.21 so that the stewardship organization can meet or exceed the required convenience standards
168.22 under section 115A.1335, subdivision 3.

168.23 **Subd. 8. Review and approval of reimbursement rates.** (a) Within 90 days after
168.24 receiving a recommendation on reimbursement rates submitted under subdivision 7, the
168.25 commissioner must review the recommendation and approve or reject the recommendation.

168.26 (b) In conducting a review of a recommendation, the commissioner may consult with
168.27 interested parties.

168.28 (c) For at least 30 days and before approving a recommendation under this subdivision,
168.29 the commissioner must post the recommendation on the agency's publicly accessible website
168.30 for public review and comment.

168.31 (d) If the commissioner determines that a recommendation does not meet the requirements
168.32 of this section, the commissioner must reject the recommendation. The commissioner must

169.1 provide a written notice of determination describing the reasons for the rejection to the
 169.2 board. The board must meet as necessary to submit a revised recommendation to the
 169.3 commissioner.

169.4 (e) After consultation under paragraph (b) and review of public comments under
 169.5 paragraph (c), if the commissioner determines that a recommendation meets the requirements
 169.6 of this section, the commissioner may approve the recommendation. The commissioner
 169.7 must provide a written notice of approval to the board and to the stewardship organization.
 169.8 In the notice, the commissioner must specify the effective date of the approved reimbursement
 169.9 rates.

169.10 (f) The stewardship organization must publish approved reimbursement rates on its
 169.11 publicly accessible website within 30 days after receiving the commissioner's written notice
 169.12 of approval. The commissioner may also publish the approved reimbursement rates on the
 169.13 agency's publicly accessible website.

169.14 Subd. 9. **More-frequent rate changes.** The board may, for good cause, submit a
 169.15 recommendation for reimbursement rates to the commissioner at less than an annual interval.
 169.16 The commissioner must review the recommendation according to subdivision 8. If the
 169.17 commissioner rejects the recommendation, then the previously approved reimbursement
 169.18 rates for that calendar year continue to be in effect.

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

169.20 Sec. 5. **[115A.1335] STEWARDSHIP PLAN AND BUDGET.**

169.21 Subdivision 1. **Due date.** By October 1, 2027, all producers must contract with a single
 169.22 stewardship organization to act on the producers' behalf. By that date, the stewardship
 169.23 organization must submit a single stewardship plan meeting the requirements of subdivision
 169.24 2 to the commissioner to review for approval or rejection.

169.25 Subd. 2. **Plan content; budget requirement.** (a) The stewardship plan must include:

169.26 (1) identification of and contact information for the stewardship organization;

169.27 (2) identification of and contact information for all other persons that the stewardship
 169.28 organization has contracted, subcontracted, or partnered with to administer and implement
 169.29 the stewardship program that are not participants identified in clause (3) or collectors or
 169.30 persons providing covered services identified in clause (4), unless such participants,
 169.31 collectors, or persons providing covered services are also in any way administering or
 169.32 implementing the stewardship program beyond participation, collection, or provision of

170.1 covered services. The relationship of the other organizations and role in administration and
170.2 implementation of the stewardship program must be described;

170.3 (3) identification of and contact information for all participants in the stewardship
170.4 program;

170.5 (4) identification of and contact information for each collector; each person providing
170.6 covered services for covered products or other electrical products, including any collector
170.7 that will perform covered services other than collection; and each facility at which covered
170.8 products and other electrical products will be managed under the stewardship plan;

170.9 (5) the address; county of location; and, in a form prescribed by the commissioner,
170.10 geolocation data for each collection site to be served by the stewardship organization under
170.11 the stewardship program and identification of the site as a full collection site, as a partial
170.12 collection site, or as operated by a household hazardous waste collection program;

170.13 (6) a list of the brands covered under the stewardship program;

170.14 (7) eligibility criteria for prospective collectors of covered products and other electrical
170.15 products under the stewardship program according to section 115A.1337, subdivision 3,
170.16 paragraph (c);

170.17 (8) a description of how the stewardship program will accept and provide covered services
170.18 and reimbursement under this section to any household hazardous waste collection program
170.19 in a manner that is equal to the services and reimbursement provided to all other collectors,
170.20 if the operator of the household hazardous waste collection program requests covered
170.21 services and reimbursement;

170.22 (9) a description of how the stewardship program will provide convenient, statewide
170.23 collection according to subdivision 3;

170.24 (10) a description of how the stewardship organization will annually monitor and ensure
170.25 continuing compliance with the convenience standards under subdivision 3;

170.26 (11) a description of how the stewardship organization will provide each collector served
170.27 by the stewardship program with the materials specified in section 115A.1337, subdivision
170.28 1, including specifications for appropriate containers, signage templates, and a copy of all
170.29 training and educational materials to be provided;

170.30 (12) a description of how collection sites will be accessible according to section
170.31 115A.1337, subdivision 2;

171.1 (13) the performance standards for persons providing covered services for covered
171.2 products and other electrical products on behalf of the stewardship organization and the
171.3 oversight methods by which the stewardship organization will ensure continuing compliance
171.4 with the performance standards. The performance standards must:

171.5 (i) meet the requirements of section 115A.1337, subdivision 3;

171.6 (ii) ensure that covered products and materials resulting from recycling covered products
171.7 are managed only by specialized battery or electronics recyclers and through responsible
171.8 markets; and

171.9 (iii) ensure that other electrical products and materials resulting from recycling of other
171.10 electrical products are managed through responsible markets;

171.11 (14) a description of methods by which the stewardship organization will ensure that
171.12 covered products and any other electrical products that are waste for which the stewardship
171.13 organization is responsible are managed while in the state in compliance with rules adopted
171.14 under section 116.07 for managing solid waste and hazardous waste and, when outside the
171.15 state, with all federal, state, and local requirements applicable to managing solid waste and
171.16 hazardous waste, as applicable;

171.17 (15) a description of methods by which the stewardship organization will ensure that
171.18 covered products and any other electrical products for which the stewardship organization
171.19 is responsible are managed in compliance with safety and health requirements for employees
171.20 administered by the Department of Labor and Industry and with fire protection requirements
171.21 administered by the Department of Public Safety while in the state and, when outside the
171.22 state, with all federal, state, and local requirements applicable to safety and health
171.23 requirements for employees and fire protection requirements;

171.24 (16) a description of methods by which the stewardship organization will ensure that
171.25 covered products and other electrical products for which the stewardship organization is
171.26 responsible are transported in compliance with applicable regulations incorporated by
171.27 reference under section 221.033 for transporting hazardous materials while in the state and,
171.28 when outside the state, with all federal, state, and local requirements applicable to
171.29 transportation of hazardous materials;

171.30 (17) a statement of indemnification by the stewardship organization to collectors for
171.31 potential liability for improper downstream management of covered products and other
171.32 electrical products or residual materials by providers of covered services contracted for by
171.33 the stewardship organization and identified in the stewardship plan under clause (3);

172.1 (18) a description of how the stewardship organization will determine the mass of covered
172.2 products and other electrical products for which it has provided covered services under the
172.3 stewardship program by county of collection and, for covered batteries and covered products
172.4 that have covered batteries contained within them or otherwise attached or connected to
172.5 them, by battery chemistry;

172.6 (19) a description of the outreach and education methods and activities that the
172.7 stewardship organization will provide according to section 115A.1337, subdivision 4;

172.8 (20) a description of how the stewardship organization will employ at least one full-time
172.9 employee who is solely dedicated to implementing the stewardship program in this state
172.10 and serving as the primary contact between the stewardship organization and the agency;

172.11 (21) a description of the system by which the stewardship organization will provide
172.12 advance funding of or reimbursement to collectors in a manner that provides:

172.13 (i) a clear process for submitting and paying invoices;

172.14 (ii) reasonable timelines for reimbursement, at intervals no longer than monthly unless
172.15 otherwise agreed to by the person providing covered services to be reimbursed; and

172.16 (iii) a third-party mediator to resolve disputes that arise between the stewardship
172.17 organization and a person providing covered services regarding determining or paying
172.18 reimbursements;

172.19 (22) identification of groups of producers, such as by industry, covered product and
172.20 other electrical product type, or other method proposed by the stewardship organization,
172.21 and the proposed allocation of stewardship program costs among the groups of producers,
172.22 such that the costs of managing covered products or other electrical products produced by
172.23 a group of producers are not borne by other groups of producers;

172.24 (23) a description of how the stewardship organization will comply with subdivision 6,
172.25 paragraph (b);

172.26 (24) a description of how the stewardship organization will assist producers in complying
172.27 with the labeling requirements of section 115A.1347, subdivision 2, paragraph (a);

172.28 (25) a description of how the stewardship organization will ensure that covered products
172.29 and other electrical products managed under the stewardship program are recycled to the
172.30 maximum extent practicable in accordance with section 115A.02, paragraph (b);

172.31 (26) a description of how the stewardship organization will incentivize investment in
172.32 processes, product design and material use, technology, and personnel training that could

173.1 raise the future maximum extent practicable for recycling described in clause (25), including
173.2 consideration of covered product reuse, repair, and product life cycle;

173.3 (27) a description of how the stewardship organization will annually report to the
173.4 commissioner the number, type, and volume of covered products and other electrical products
173.5 collected during each calendar year, specifying the categories of the covered products and
173.6 other electrical products and the chemistries of the covered batteries collected;

173.7 (28) a description of how the stewardship organization will annually report to the
173.8 commissioner the end management, through reuse, repair, reclamation, recycling, or disposal,
173.9 of the covered products and other electrical products shipped from collection sites under
173.10 the stewardship program during each calendar year;

173.11 (29) a description of how the stewardship organization will take action to decrease the
173.12 incidence of covered products in solid waste in the state according to section 115A.1337,
173.13 subdivision 4, paragraph (c), including providing collection opportunities under section
173.14 115A.1337, subdivision 2, paragraph (b);

173.15 (30) a description of how the stewardship organization will assist persons providing
173.16 covered services after collection to identify, segregate, and properly manage
173.17 organohalogenated chemicals contained in or separated from covered products and reduce
173.18 the prevalence of organohalogenated chemicals in products derived from recycled covered
173.19 products; and

173.20 (31) a description of how the stewardship organization will, where feasible, assist
173.21 producers in reducing the occurrence of organohalogenated chemicals in covered products.

173.22 (b) By January 1, 2028, and by April 1 each year thereafter, the stewardship organization
173.23 must submit an anticipated annual budget for the stewardship program, broken down into
173.24 the stewardship program's estimated costs for administration, collection, sorting, storage,
173.25 transportation, processing, refurbishment, repair, reuse, recycling, disposal, and
173.26 communication costs, including the cost of fees under section 115A.1339 but not including
173.27 costs for lobbying, costs associated with litigation against the state, or penalties imposed
173.28 by the state. The budget is not subject to review and approval under subdivisions 4 and 5.

173.29 Subd. 3. **Convenience standards.** (a) The stewardship plan must provide convenient,
173.30 statewide collection for all covered products that are offered to collectors by a person in the
173.31 state, regardless of:

173.32 (1) a covered product's brand;

173.33 (2) a covered battery's energy capacity or chemistry;

- 174.1 (3) whether the producer of a covered product is a participant in the stewardship program;
174.2 or
- 174.3 (4) whether the brand of a covered product is covered under the stewardship program.
- 174.4 (b) The stewardship plan must meet the following convenience standards:
- 174.5 (1) for each county with a population of 10,000 or less, maintain at least two full
174.6 collection sites;
- 174.7 (2) for each county with a population greater than 10,000 but less than or equal to
174.8 100,000, maintain at least two full collection sites and at least one additional full collection
174.9 site for each additional 10,000 in population above a population of 10,000;
- 174.10 (3) for each county with a population greater than 100,000, maintain at least 11 full
174.11 collection sites and at least one additional full collection site for each additional 50,000 in
174.12 population above a population of 100,000;
- 174.13 (4) maintain a full collection site located within ten miles of the household of at least
174.14 95 percent of the residents of the state;
- 174.15 (5) ensure no net loss in estimated collection convenience and capacity for covered
174.16 products of any type; and
- 174.17 (6) any additional convenience standards that the commissioner determines are necessary
174.18 to provide convenient, statewide collection for covered products, including operation of
174.19 partial collection sites and additional full collection sites.
- 174.20 (c) In making a determination under paragraph (b), clause (6), the commissioner may
174.21 consider data submitted according to section 115A.1337, subdivision 5; the volume of
174.22 covered products collected; the estimated volume of covered products sold in or into the
174.23 state; the estimated volume of covered products disposed of in the state; the stewardship
174.24 organization's plans under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (28); and other information
174.25 related to the effectiveness of the stewardship program.
- 174.26 Subd. 4. **Review of stewardship plan; implementation.** (a) Within 120 days after
174.27 receiving a complete stewardship plan submitted under this section, the commissioner must
174.28 determine whether the stewardship plan complies with the requirements of this section and
174.29 will ensure that elements required by subdivision 2, paragraph (a), will be met to the
174.30 maximum extent practicable. The commissioner must provide a written notice of
174.31 determination according to this subdivision.

175.1 (b) In conducting a review of a stewardship plan, the commissioner may consult with
175.2 interested parties.

175.3 (c) For at least 30 days and before approving a stewardship plan, the commissioner must
175.4 place the stewardship plan on the agency's publicly accessible website for public review
175.5 and comment.

175.6 (d) If the commissioner determines that a stewardship plan fails to meet the requirements
175.7 of this section or will not ensure that elements required by subdivision 2, paragraph (a), will
175.8 be met to the maximum extent practicable, the commissioner must reject the stewardship
175.9 plan. The commissioner must provide a written notice of determination to the stewardship
175.10 organization describing the reasons for the rejection.

175.11 (e) After any consultation under paragraph (b) and review of public comments received
175.12 under paragraph (c), if the commissioner determines that a stewardship plan meets the
175.13 requirements of subdivision 2, the commissioner must approve the stewardship plan. The
175.14 commissioner must provide a written notice of determination to the stewardship organization.

175.15 (f) The stewardship organization must publish its approved stewardship plan on its
175.16 publicly accessible website within 30 days after receiving written notice of approval but is
175.17 not required to publish nonpublic data as defined under chapter 13. The commissioner may
175.18 publish the approved stewardship plan on the agency's publicly accessible website but must
175.19 not publish nonpublic data.

175.20 (g) The stewardship organization must implement the stewardship plan approved by the
175.21 commissioner, including any amendments to the stewardship plan that are approved by the
175.22 commissioner according to subdivision 5, within 60 days after receiving written notice of
175.23 approval.

175.24 (h) For each stewardship plan or amendment submitted to the commissioner for review,
175.25 the commissioner may consider the data submitted according to section 115A.1337,
175.26 subdivision 5, and other relevant information to establish requirements to improve the
175.27 effectiveness, performance, and awareness of the stewardship program.

175.28 **Subd. 5. Amending or terminating stewardship plan.** (a) The stewardship organization
175.29 may amend a stewardship plan approved under subdivision 4 without review or approval
175.30 by the commissioner to make the changes specified in clauses (1) to (3). Within 30 days
175.31 after adopting an amendment under this paragraph, the stewardship organization must report
175.32 the amendment to the commissioner and must publish the amended stewardship plan on the
175.33 stewardship organization's publicly accessible website. The stewardship organization must

176.1 implement amendments made to a stewardship plan under this paragraph within 60 days
176.2 after adopting the amendment. The stewardship organization may:

176.3 (1) add, terminate, or replace a collector, collection site, person providing covered
176.4 services, or facility at which covered services will be performed;

176.5 (2) add or remove participants or brands covered under the stewardship plan; or

176.6 (3) change contact staff or contact staff information for the stewardship organization,
176.7 participants, collectors, persons transporting covered products or other electrical products,
176.8 or facilities to be used for storage, processing, recycling, or disposal.

176.9 (b) Except for an amendment under paragraph (a), a proposed amendment to a
176.10 stewardship plan approved under subdivision 4 must be submitted to and reviewed and
176.11 approved by the commissioner before it may be implemented by the stewardship organization.
176.12 The commissioner must review and approve or reject the proposed amendment according
176.13 to subdivision 4.

176.14 (c) The stewardship organization with an approved stewardship plan must submit an
176.15 amended stewardship plan for review at least every five years according to this subdivision
176.16 and subdivision 4 if the commissioner has not during that time approved amendments
176.17 submitted for review under paragraph (b).

176.18 (d) The stewardship organization may terminate a stewardship plan by providing at least
176.19 90 days' written notice to the commissioner and to all participants in the stewardship program.
176.20 Before the stewardship plan is terminated, each participant must meet the requirements of
176.21 section 115A.1335, subdivision 1, by contracting with a new stewardship organization,
176.22 which must submit and obtain the commissioner's approval for a stewardship plan.

176.23 (e) The commissioner may terminate a stewardship plan for good cause, such as
176.24 significant noncompliance with this section; failure to ensure that covered products and
176.25 other electrical products collected in the state are being managed in responsible markets
176.26 and according to subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (13) to (15); failure to timely submit
176.27 a stewardship plan for review according to paragraph (c); or failure to pay fees assessed
176.28 under section 115A.1339. If the commissioner terminates a stewardship plan, the
176.29 commissioner must provide the stewardship organization with written notice of termination
176.30 describing the good cause for termination. The commissioner must also notify all participants
176.31 in the stewardship program in writing using the contact information for the participants
176.32 provided in the stewardship plan.

177.1 Subd. 6. **Compliance.** (a) The stewardship organization must comply with its stewardship
177.2 plan approved by the commissioner, including any amendments to the stewardship plan
177.3 that are made according to subdivision 5, paragraph (a) or (b).

177.4 (b) The stewardship organization must comply with the reimbursement rates approved
177.5 by the commissioner.

177.6 (c) The stewardship organization must ensure that all costs of the stewardship program
177.7 are fully paid for by producers as a whole, except for de minimis producers. All costs of
177.8 the stewardship program must be allocated fairly between groups of producers without any
177.9 fee, charge, surcharge, or any other cost to:

177.10 (1) any member of the public;

177.11 (2) any business other than a producer;

177.12 (3) any collector;

177.13 (4) any person providing covered services;

177.14 (5) the state or any political subdivision;

177.15 (6) de minimis producers; or

177.16 (7) any other person who is not a producer.

177.17 (d) In implementing paragraph (c), the stewardship organization must ensure that costs
177.18 of managing covered products and other electrical products produced by a group of producers
177.19 are not shifted to nor borne by any other group of producers.

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

177.21 Sec. 6. **[115A.1337] STEWARDSHIP ORGANIZATION DUTIES.**

177.22 Subdivision 1. **Duties to collectors.** (a) The stewardship organization must provide the
177.23 following to each collector:

177.24 (1) reimbursement at the rates approved by the commissioner;

177.25 (2) all covered services after the initial collection of covered products and other electrical
177.26 products by the collector;

177.27 (3) containers as described in section 115A.1347, subdivision 1, paragraph (d);

177.28 (4) consistent signage identifying a collection site;

177.29 (5) training for collection site employees on identifying and safely handling and storing
177.30 covered batteries and covered products that have covered batteries contained within them

178.1 or otherwise attached or connected to them, including damaged, defective, or recalled
178.2 batteries, also known as DDR batteries;

178.3 (6) educational materials that address the information described in subdivision 4,
178.4 paragraph (a), clause (3), for distribution to members of the public and businesses in
178.5 Minnesota. The educational materials must be made available in English and at least the
178.6 three most frequent languages spoken at home in the state other than English, according to
178.7 the state demographer; and

178.8 (7) direction to an alternate collector whenever a collector determines and reports to the
178.9 stewardship organization, according to section 115A.1341, subdivision 1, paragraph (e),
178.10 that the collector cannot safely collect a covered product. The stewardship organization
178.11 must ensure that the covered product is collected by another collector.

178.12 (b) The stewardship organization must allow a collector to perform covered services
178.13 other than collection if the collector meets the performance standards in the stewardship
178.14 plan under section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (13), and the collector
178.15 is identified in the stewardship plan as providing covered services other than collection
178.16 according to section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (4).

178.17 (c) For covered services provided under paragraph (b), the stewardship organization
178.18 must reimburse the collector for the cost of the performed covered services according to
178.19 section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (21).

178.20 (d) A collector may request the stewardship organization to add a person to provide
178.21 covered services to the stewardship plan as an amendment under section 115A.1335,
178.22 subdivision 5, paragraph (a), and the stewardship organization must consider the request if
178.23 the person meets the performance standards in the stewardship plan.

178.24 Subd. 2. **Accessibility.** (a) The stewardship organization must provide convenient,
178.25 equitable, and accessible service to all Minnesotans, including but not limited to people of
178.26 color; Minnesota Tribal governments as defined in section 10.65, subdivision 2; those that
178.27 are non-English speaking; immigrant and refugee communities; those with limited access
178.28 to transportation; and those in environmental justice areas.

178.29 (b) The stewardship program must include collection opportunities beyond those required
178.30 under section 115A.1335, subdivision 3, to better serve populations under paragraph (a),
178.31 such as additional partial collection sites, individual pickup from households, and temporary
178.32 events to provide enhanced collection availability.

179.1 (c) Where feasible, the stewardship organization must encourage establishing collection
179.2 sites in proximity to local public transit.

179.3 Subd. 3. Oversight; eligibility of persons providing covered services. (a) The
179.4 stewardship organization must ensure that:

179.5 (1) covered products and other electrical products managed under the stewardship
179.6 program are recycled to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with section 115A.02,
179.7 paragraph (b); and

179.8 (2) residual materials are managed in compliance with applicable hazardous waste or
179.9 solid waste requirements by:

179.10 (i) each person transporting covered products or other electrical products; and

179.11 (ii) each facility listed in the stewardship plan at which storage, processing, recycling,
179.12 or disposal of covered products and other electrical products is performed.

179.13 (b) To ensure that covered products and other electrical products are managed to the
179.14 maximum extent practicable in accordance with section 115A.02, paragraph (b), the
179.15 commissioner may require performance standards and oversight methods in lieu of or in
179.16 addition to the performance standards and oversight methods used by a stewardship
179.17 organization under paragraph (a) and section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a),
179.18 clause (13), for persons providing covered services for covered products and other electrical
179.19 products. The commissioner may consider data submitted under subdivision 5; the availability
179.20 and feasibility of technology, processes, and methods for managing covered products and
179.21 other electrical products; and other information related to the effectiveness of the stewardship
179.22 program.

179.23 (c) The stewardship organization must allow any person that agrees to operate or
179.24 continues to operate a full collection site in compliance with section 115A.1341 and any
179.25 household hazardous waste collection program to serve as a collector. The stewardship
179.26 organization must consider allowing any person that agrees to operate or continues to operate
179.27 a partial collection site in compliance with section 115A.1341 to serve as a collector. Except
179.28 for a household hazardous waste collection program, a stewardship organization may
179.29 terminate a collector and cease payment to the collector for good cause.

179.30 Subd. 4. Stewardship program effectiveness. (a) To support the effectiveness of the
179.31 stewardship program, the stewardship organization must provide outreach and education
179.32 to:

180.1 (1) persons that might sell, offer for sale or promotional purposes, or distribute covered
180.2 products or other electrical products in or into the state, to inform the persons of the
180.3 requirements of section 115A.1347, subdivision 2;

180.4 (2) potential collectors and persons who are collecting covered products before the
180.5 effective date of this section to inform the collectors how to request coverage by the
180.6 stewardship program; and

180.7 (3) members of the public to raise awareness of:

180.8 (i) public health and safety and environmental risks caused by improperly charging,
180.9 storing, and disposing of covered batteries and covered products that have covered batteries
180.10 contained within them or otherwise attached or connected to them;

180.11 (ii) public health and environmental risks caused by improperly disposing of covered
180.12 products;

180.13 (iii) methods to safely charge and store covered batteries and covered products that have
180.14 covered batteries contained within them or otherwise attached or connected to them;

180.15 (iv) the benefits of repairing, reusing, and recycling covered products and other electrical
180.16 products in contrast to disposal; and

180.17 (v) the existence of the stewardship program and the ability to recycle covered products
180.18 and other electrical products at no cost, including the location and convenience of collection
180.19 sites in the state.

180.20 (b) The stewardship organization must maintain a publicly accessible website to locate
180.21 collection sites through map-based and text-based searches.

180.22 (c) The stewardship organization must, in addition to the requirements of paragraphs
180.23 (a) and (b), take action to decrease the incidence of covered products in solid waste generated
180.24 in the state as soon as practicable and to the maximum extent achievable. The commissioner
180.25 may determine the effectiveness of the stewardship program using information from waste
180.26 composition studies conducted under section 115A.412 and other information available to
180.27 the commissioner and may require the stewardship organization to submit information and
180.28 implement actions to decrease the incidence of covered products in solid waste in accordance
180.29 with section 115A.1335, subdivisions 2, paragraph (a), clause (29); and 3, paragraph (b),
180.30 clause (6).

180.31 Subd. 5. **Reporting.** (a) The stewardship organization must report an amendment to the
180.32 stewardship plan made under section 115A.1335, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), to the
180.33 commissioner within 30 days after making the amendment.

181.1 (b) By April 1 each year, the stewardship organization must report to the commissioner,
181.2 in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, on the stewardship organization's
181.3 activities during the preceding calendar year. The stewardship organization must also submit
181.4 a copy of the report to the board. The report must include:

181.5 (1) the address, county of location, and geolocation data for each collection site used by
181.6 the stewardship organization under the stewardship program during the preceding calendar
181.7 year;

181.8 (2) the number, type, and volume of covered products and other electrical products
181.9 collected during each calendar year, specifying the categories of the covered products and
181.10 other electrical products and the chemistries of the covered batteries collected, in accordance
181.11 with section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (27);

181.12 (3) the end management, through reuse, repair, reclamation, recycling, or disposal, of
181.13 the covered products and other electrical products shipped from collection sites under the
181.14 stewardship program, in accordance with section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a),
181.15 clause (28);

181.16 (4) the effectiveness of the stewardship organization's actions to decrease the incidence
181.17 of covered products in solid waste in the state, in accordance with section 115A.1335,
181.18 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (29), including the support of partial collection sites;

181.19 (5) a description of the actions taken by the stewardship organization regarding
181.20 identification, management, and reduction in prevalence of organohalogenated chemicals
181.21 in covered products under section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (30)
181.22 and (31);

181.23 (6) the results of the oversight according to section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph
181.24 (a), clause (13), verifying that the performance standards were met by each of the persons
181.25 providing covered services;

181.26 (7) a description of outreach and education activities performed by the stewardship
181.27 organization during the preceding calendar year according to subdivision 4;

181.28 (8) a financial report on the stewardship program, including actual costs and funding
181.29 compared to the budget for the year submitted under section 115A.1335, subdivision 2,
181.30 paragraph (b). The financial report must include an audit report of the stewardship program
181.31 by an independent auditor. The independent auditor must be selected by the stewardship
181.32 organization and approved or rejected by the commissioner. If the commissioner rejects an
181.33 independent auditor, the stewardship organization must select a different independent auditor

182.1 for approval or rejection by the commissioner. The independent audit must meet the
182.2 requirements of Accounting Standards Update 2018-08, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958),
182.3 Financial Accounting Standards Board, as amended;

182.4 (9) the proposed and actual budget for the year in which the report is submitted; and

182.5 (10) starting on the second April after the stewardship organization's first stewardship
182.6 plan is approved by the commissioner, and then every third year thereafter, a performance
182.7 audit of the stewardship program. The performance audit must conform to audit standards
182.8 established by the United States Government Accountability Office; the National Association
182.9 of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers; or another nationally recognized organization
182.10 approved by the commissioner.

182.11 Subd. 6. **Organization of the stewardship organization.** (a) The stewardship
182.12 organization may function as a coordinating board and contract, subcontract, or partner with
182.13 any other person to administer and implement the stewardship program.

182.14 (b) A contract, subcontract, or partnership established according to paragraph (a) must
182.15 be described under section 115A.1335, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (2).

182.16 (c) Notwithstanding any contract, subcontract, or partnership established according to
182.17 paragraph (a), the stewardship organization must:

182.18 (1) remain responsible for compliance with sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347;

182.19 (2) submit a single stewardship plan meeting the requirements of sections 115A.1331
182.20 to 115A.1347;

182.21 (3) submit a single report according to subdivision 5 meeting the requirements of sections
182.22 115A.1331 to 115A.1347;

182.23 (4) serve as the single point of contact for reporting and reimbursement for:

182.24 (i) each collector;

182.25 (ii) each person providing covered services for covered products or other electrical
182.26 products, including any collector that will perform covered services other than collection;
182.27 and

182.28 (iii) each facility at which covered products and other electrical products will be managed
182.29 under the stewardship plan; and

182.30 (5) serve as the single point of contact for the agency.

182.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

183.1 Sec. 7. [115A.1339] FEES.

183.2 Subdivision 1. Administrative fees. (a) By January 1, 2028, and by July 1 each year
183.3 thereafter, the commissioner must calculate the sum of all costs that the agency incurs under
183.4 sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347, exclusive of recovery and management of covered
183.5 products under subdivision 2. The sum calculated for the period preceding January 1, 2028,
183.6 must include the agency's costs of implementing sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347. For
183.7 the purposes of this paragraph, costs of the board are considered costs incurred by the
183.8 agency.

183.9 (b) Notwithstanding section 16A.1283, the commissioner must assess administrative
183.10 fees at an amount that is adequate to reimburse the agency's sum costs of administering
183.11 sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347. The stewardship organization must pay the assessed
183.12 administrative fees by the due dates set by the commissioner.

183.13 Subd. 2. Recovery and proper management fees. (a) When the commissioner intends
183.14 to spend money for the recovery and proper management of covered products under section
183.15 115A.1343, subdivision 1, notwithstanding section 16A.1283, the commissioner must assess
183.16 the estimated cost of recovery and proper management of covered products to the stewardship
183.17 organization.

183.18 (b) The cost under paragraph (a) must not include any subsequent remediation of the
183.19 real properties where the covered products are located nor the cost of any environmental
183.20 assessment of the properties to determine appropriate subsequent remediation under other
183.21 law. Such costs must not be paid from any funds assessed, collected, or appropriated under
183.22 this section. The stewardship organization must pay the assessed recovery and management
183.23 fee by the due date set by the commissioner.

183.24 (c) If, after the covered products have been recovered and properly managed, the actual
183.25 cost of recovery and proper management of the recovered products is less than the fee paid
183.26 by the stewardship organization, the commissioner must refund the excess payment. If the
183.27 cost of recovery and proper management exceeds the fee paid by the stewardship
183.28 organization, the commissioner must assess the stewardship organization for the deficit.
183.29 The stewardship organization must pay the assessed recovery and management fee deficit
183.30 by the due date set by the commissioner.

183.31 Subd. 3. Disposition of fees. The total amount of net fees collected under this section
183.32 must not exceed the amount necessary to reimburse agency costs as calculated under
183.33 subdivisions 1 and 2. All fees received under subdivisions 1 and 2 must be deposited in the
183.34 state treasury and credited to a product stewardship account in the special revenue fund.

184.1 The amount collected under this section is annually appropriated to the commissioner to
184.2 implement and enforce sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347.

184.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.

184.4 Sec. 8. **[115A.1341] COLLECTOR DUTIES.**

184.5 Subdivision 1. **Accepting covered products.** (a) All collectors must accept covered
184.6 products without imposing a fee, charge, surcharge, or other cost to any person other than
184.7 the stewardship organization.

184.8 (b) At a full collection site, a collector must accept from any person at least ten covered
184.9 products daily of any brand, any type, any physical size, and, in the case of covered batteries
184.10 and covered products that have covered batteries contained within them or otherwise attached
184.11 or connected to them, any energy capacity or chemistry, unless the collector determines a
184.12 specific covered product cannot be safely collected by the collector at a specific collection
184.13 site at a specific time under paragraph (e). A full collection site must be open to receiving
184.14 covered products at least 12 operating hours per week, 50 weeks each calendar year.

184.15 (c) At a partial collection site, a collector must accept from any person covered products
184.16 of any brand, but may limit the number, type, physical size, and, in the case of covered
184.17 batteries and covered products that have covered batteries contained within them or otherwise
184.18 attached or connected to them, the energy capacity or chemistry of the covered battery of
184.19 the covered products accepted.

184.20 (d) A household hazardous waste collection program may accept covered products at
184.21 any collection site it operates. The household hazardous waste collection program may limit
184.22 the persons from which it will accept covered products and may limit the number, type,
184.23 physical size, and, in the case of covered batteries and covered products that have covered
184.24 batteries contained within them or otherwise attached or connected to them, the energy
184.25 capacity or chemistry of the covered battery of the covered products accepted. The
184.26 stewardship organization may count a collection site operated by the household hazardous
184.27 waste collection program as a full collection site when demonstrating compliance with the
184.28 convenience standards of section 115A.1335, subdivision 3, if the household hazardous
184.29 waste collection program voluntarily agrees in writing with the stewardship organization
184.30 to comply with paragraph (b) at the site.

184.31 (e) A collector that determines that it cannot safely accept a specific covered product
184.32 must document the reason for not accepting the covered product and immediately notify
184.33 the stewardship organization of the nonacceptance in order to allow the stewardship

185.1 organization to arrange for alternate collection of the covered product under section
185.2 115A.1337, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (7).

185.3 Subd. 2. **Accepting other electrical products.** A collector may accept other electrical
185.4 products from a person. If a collector accepts other electrical products, the collector may
185.5 not impose a fee, charge, surcharge, or other cost to any person other than the stewardship
185.6 organization.

185.7 Subd. 3. **Storing accepted products.** A collector must manage and store all accepted
185.8 covered products and other electrical products safely and in compliance with section
185.9 115A.1347, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c) and (d).

185.10 Subd. 4. **Training.** A collector must ensure and document that training is provided for
185.11 collection site employees on identifying and safely handling and storing covered batteries
185.12 and covered products that have covered batteries contained within them or otherwise attached
185.13 or connected to them, including damaged, defective, or recalled batteries, also known as
185.14 DDR batteries. The collector may provide the training or may receive training from the
185.15 stewardship organization or the stewardship organization's representative.

185.16 Subd. 5. **Recordkeeping.** A collector must maintain the following records for at least
185.17 three years and make them available to the commissioner for inspection:

185.18 (1) records of covered products and other electrical products accepted at a collection
185.19 site;

185.20 (2) records of covered products and other electrical products shipped from a collection
185.21 site; and

185.22 (3) documentation of employee training. The three-year record retention period for
185.23 employee documentation begins on the day following the last day the employee worked for
185.24 the collector.

185.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

185.26 Sec. 9. **[115A.1343] COVERED PRODUCTS RECOVERY AND PROPER**
185.27 **MANAGEMENT.**

185.28 Subdivision 1. **Recovery and proper management.** (a) In addition to any authority
185.29 granted by other law and without limiting that authority, whenever the commissioner
185.30 determines that covered products have been abandoned, improperly disposed of, or stored
185.31 on real property within the state in a manner not in compliance with sections 115A.1331 to
185.32 115A.1347 or with applicable rules adopted under section 116.07, subdivision 2, paragraph

186.1 (d), or 4, paragraph (g), the commissioner may issue an order under section 115.071,
186.2 subdivision 5; 116.07, subdivision 9; or 116.072, subdivision 1, requiring a person responsible
186.3 for the abandonment, improper disposal, or noncompliant storage of the covered products
186.4 to recover and properly manage the covered products according to sections 115A.1331 to
186.5 115A.1347 and applicable rules. An order under this paragraph must notify the person of
186.6 the provisions of this subdivision.

186.7 (b) If a person that receives an order under paragraph (a) fails to complete the ordered
186.8 actions to recover and properly manage the covered products within the time specified in
186.9 the order, then after that time or upon expiration of the appeal period for the order, whichever
186.10 is later, the commissioner must notify the stewardship organization in writing of:

186.11 (1) the commissioner's determination that the covered products have been abandoned,
186.12 improperly disposed of, or stored in a noncompliant manner;

186.13 (2) the name of the person that was issued the order under paragraph (a) and the location
186.14 of the covered products;

186.15 (3) the actions required to recover and properly manage the covered products; and

186.16 (4) the amount of time that the stewardship organization may, with the consent of the
186.17 person, attempt to complete the actions to recover and properly manage the covered products
186.18 on behalf of the person.

186.19 (c) If the stewardship organization intends to recover and properly manage the covered
186.20 products, the stewardship organization must notify the commissioner of its intent and submit
186.21 a plan to recover and properly manage the covered products to the commissioner. The
186.22 stewardship organization must comply with its submitted recovery and management plan.

186.23 (d) If, after the period specified in paragraph (b), the ordered actions to recover and
186.24 properly manage the covered products have not been completed, or upon earlier notice from
186.25 the stewardship organization that it does not intend to take the actions, the commissioner
186.26 may recover and properly manage the covered products. The commissioner must estimate
186.27 the cost for a person contracted to the agency to perform the recovery and management.
186.28 The commissioner must assess the estimated cost to the stewardship organization according
186.29 to section 115A.1339, subdivision 2. After the stewardship organization pays the assessed
186.30 fee, the commissioner may recover and properly manage the covered products. Money
186.31 appropriated to the commissioner from the product stewardship account may be spent by
186.32 the commissioner to recover and properly manage the covered products.

187.1 (e) In addition to the authority to enter upon any public or private property for the purpose
187.2 of obtaining information or conducting surveys or investigations under section 115A.06,
187.3 the commissioner or any designee or agent may enter upon the property to recover covered
187.4 products when acting under this subdivision.

187.5 Subd. 2. **Limited private right of action for recovery and proper management.** (a)
187.6 The stewardship organization that recovers and properly manages covered products under
187.7 subdivision 1, paragraph (c), may maintain a civil action against a person issued an order
187.8 to recover and properly manage those covered products under subdivision 1, paragraph (a).
187.9 The stewardship organization is entitled to damages under this paragraph of twice its actual
187.10 cost of recovery and proper management of the covered products. Additional amounts
187.11 recoverable under this paragraph include an award of reasonable attorney fees and costs.

187.12 (b) When the stewardship organization is assessed and pays the cost to recover and
187.13 properly manage covered products under subdivision 1, paragraph (d), and section
187.14 115A.1339, subdivision 2, the stewardship organization may maintain a civil action against
187.15 a person issued an order to recover and properly manage those covered products under
187.16 subdivision 1, paragraph (a). The stewardship organization is entitled to damages under this
187.17 paragraph equal to the cost of recovery and proper management of covered products assessed
187.18 by the commissioner to the stewardship organization. Additional amounts recoverable under
187.19 this paragraph include an award of reasonable attorney fees and costs.

187.20 (c) The commissioner may not be a party to or be required to provide assistance or
187.21 otherwise participate in a civil action authorized under this subdivision unless subject to a
187.22 subpoena before a court of jurisdiction.

187.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

187.24 Sec. 10. **[115A.1345] OTHER AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES.**

187.25 Subdivision 1. **Limited private right of action against producers.** (a) Except as
187.26 provided in paragraph (d), the stewardship organization may maintain a civil action against
187.27 one or more producers, except a de minimis producer, to recover a portion of the stewardship
187.28 organization's costs and additional amounts according to this subdivision.

187.29 (b) Damages recoverable under this subdivision may not exceed a fair share of the actual
187.30 costs incurred by the plaintiff stewardship organization in managing covered products or
187.31 other electrical products of a defendant producer subject to section 115A.1347, subdivision
187.32 2, paragraph (b), and covered products or other electrical products of other producers that
187.33 were not participants. Additional amounts recoverable under this subdivision include an

188.1 award of reasonable attorney fees and costs. If a defendant producer did not participate in
188.2 the stewardship program established under sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 during the
188.3 period in which covered products or other electrical products of the defendant producer
188.4 were managed by the plaintiff stewardship organization, a punitive sum of up to three times
188.5 the damages awarded may be assessed.

188.6 (c) A plaintiff stewardship organization may establish a defendant producer's fair share
188.7 of the plaintiff's actual costs by providing the court with information establishing the process
188.8 by which the defendant producer's share of stewardship program costs would have been
188.9 allocated had the defendant producer been a participant in the program or paid its allocated
188.10 share if it was a participant. The plaintiff stewardship organization may use data from
188.11 producers similar in covered product, financial status, or market share to the defendant
188.12 producer to provide the information.

188.13 (d) An action may not be commenced under this subdivision against a potential defendant
188.14 producer until 60 days after the plaintiff stewardship organization provides to all potential
188.15 defendants a written notice of the claim setting forth the amount of the claim and the basis
188.16 for the calculation of the amount.

188.17 (e) No action may be brought under this subdivision against a person other than a
188.18 producer.

188.19 (f) The commissioner may not be a party to or be required to provide assistance or
188.20 otherwise participate in a civil action authorized under this subdivision unless subject to a
188.21 subpoena before a court of jurisdiction.

188.22 Subd. 2. **Conduct authorized.** A producer or stewardship organization that organizes
188.23 covered services for covered products or other electrical products under sections 115A.1331
188.24 to 115A.1347 is immune from liability for the conduct under state laws relating to antitrust,
188.25 restraint of trade, unfair trade practices, and other regulation of trade or commerce only to
188.26 the extent that the conduct is necessary to plan and implement the producer's or stewardship
188.27 organization's chosen system.

188.28 Subd. 3. **Duty to provide information.** Upon request of the commissioner for purposes
188.29 of implementing sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347, a person must furnish to the
188.30 commissioner any information that the person has or may reasonably obtain.

188.31 Subd. 4. **Contracts.** (a) Any person awarded a contract under chapter 16C for purchase
188.32 or lease of covered products or other electrical products that is found to be in violation of
188.33 sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347 is subject to the following sanctions:

189.1 (1) the contract must be voided if the commissioner of administration determines that
189.2 the potential adverse impact to the state is exceeded by the benefit obtained from voiding
189.3 the contract; and

189.4 (2) the contractor is subject to suspension and disbarment under Minnesota Rules, part
189.5 1230.1150.

189.6 (b) If the attorney general establishes that any money, property, or benefit was obtained
189.7 by a contractor as a result of violating sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347, the court may, in
189.8 addition to any other remedy, order the disgorgement of the unlawfully obtained money,
189.9 property, or benefit.

189.10 Subd. 5. **Multistate implementation.** The commissioner may participate in establishing
189.11 a regional multistate organization or compact to assist in carrying out the requirements of
189.12 sections 115A.1331 to 115A.1347.

189.13 Subd. 6. **Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules to implement sections 115A.1331
189.14 to 115A.1347. The 18-month time limit under section 14.125 does not apply to rulemaking
189.15 under this subdivision.

189.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

189.17 Sec. 11. **[115A.1347] DISPOSAL PROHIBITIONS; BATTERY LABELING;**
189.18 **COVERED PRODUCT SALES RESTRICTION.**

189.19 Subdivision 1. **Disposal prohibition.** (a) A person may not place a covered product
189.20 into:

189.21 (1) solid waste; or

189.22 (2) a recycling container that a collector has not clearly marked for use for collecting
189.23 covered products.

189.24 (b) A person must manage a covered product that is discarded by delivering the covered
189.25 product to a collection site or to a recycling facility for covered products.

189.26 (c) Until recycled, covered products are not exempt from any applicable rules adopted
189.27 under section 116.07 for managing hazardous waste.

189.28 (d) Covered batteries and covered products that have covered batteries contained within
189.29 them or otherwise attached or connected to them must be stored in containers that are:

189.30 (1) designed, constructed, and used in a manner to suppress battery fires in the container
189.31 or to prevent ignition of materials outside the container; and

190.1 (2) held in structures compliant with the local fire code.

190.2 Subd. 2. **Labeling and sale; requirements.** (a) A person may not sell, including online
 190.3 sales; offer for sale or promotional purposes; distribute in or into the state; or facilitate a
 190.4 sale of a covered battery or covered product that has a covered battery contained within it
 190.5 or otherwise attached or connected to it unless the covered battery and covered product is
 190.6 labeled to identify the chemistry employed to store energy in the battery. Labeling under
 190.7 this paragraph must be permanently marked on or affixed to the covered battery and covered
 190.8 product and must use either language or graphics that identifies the battery chemistry
 190.9 employed or a QR code compliant with International Organization of Standardization
 190.10 18004:2015, that accesses equivalent data via the Internet that is available without fee or
 190.11 requirement to create an account.

190.12 (b) A person may not sell, including online sales; offer for sale or promotional purposes;
 190.13 distribute in or into the state; or facilitate a sale of a covered product or other electrical
 190.14 product unless the producer of the covered product or other electrical product is named as
 190.15 a participant in a stewardship plan published under section 115A.1335, subdivision 4,
 190.16 paragraph (f), or the brand is named as covered in a stewardship plan published under section
 190.17 115A.1335, subdivision 4, paragraph (f), and the stewardship plan has not been terminated
 190.18 under section 115A.1335, subdivision 5.

190.19 (c) This subdivision does not apply to isolated and occasional sales of a covered product
 190.20 or other electrical product that are not made in the normal course of business, as exempted
 190.21 from sales tax under section 297A.67, subdivision 23.

190.22 (d) This subdivision does not apply to sales, including online sales; offers for sale or
 190.23 promotional purposes; distribution; or facilitation of a sale of a used covered product or
 190.24 used other electrical product.

190.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

190.26 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.554, is amended to read:

190.27 **115A.554 AUTHORITY OF SANITARY DISTRICTS.**

190.28 A sanitary district has the authorities and duties of counties within the district's boundary
 190.29 for purposes of sections 115A.0716; 115A.46, subdivisions 4 and 5; 115A.48; 115A.551;
 190.30 115A.552; 115A.553; 115A.919; 115A.929; 115A.93; 115A.96, subdivision 6; ~~115A.961~~;
 190.31 116.072; 375.18, subdivision 14; 400.04; 400.06; 400.07; 400.08; 400.16; and 400.161.

190.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

191.1 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.92, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

191.2 Subd. 6. **Mercury thermometers prohibited.** (a) A manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer
191.3 may not sell or distribute at no cost a thermometer containing mercury that was manufactured
191.4 after June 1, 2001.

191.5 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to an electronic thermometer with a battery containing
191.6 mercury if the battery is in compliance with ~~section 325E.125~~ subdivision 8l.

191.7 (c) A manufacturer is in compliance with this subdivision if the manufacturer:

191.8 (1) has received an exclusion or exemption from a state that is a member of the Interstate
191.9 Mercury Education and Reduction Clearinghouse (IMERC) for replacement parts when no
191.10 alternative is available or for an application when no feasible alternative is available;

191.11 (2) submits a copy of the approved exclusion or exemption to the commissioner; and

191.12 (3) meets all of the requirements in the approved exclusion or exemption for the
191.13 manufacturer's activities within the state.

191.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

191.15 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.92, is amended by adding a subdivision to
191.16 read:

191.17 **Subd. 8l. Ban; mercury in batteries.** A person may not sell, offer for sale, or distribute
191.18 in or into the state:

191.19 (1) an alkaline manganese battery that contains mercury that is not a button cell
191.20 nonrechargeable battery;

191.21 (2) a nonrechargeable button cell battery that contains more than 25 milligrams of
191.22 mercury; or

191.23 (3) a dry cell battery containing a mercuric oxide electrode.

191.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

191.25 Sec. 15. **REPEALER.**

191.26 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115A.1310, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
191.27 11, 12, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, and 20; 115A.1312; 115A.1314; 115A.1316;
191.28 115A.1318; 115A.1320; 115A.1322; 115A.1323; 115A.1324; 115A.1326; 115A.1328;
191.29 115A.1330; 115A.9155; 115A.9157, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; 115A.961,
191.30 subdivisions 1, 2, and 3; 325E.125; and 325E.1251, are repealed.

192.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2028.

192.2 **ARTICLE 7**

192.3 **ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING REFORM**

192.4 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115.542, is amended to read:

192.5 **115.542 NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLICLY OWNED WASTEWATER**
192.6 **TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

192.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purpose of this section, the following terms have
192.8 the meanings given:

192.9 (1) "permit" means a national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit
192.10 or state disposal system (SDS) permit; and

192.11 (2) "permit applicant" means a person or entity submitting an application for a new
192.12 permit or renewal, modification, or revocation of an existing permit for a publicly owned
192.13 wastewater treatment facility.

192.14 Subd. 2. **Applicability.** This section applies to all draft permits and permits for publicly
192.15 owned wastewater treatment facilities for which the commissioner of the Pollution Control
192.16 Agency makes a preliminary determination whether to issue or deny.

192.17 Subd. 3. **Prepublic notice review requirements.** Unless waived by the permit applicant,
192.18 the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must provide a permit applicant with a
192.19 copy of the draft permit and any fact sheets required by agency rules at least 30 days before
192.20 the distribution and public notice of the permit application and preliminary determination.

192.21 Subd. 4. ~~**Permitting efficiency**~~ **Public notice requirements.** The commissioner must
192.22 prepare and issue a public notice of a completed application and the commissioner's
192.23 preliminary determination as to whether the permit should be issued or denied. The public
192.24 comment period must be at least 60 days for permit applications under this section but may
192.25 be reduced to 30 days if:

192.26 (1) a request for the reduction is made by the permit applicant; and

192.27 (2) the commissioner approves the request based on consideration of public or Tribal
192.28 interest in the permit action.

192.29 Subd. 5. **Permitting efficiency.** Notwithstanding section 116.03, it is the goal of the
192.30 state that tier 2 permits for publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities be issued or
192.31 denied within 210 days following submission of a permit application.

193.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.03, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

193.2 Subd. 2b. **Permitting efficiency.** (a) It is the goal of the state that environmental and
 193.3 resource management permits be issued or denied within 90 days for tier 1 permits or 150
 193.4 days for tier 2 permits following submission of a permit application. The commissioner of
 193.5 ~~the Pollution Control Agency shall~~ must establish management systems designed to achieve
 193.6 the goal. For the purposes of this section, "tier 1 permits" are permits that do not require
 193.7 individualized actions or public comment periods, and "tier 2 permits" are permits that
 193.8 require individualized actions or public comment periods. Goals established in this paragraph
 193.9 do not apply to permit applications required due to agency enforcement actions.

193.10 (b) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must prepare an annual permitting efficiency report that
 193.11 includes statistics on meeting the tier 2 goal in paragraph (a) and the criteria for tier 2 by
 193.12 permit categories. The report must also provide information on consultants regarding
 193.13 achievement of the performance standards under paragraph (c), clauses (1) to (4). The report
 193.14 ~~is due~~ must be submitted to the governor and to the chairs and ranking minority members
 193.15 of the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over environment
 193.16 policy and finance by October 1 August 1 each year and must be posted on the agency's
 193.17 website. Each report must include:

193.18 (1) for each permit applications application that have has not met the goal, the report
 193.19 must state the reasons for not meeting the goal. In stating the reasons for not meeting the
 193.20 goal, the commissioner shall separately identify delays an explanation of whether the delay
 193.21 was caused by the responsiveness of the proposer, lack of staff, scientific or technical
 193.22 disagreements, or the level of public engagement. The report must specify;

193.23 (2) for each permit that has not met the goal, the number of days from initial submission
 193.24 of the application to the day of determination that the application is complete. The report
 193.25 must aggregate;

193.26 (3) a summary of the data for the year reporting period and assess an assessment of
 193.27 whether program or system changes are necessary to achieve the tier 2 goal. The report
 193.28 must be posted on the agency's website and submitted to the governor and the chairs and
 193.29 ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees having
 193.30 jurisdiction over environment policy and finance. in paragraph (a);

193.31 (4) a statement of the number of tier 2 permits completed within the reporting period
 193.32 and, immediately following in parentheses, a statement of the percentage of total applications
 193.33 received for that tier 2 permit category that the number represents, stated separately for
 193.34 industrial and municipal permits; and

194.1 (5) for permits that did not meet the goal due to lack of staff, a combined estimate of
194.2 the aggregate staff resources that would have been necessary for all affected permits to meet
194.3 the goal.

194.4 (c) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must allow electronic submission of environmental review
194.5 and permit documents to the agency.

194.6 (d) Within 30 business days of application for a permit subject to paragraph (a), the
194.7 commissioner ~~of the Pollution Control Agency shall~~ must notify the permit applicant, in
194.8 writing, ~~whether the application is complete or incomplete. If the commissioner determines~~
194.9 ~~that an application is incomplete, the notice to the applicant must enumerate~~ of all
194.10 deficiencies, while citing specific provisions of the applicable rules and statutes, and must
194.11 advise the applicant on how the deficiencies can be remedied. The applicant shall have five
194.12 business days to remedy all identified deficiencies before the commissioner determines that
194.13 the application is complete or incomplete. If the commissioner determines that the application
194.14 is complete, the ~~notice~~ commissioner must confirm the application's tier 1 or tier 2 permit
194.15 status. If the commissioner believes that a complete application for a tier 2 construction
194.16 permit cannot be issued within the 150-day goal, the commissioner must provide notice to
194.17 the applicant with the commissioner's notice that the application is complete and, upon
194.18 request of the applicant, provide the permit applicant with a schedule estimating when the
194.19 agency will begin drafting the permit and issue the public notice of the draft permit. This
194.20 paragraph does not apply to an application for a permit that is subject to a grant or loan
194.21 agreement under chapter 446A.

194.22 (e) The commissioner must credential consultants who meet the requirements of this
194.23 paragraph and must provide a logo or similar indicator with the credential that can be used
194.24 by a consultant in marketing their services. For purposes of this section, "consultant" means
194.25 a third-party professional representing a facility owner or operator to prepare or assist in
194.26 preparing a permit application or other similar documentation required by the commissioner
194.27 for authorizations under chapters 115 to 116. A consultant is credentialed on January 1 each
194.28 odd-numbered year if, in the preceding two years, the consultant:

194.29 (1) submitted permit applications deemed complete under paragraph (d) at a rate of at
194.30 least 80 percent;

194.31 (2) when applicable, met agreed-upon deadlines as part of a plan designed to increase
194.32 the coordination and efficiency of regulatory activities, such as a plan described under
194.33 section 116.035;

195.1 (3) did not represent an owner or operator to prepare or assist in preparing a permit
 195.2 application or other similar documentation when the owner or operator received a citation
 195.3 under section 116.073, subdivision 1, paragraph (b); and

195.4 (4) was not found in violation of Minnesota Rules, part 7000.0300, relating to duty of
 195.5 candor.

195.6 (f) If, after notifying the permit applicant that the application is complete, the
 195.7 commissioner determines that additional information is needed, the commissioner must
 195.8 notify the applicant. Upon notice under this paragraph, counting days toward the 90- or
 195.9 150-day goal described in paragraph (a) stops until the applicant has responded with the
 195.10 additional information. Once the applicant has responded with all the additional information
 195.11 required, counting resumes from where it stopped. The applicant has 30 business days to
 195.12 provide the additional information to the commissioner, but the commissioner may extend
 195.13 the time upon the applicant's request.

195.14 ~~(e)~~ (g) For purposes of this subdivision, "permit professional" means an individual not
 195.15 employed by the Pollution Control Agency who:

195.16 (1) has a professional license issued by the state of Minnesota in the subject area of the
 195.17 permit;

195.18 (2) has at least ten years of experience in the subject area of the permit; and

195.19 (3) abides by the duty of candor applicable to employees of the Pollution Control Agency
 195.20 under agency rules and complies with all applicable requirements under chapter 326.

195.21 ~~(f)~~ (h) Upon the agency's request, an applicant relying on a permit professional must
 195.22 participate in a meeting with the agency before submitting an application:

195.23 (1) at least two weeks prior to the preapplication meeting, the applicant must submit at
 195.24 least the following:

195.25 (i) project description, including, but not limited to, scope of work, primary emissions
 195.26 points, discharge outfalls, and water intake points;

195.27 (ii) location of the project, including county, municipality, and location on the site;

195.28 (iii) business schedule for project completion; and

195.29 (iv) other information requested by the agency at least four weeks prior to the scheduled
 195.30 meeting; and

195.31 (2) during the preapplication meeting, the agency ~~shall~~ must provide for the applicant
 195.32 at least the following:

- 196.1 (i) an overview of the permit review program;
- 196.2 (ii) a determination of which specific application or applications will be necessary to
196.3 complete the project;
- 196.4 (iii) a statement notifying the applicant if the specific permit being sought requires a
196.5 mandatory public hearing or comment period;
- 196.6 (iv) a review of the timetable established in the permit review program for the specific
196.7 permit being sought; and
- 196.8 (v) a determination of what information must be included in the application, including
196.9 a description of any required modeling or testing.
- 196.10 ~~(g)~~ (i) The applicant may select a permit professional to undertake the preparation of
196.11 the permit application and draft permit.
- 196.12 ~~(h)~~ (j) If a preapplication meeting was held, the agency ~~shall~~ must, within seven business
196.13 days of receipt of an application, notify the applicant and submitting permit professional
196.14 that the application is complete or is denied, specifying the deficiencies of the application.
- 196.15 ~~(i)~~ (k) Upon receipt of notice that the application is complete, the permit professional
196.16 ~~shall~~ must submit to the agency a timetable for submitting a draft permit. The permit
196.17 professional ~~shall~~ must submit a draft permit on or before the date provided in the timetable.
196.18 Within 60 days after the close of the public comment period, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must
196.19 notify the applicant whether the permit can be issued.
- 196.20 ~~(j)~~ (l) Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify:
- 196.21 (1) any requirement of law that is necessary to retain federal delegation to or assumption
196.22 by the state; or
- 196.23 (2) the authority to implement a federal law or program.
- 196.24 ~~(k)~~ (m) The permit application and draft permit ~~shall~~ must identify or include as an
196.25 appendix all studies and other sources of information used to substantiate the analysis
196.26 contained in the permit application and draft permit. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must request
196.27 additional studies, if needed, and the permit applicant ~~shall~~ must submit all additional studies
196.28 and information necessary for the commissioner to perform the commissioner's responsibility
196.29 to review, modify, and determine the completeness of the application and approve the draft
196.30 permit.

197.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.07, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

197.2 Subd. 4a. **Permits.** (a) The Pollution Control Agency may issue, continue in effect or
197.3 deny permits, under such conditions as it may prescribe for the prevention of pollution, for
197.4 the emission of air contaminants, or for the installation or operation of any emission facility,
197.5 air contaminant treatment facility, treatment facility, potential air contaminant storage
197.6 facility, or storage facility, or any part thereof, or for the sources or emissions of noise
197.7 pollution. The Pollution Control Agency may issue separate permits for constructing a
197.8 facility described in this paragraph and for its operation, except for a facility required to
197.9 complete a mandatory environmental impact statement under Minnesota Rules, part
197.10 4410.4400. The Pollution Control Agency must prioritize these permits in a manner that
197.11 minimizes the time required to construct and begin operation of the permitted facility while
197.12 complying with state and federal requirements.

197.13 (b) The Pollution Control Agency may also issue, continue in effect or deny permits,
197.14 under such conditions as it may prescribe for the prevention of pollution, for the storage,
197.15 collection, transportation, processing, or disposal of waste, or for the installation or operation
197.16 of any system or facility, or any part thereof, related to the storage, collection, transportation,
197.17 processing, or disposal of waste.

197.18 (c) The agency may not issue a permit to a facility without analyzing and considering
197.19 the cumulative levels and effects of past and current environmental pollution from all sources
197.20 on the environment and residents of the geographic area within which the facility's emissions
197.21 are likely to be deposited, provided that the facility is located in a community in a city of
197.22 the first class in Hennepin County that meets all of the following conditions:

197.23 (1) is within a half mile of a site designated by the federal government as an EPA
197.24 superfund site due to residential arsenic contamination;

197.25 (2) a majority of the population are low-income persons of color and American Indians;

197.26 (3) a disproportionate percent of the children have childhood lead poisoning, asthma,
197.27 or other environmentally related health problems;

197.28 (4) is located in a city that has experienced numerous air quality alert days of dangerous
197.29 air quality for sensitive populations between February 2007 and February 2008; and

197.30 (5) is located near the junctions of several heavily trafficked state and county highways
197.31 and two one-way streets which carry both truck and auto traffic.

198.1 (d) The Pollution Control Agency may revoke or modify any permit issued under this
198.2 subdivision and section 116.081 whenever it is necessary, in the opinion of the agency, to
198.3 prevent or abate pollution.

198.4 (e) The Pollution Control Agency has the authority for approval over the siting, expansion,
198.5 or operation of a solid waste facility with regard to environmental issues. However, the
198.6 agency's issuance of a permit does not release the permittee from any liability, penalty, or
198.7 duty imposed by any applicable county ordinances. Nothing in this chapter precludes, or
198.8 shall be construed to preclude, a county from enforcing land use controls, regulations, and
198.9 ordinances existing at the time of the permit application and adopted pursuant to Minnesota
198.10 Statutes 2020, sections 366.10 to 366.181, or sections 394.21 to 394.37, or 462.351 to
198.11 462.365, with regard to the siting, expansion, or operation of a solid waste facility.

198.12 (f) Except as prohibited by federal law, a person may commence construction,
198.13 reconstruction, replacement, or modification of any facility prior to the issuance of a
198.14 construction permit by the agency.

198.15 (g) For the purposes of this subdivision, the Pollution Control Agency may require the
198.16 owners and operators of any emission facility, air containment treatment facility, treatment
198.17 facility, potential air containment storage facility, or storage facility, or any part thereof, to
198.18 conduct air dispersion modeling of air contaminants.

198.19 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.07, subdivision 4d, is amended to read:

198.20 Subd. 4d. **Permit fees.** (a) The agency may collect permit fees in amounts not greater
198.21 than those necessary to cover the reasonable costs of developing, reviewing, and acting
198.22 upon applications for agency permits and implementing and enforcing the conditions of the
198.23 permits pursuant to agency rules. Permit fees shall not include the costs of litigation. The
198.24 fee schedule must reflect reasonable and routine direct and indirect costs associated with
198.25 permitting, implementation, and enforcement. The agency may impose an additional
198.26 enforcement fee to be collected for a period of up to two years to cover the reasonable costs
198.27 of implementing and enforcing the conditions of a permit under the rules of the agency.
198.28 Any money collected under this paragraph shall be deposited in the environmental fund.

198.29 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the agency shall collect an annual fee from the owner
198.30 or operator of all stationary sources, emission facilities, emissions units, air contaminant
198.31 treatment facilities, treatment facilities, potential air contaminant storage facilities, or storage
198.32 facilities subject to a notification, permit, or license requirement under this chapter,
198.33 subchapters I and V of the federal Clean Air Act, United States Code, title 42, section 7401
198.34 et seq., or rules adopted thereunder. The annual fee shall be used to pay for all direct and

199.1 indirect reasonable costs, including legal costs, required to develop and administer the
199.2 notification, permit, or license program requirements of this chapter, subchapters I and V
199.3 of the federal Clean Air Act, United States Code, title 42, section 7401 et seq., or rules
199.4 adopted thereunder. Those costs include the reasonable costs of reviewing and acting upon
199.5 an application for a permit; implementing and enforcing statutes, rules, and the terms and
199.6 conditions of a permit; emissions, ambient, and deposition monitoring; preparing generally
199.7 applicable regulations; responding to federal guidance; modeling, analyses, and
199.8 demonstrations; preparing inventories and tracking emissions; and providing information
199.9 to the public about these activities.

199.10 (c) The agency shall set fees that:

199.11 (1) will result in the collection, in the aggregate, from the sources listed in paragraph
199.12 (b), of an amount not less than \$25 per ton of each volatile organic compound; pollutant
199.13 regulated under United States Code, title 42, section 7411 or 7412 (section 111 or 112 of
199.14 the federal Clean Air Act); and each pollutant, except carbon monoxide, for which a national
199.15 primary ambient air quality standard has been promulgated;

199.16 (2) may result in the collection, in the aggregate, from the sources listed in paragraph
199.17 (b), of an amount not less than \$25 per ton of each pollutant not listed in clause (1) that is
199.18 regulated under this chapter or air quality rules adopted under this chapter; and

199.19 (3) shall collect, in the aggregate, from the sources listed in paragraph (b), the amount
199.20 needed to match grant funds received by the state under United States Code, title 42, section
199.21 7405 (section 105 of the federal Clean Air Act).

199.22 The agency must not include in the calculation of the aggregate amount to be collected
199.23 under clauses (1) and (2) any amount in excess of 4,000 tons per year of each air pollutant
199.24 from a source. The increase in air permit fees to match federal grant funds shall be a surcharge
199.25 on existing fees. The commissioner may not collect the surcharge after the grant funds
199.26 become unavailable. In addition, the commissioner shall use nonfee funds to the extent
199.27 practical to match the grant funds so that the fee surcharge is minimized.

199.28 (d) To cover the reasonable costs described in paragraph (b), the agency shall provide
199.29 in the rules promulgated under paragraph (c) for an increase in the fee collected in each
199.30 year by the percentage, if any, by which the Consumer Price Index for the most recent
199.31 calendar year ending before the beginning of the year the fee is collected exceeds the
199.32 Consumer Price Index for the calendar year 1989. For purposes of this paragraph the
199.33 Consumer Price Index for any calendar year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for
199.34 all-urban consumers published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close

200.1 of the 12-month period ending on August 31 of each calendar year. The revision of the
200.2 Consumer Price Index that is most consistent with the Consumer Price Index for calendar
200.3 year 1989 shall be used.

200.4 (e) Any money collected under paragraphs (b) to (d) must be deposited in the
200.5 environmental fund and must be used solely for the activities listed in paragraph (b).

200.6 (f) Permit applicants who wish to construct, reconstruct, or modify a project may ~~offer~~
200.7 request expedited permitting under this paragraph. An applicant requesting expedited
200.8 permitting under this paragraph must agree to reimburse the agency for the costs of staff
200.9 time or consultant services needed to expedite the preapplication process and permit
200.10 development process through the final decision on the permit, including the analysis of
200.11 environmental review documents. The reimbursement shall be is in addition to permit
200.12 application fees imposed by law. When the agency determines that it needs additional
200.13 resources to develop the permit application in an expedited manner, and that expediting the
200.14 development is consistent with permitting program priorities, the agency may accept the
200.15 reimbursement. The commissioner must give the applicant an estimate of the timeline and
200.16 costs to be incurred by the commissioner. The estimate must include a brief description of
200.17 the tasks to be performed, a schedule for completing the tasks, and the estimated cost for
200.18 each task. If the applicant agrees to the estimated timeline and costs negotiated with the
200.19 commissioner, the applicant and the commissioner must enter into a written agreement
200.20 detailing the estimated costs for the expedited permit decision-making process to be incurred
200.21 by the agency to proceed accordingly. The agreement must also identify staff anticipated
200.22 to be assigned to the project. The agreement may provide that, if permitting is completed
200.23 ahead of the schedule set forth in the written agreement, the commissioner may retain any
200.24 fees that would have been due if the permitting had taken the time contemplated in the
200.25 written agreement. Fees retained by the commissioner under this paragraph are appropriated
200.26 to the commissioner for administering the commissioner's permitting duties. The
200.27 commissioner must not issue a permit until the applicant has paid all fees in full. The
200.28 commissioner must refund any unobligated balance of fees paid. Reimbursements accepted
200.29 by the agency are appropriated to the agency for the purpose of developing the permit or
200.30 analyzing environmental review documents. Reimbursement by a permit applicant shall
200.31 precede and not be contingent upon issuance of a permit; shall not affect the agency's decision
200.32 on whether to issue or deny a permit, what conditions are included in a permit, or the
200.33 application of state and federal statutes and rules governing permit determinations; and shall
200.34 not affect final decisions regarding environmental review.

200.35 (g) The fees under this subdivision are exempt from section 16A.1285.

201.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116D.04, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

201.2 Subd. 2a. **When prepared.** (a) Where there is potential for significant environmental
201.3 effects resulting from any major governmental action, the action must be preceded by a
201.4 detailed environmental impact statement prepared by the responsible governmental unit.
201.5 The environmental impact statement must be an analytical rather than an encyclopedic
201.6 document that describes the proposed action in detail, analyzes its significant environmental
201.7 impacts, discusses appropriate alternatives to the proposed action and their impacts, and
201.8 explores methods by which adverse environmental impacts of an action could be mitigated.
201.9 The environmental impact statement must also analyze those economic, employment, and
201.10 sociological effects that cannot be avoided should the action be implemented. To ensure its
201.11 use in the decision-making process, the environmental impact statement must be prepared
201.12 as early as practical in the formulation of an action.

201.13 (b) The board shall by rule establish categories of actions for which environmental
201.14 impact statements and for which environmental assessment worksheets must be prepared
201.15 as well as categories of actions for which no environmental review is required under this
201.16 section. A mandatory environmental assessment worksheet is not required for the expansion
201.17 of an ethanol plant, as defined in section 41A.09, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), or the
201.18 conversion of an ethanol plant to a biobutanol facility or the expansion of a biobutanol
201.19 facility as defined in section 41A.15, subdivision 2d, based on the capacity of the expanded
201.20 or converted facility to produce alcohol fuel, but must be required if the ethanol plant or
201.21 biobutanol facility meets or exceeds thresholds of other categories of actions for which
201.22 environmental assessment worksheets must be prepared. The responsible governmental unit
201.23 for an ethanol plant or biobutanol facility project for which an environmental assessment
201.24 worksheet is prepared is the state agency with the greatest responsibility for supervising or
201.25 approving the project as a whole.

201.26 (c) A mandatory environmental impact statement is not required for a facility or plant
201.27 located outside the seven-county metropolitan area that produces less than 125,000,000
201.28 gallons of ethanol, biobutanol, or cellulosic biofuel annually, or produces less than 400,000
201.29 tons of chemicals annually, if the facility or plant is: an ethanol plant, as defined in section
201.30 41A.09, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b); a biobutanol facility, as defined in section 41A.15,
201.31 subdivision 2d; or a cellulosic biofuel facility. A facility or plant that only uses a cellulosic
201.32 feedstock to produce chemical products for use by another facility as a feedstock is not
201.33 considered a fuel conversion facility as used in rules adopted under this chapter.

201.34 (d) The responsible governmental unit shall promptly publish notice of the completion
201.35 of an environmental assessment worksheet by publishing the notice in at least one newspaper

202.1 of general circulation in the geographic area where the project is proposed, by posting the
202.2 notice on a website that has been designated as the official publication site for publication
202.3 of proceedings, public notices, and summaries of a political subdivision in which the project
202.4 is proposed, or in any other manner determined by the board and shall provide copies of
202.5 the environmental assessment worksheet to the board and its member agencies. Comments
202.6 on the need for an environmental impact statement may be submitted to the responsible
202.7 governmental unit during a 30-day period following publication of the notice that an
202.8 environmental assessment worksheet has been completed. The responsible governmental
202.9 unit may extend the 30-day comment period for an additional 30 days one time. Further
202.10 extensions of the comment period may not be made unless approved by the project's proposer.
202.11 The responsible governmental unit's decision on the need for an environmental impact
202.12 statement must be based on the environmental assessment worksheet and the comments
202.13 received during the comment period, and must be made within 15 days after the close of
202.14 the comment period. The board's chair may extend the 15-day period by not more than 15
202.15 additional days upon the request of the responsible governmental unit.

202.16 (e) An environmental assessment worksheet must also be prepared for a proposed action
202.17 whenever material evidence accompanying a petition ~~by not less than 100 individuals who~~
202.18 ~~reside or own property in the state~~, submitted before the proposed project has received final
202.19 approval by the appropriate governmental units, demonstrates that, because of the nature
202.20 or location of a proposed action, there may be potential for significant environmental effects.
202.21 Petitions may be submitted by:

202.22 (1) a Minnesota Tribal government as defined under section 10.65, subdivision 2; or

202.23 (2) not less than 100 individuals who reside or own property in the state.

202.24 (f) Petitions requesting the preparation of an environmental assessment worksheet under
202.25 paragraph (e) must be submitted to the board. The chair of the board or designee shall
202.26 determine the appropriate responsible governmental unit and forward the petition to it. A
202.27 decision on the need for an environmental assessment worksheet must be made by the
202.28 responsible governmental unit within 15 days after the petition is received by the responsible
202.29 governmental unit. The board's chair or designee may extend the 15-day period by not more
202.30 than 15 additional days upon request of the responsible governmental unit.

202.31 ~~(f)~~ (g) Except in an environmentally sensitive location where Minnesota Rules, part
202.32 4410.4300, subpart 29, item B, applies, the proposed action is exempt from environmental
202.33 review under this chapter and rules of the board, if:

202.34 (1) the proposed action is:

203.1 (i) an animal feedlot facility with a capacity of less than 1,000 animal units; or

203.2 (ii) an expansion of an existing animal feedlot facility with a total cumulative capacity
203.3 of less than 1,000 animal units;

203.4 (2) the application for the animal feedlot facility includes a written commitment by the
203.5 proposer to design, construct, and operate the facility in full compliance with Pollution
203.6 Control Agency feedlot rules; and

203.7 (3) the county board holds a public meeting for citizen input at least ten business days
203.8 before the Pollution Control Agency or county issuing a feedlot permit for the animal feedlot
203.9 facility unless another public meeting for citizen input has been held with regard to the
203.10 feedlot facility to be permitted. The exemption in this paragraph is in addition to other
203.11 exemptions provided under other law and rules of the board.

203.12 ~~(g)~~ (h) The board may, before final approval of a proposed project, require preparation
203.13 of an environmental assessment worksheet by a responsible governmental unit selected by
203.14 the board for any action where environmental review under this section has not been
203.15 specifically provided for by rule or otherwise initiated.

203.16 ~~(h)~~ (i) An early and open process must be used to limit the scope of the environmental
203.17 impact statement to a discussion of those impacts that, because of the nature or location of
203.18 the project, have the potential for significant environmental effects. The same process must
203.19 be used to determine the form, content, and level of detail of the statement as well as the
203.20 alternatives that are appropriate for consideration in the statement. In addition, the permits
203.21 that will be required for the proposed action must be identified during the scoping process.
203.22 Further, the process must identify those permits for which information will be developed
203.23 concurrently with the environmental impact statement. The board shall provide in its rules
203.24 for the expeditious completion of the scoping process. The determinations reached in the
203.25 process must be incorporated into the order requiring the preparation of an environmental
203.26 impact statement.

203.27 ~~(i)~~ (j) The responsible governmental unit shall, to the extent practicable, avoid duplication
203.28 and ensure coordination between state and federal environmental review and between
203.29 environmental review and environmental permitting. Whenever practical, information
203.30 needed by a governmental unit for making final decisions on permits or other actions required
203.31 for a proposed project must be developed in conjunction with the preparation of an
203.32 environmental impact statement. When an environmental impact statement is prepared for
203.33 a project requiring multiple permits for which two or more agencies' decision processes
203.34 include either mandatory or discretionary hearings before a hearing officer before the

204.1 agencies' decision on the permit, the agencies may, notwithstanding any law or rule to the
204.2 contrary, conduct the hearings in a single consolidated hearing process if requested by the
204.3 proposer. All agencies having jurisdiction over a permit that is included in the consolidated
204.4 hearing shall participate. The responsible governmental unit shall establish appropriate
204.5 procedures for the consolidated hearing process, including procedures to ensure that the
204.6 consolidated hearing process is consistent with the applicable requirements for each permit
204.7 regarding the rights and duties of parties to the hearing, and shall use the earliest applicable
204.8 hearing procedure to initiate the hearing. All agencies having jurisdiction over a permit
204.9 identified in the draft environmental assessment worksheet scoping document must begin
204.10 reviewing any permit application upon publication of the notice of preparation of the
204.11 environmental impact statement.

204.12 ~~(j)~~ (k) An environmental impact statement must be prepared and its adequacy determined
204.13 within 280 days after notice of its preparation unless the time is extended by consent of the
204.14 parties or by the governor for good cause. The responsible governmental unit shall determine
204.15 the adequacy of an environmental impact statement, unless within 60 days after notice is
204.16 published that an environmental impact statement will be prepared, the board chooses to
204.17 determine the adequacy of an environmental impact statement. If an environmental impact
204.18 statement is found to be inadequate, the responsible governmental unit has 60 days to prepare
204.19 an adequate environmental impact statement.

204.20 ~~(k)~~ (l) The proposer of a specific action may include in the information submitted to the
204.21 responsible governmental unit a preliminary draft environmental impact statement under
204.22 this section on that action for review, modification, and determination of completeness and
204.23 adequacy by the responsible governmental unit. A preliminary draft environmental impact
204.24 statement prepared by the project proposer and submitted to the responsible governmental
204.25 unit must identify or include as an appendix all studies and other sources of information
204.26 used to substantiate the analysis contained in the preliminary draft environmental impact
204.27 statement. The responsible governmental unit shall require additional studies, if needed,
204.28 and obtain from the project proposer all additional studies and information necessary for
204.29 the responsible governmental unit to perform its responsibility to review, modify, and
204.30 determine the completeness and adequacy of the environmental impact statement.

204.31 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116D.04, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

204.32 Subd. 2b. **Project prerequisites.** (a) If an environmental assessment worksheet or an
204.33 environmental impact statement is required for a governmental action under subdivision

205.1 2a, a project may not be started and a final governmental decision may not be made to grant
205.2 a permit, approve a project, or begin a project, until:

205.3 (1) a petition for an environmental assessment worksheet is dismissed;

205.4 (2) a negative declaration has been issued on the need for an environmental impact
205.5 statement;

205.6 (3) the environmental impact statement has been determined adequate; or

205.7 (4) a variance has been granted from making an environmental impact statement by the
205.8 environmental quality board.

205.9 (b) Nothing in this subdivision precludes a local unit of government from beginning to
205.10 review a feedlot permit application for a feedlot subject to environmental review under this
205.11 chapter.

205.12 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116D.04, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

205.13 Subd. 5a. **Rules.** The board shall, by January 1, 1981, promulgate rules in conformity
205.14 with this chapter and the provisions of chapter 15, establishing:

205.15 (1) the governmental unit which shall be responsible for environmental review of a
205.16 proposed action;

205.17 (2) the form and content of environmental assessment worksheets;

205.18 (3) a scoping process in conformance with subdivision 2a, paragraph ~~(h)~~ (i);

205.19 (4) a procedure for identifying during the scoping process the permits necessary for a
205.20 proposed action and a process for coordinating review of appropriate permits with the
205.21 preparation of the environmental impact statement;

205.22 (5) a standard format for environmental impact statements;

205.23 (6) standards for determining the alternatives to be discussed in an environmental impact
205.24 statement;

205.25 (7) alternative forms of environmental review which are acceptable pursuant to
205.26 subdivision 4a;

205.27 (8) a model ordinance which may be adopted and implemented by local governmental
205.28 units in lieu of the environmental impact statement process required by this section, providing
205.29 for an alternative form of environmental review where an action does not require a state
205.30 agency permit and is consistent with an applicable comprehensive plan. The model ordinance
205.31 shall provide for adequate consideration of appropriate alternatives, and shall ensure that

206.1 decisions are made in accordance with the policies and purposes of Laws 1980, chapter
206.2 447;

206.3 (9) procedures to reduce paperwork and delay through intergovernmental cooperation
206.4 and the elimination of unnecessary duplication of environmental reviews;

206.5 (10) procedures for expediting the selection of consultants by the governmental unit
206.6 responsible for the preparation of an environmental impact statement; and

206.7 (11) any additional rules which are reasonably necessary to carry out the requirements
206.8 of this section.

206.9 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116D.045, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

206.10 Subdivision 1. **Assessment.** The board must by rule adopt procedures to:

206.11 (1) assess the proposer of a specific action for the responsible governmental unit's
206.12 reasonable costs of preparing, reviewing, and distributing the environmental impact statement.
206.13 The costs must be determined by the responsible governmental unit according to the rules
206.14 adopted by the board; and

206.15 (2) authorize a responsible governmental unit to allow a proposer of a specific action to
206.16 prepare a draft environmental impact statement according to section 116D.04, subdivision
206.17 2a, paragraph ~~(1)~~ (1).

206.18 Sec. 9. **SCOPING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET NOT**
206.19 **REQUIRED FOR PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE A MANDATORY**
206.20 **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.**

206.21 (a) The Environmental Quality Board must amend Minnesota Rules, part 4410.2100, as
206.22 follows:

206.23 (1) to provide that an environmental assessment worksheet does not need to be prepared
206.24 for a project that falls within a mandatory environmental impact statement category under
206.25 Minnesota Rules, part 4410.4400, or other applicable law; and

206.26 (2) to provide that a scoping process undertaken under Minnesota Rules, part 4410.2100,
206.27 must be completed no later than 280 days after the process begins.

206.28 (b) The board may use the good-cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes, section
206.29 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota Statutes,
206.30 section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.

207.1 **Sec. 10. STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REVISIONS.**

207.2 The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must seek approval from the federal
207.3 Environmental Protection Agency for revisions to the state's federal Clean Air Act state
207.4 implementation plan if changes are needed to reflect the requirements of Minnesota Statutes,
207.5 section 116.07, subdivision 4a, as amended by this act.

207.6 **Sec. 11. REPORT ON USE OF AUTHORITY TO EXTEND TIMELINE FOR**
207.7 **CERTAIN AGENCY ACTIONS.**

207.8 By February 15, 2028, the Board of Water and Soil Resources must report to the chairs
207.9 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
207.10 environment and natural resources policy on the number of extensions noticed under
207.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 15.99, subdivision 3, paragraph (f), that are made for any decision
207.12 under Minnesota Rules, chapter 8420, between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2027.
207.13 A local government unit must supply the board with information necessary to prepare the
207.14 report required by this section.

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103E.067 DITCH BUFFER STRIP; ANNUAL REPORTING.

The drainage authority shall annually submit a report to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for the calendar year including:

- (1) the number and types of actions for which viewers were appointed;
- (2) the number of miles of buffer strips established according to section 103E.021;
- (3) the number of drainage system inspections conducted; and
- (4) the number of violations of section 103E.021 identified and enforcement actions taken.

115A.1310 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330, the following terms have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. **Cathode-ray tube or CRT.** "Cathode-ray tube" or "CRT" means a vacuum tube or picture tube used to convert an electronic signal into a visual image.

Subd. 3. **Collection.** "Collection" means the aggregation of covered electronic devices from households and includes all the activities up to the time the covered electronic devices are delivered to a recycler.

Subd. 4. **Collector.** "Collector" means a public or private entity that receives covered electronic devices from households and arranges for the delivery of the devices to a recycler.

Subd. 5. **Computer.** "Computer" means an electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other high-speed data processing device performing logical, arithmetic, or storage functions, but does not include an automated typewriter or typesetter, a portable handheld calculator or device, or other similar device.

Subd. 6. **Computer monitor.** "Computer monitor" means an electronic device that is a cathode-ray tube or flat panel display primarily intended to display information from a central processing unit or the Internet.

Subd. 7. **Covered electronic device.** "Covered electronic device" means computers, including tablet computers and laptop computers, peripherals, facsimile machines, DVD players, video cassette recorders, and video display devices that are sold to a household by means of retail, wholesale, or electronic commerce.

Subd. 8. **Department.** "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

Subd. 9. **Dwelling unit.** "Dwelling unit" has the meaning given in section 238.02, subdivision 21a.

Subd. 10. **Household.** "Household" means an occupant of a single detached dwelling unit or a single unit of a multiple dwelling unit located in this state who has used a video display device at a dwelling unit primarily for personal use.

Subd. 11. **Manufacturer.** "Manufacturer" means a person who:

- (1) manufactures video display devices to be sold under its own brand as identified by its own brand label; or
- (2) sells video display devices manufactured by others under its own brand as identified by its own brand label.

Subd. 12. **Peripheral.** "Peripheral" means a keyboard, printer, or any other device sold exclusively for external use with a computer that provides input or output into or from a computer.

Subd. 12a. **Phase I recycling credits.** "Phase I recycling credits" means the number of pounds of covered electronic devices recycled by a manufacturer from households during program years one through nine, less the product of the number of pounds of video display devices sold to households during the same program year, multiplied by the proportion of sales a manufacturer is required to recycle.

Subd. 12b. **Phase II recycling credits.** "Phase II recycling credits" means an amount calculated in a program year beginning July 1, 2019, and in each program year thereafter, according to the formula $(1.5 \times A) - (B - C)$, where:

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A = the number of pounds of covered electronic devices a manufacturer recycled or arranged to have collected and recycled during a program year from households located outside the 11-county metropolitan area, as defined in section 115A.1314, subdivision 2;

B = the manufacturer's recycling obligation calculated for the same program year in section 115A.1320, subdivision 1, paragraph (g); and

C = the number of pounds of covered electronic devices a manufacturer recycled or arranged to have collected and recycled, up to but not exceeding B, during the same program year from households in the 11-county metropolitan area.

Subd. 12c. **Portable battery.** "Portable battery" means a rechargeable battery as defined in section 115A.9157.

Subd. 13. **Program year.** "Program year" means the period from July 1 through June 30.

Subd. 14. **Recycler.** "Recycler" means a public or private individual or entity who accepts covered electronic devices from households and collectors for the purpose of recycling. A manufacturer who takes products for refurbishment or repair is not a recycler.

Subd. 15. **Recycling.** "Recycling" means the process of collecting and preparing video display devices or covered electronic devices for use in manufacturing processes or for recovery of usable materials followed by delivery of such materials for use. Recycling does not include the destruction by incineration or other process or land disposal of recyclable materials nor reuse, repair, or any other process through which video display devices or covered electronic devices are returned to use for households in their original form.

Subd. 17. **Retailer.** "Retailer" means a person who sells, rents, or leases, through sales outlets, catalogs, or the Internet, a video display device to a household and not for resale in any form.

Subd. 18. **Sell or sale.** "Sell" or "sale" means any transfer for consideration of title or of the right to use, by lease or sales contract, including, but not limited to, transactions conducted through sales outlets, catalogs, or the Internet, or any other similar electronic means either inside or outside of the state, by a person who conducts the transaction and controls the delivery of a video display device to a consumer in the state, but does not include a manufacturer's or distributor's wholesale transaction with a distributor or a retailer.

Subd. 19. **Television.** "Television" means an electronic device that is a cathode-ray tube or flat panel display primarily intended to receive video programming via broadcast, cable, or satellite transmission or video from surveillance or other similar cameras.

Subd. 20. **Video display device.** "Video display device" means a television or computer monitor that contains a cathode-ray tube or a flat panel screen that is marketed by manufacturers for use by households. Video display device does not include any of the following:

(1) a video display device that is part of a motor vehicle or any component part of a motor vehicle assembled by, or for, a vehicle manufacturer or franchised dealer, including replacement parts for use in a motor vehicle;

(2) a video display device, including a touch-screen display, that is functionally or physically part of a larger piece of equipment or is designed and intended for use in an industrial; commercial, including retail; library checkout; traffic control; kiosk; security, other than household security; border control; or medical setting, including diagnostic, monitoring, or control equipment;

(3) a video display device that is contained within a clothes washer, clothes dryer, refrigerator, refrigerator and freezer, microwave oven, conventional oven or range, dishwasher, room air conditioner, dehumidifier, or air purifier; or

(4) a telephone of any type.

115A.1312 REGISTRATION PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Requirements for sale.** (a) On or after September 1, 2007, a manufacturer must not sell or offer for sale or deliver to retailers for subsequent sale a new video display device unless:

(1) the video display device is labeled with the manufacturer's brand, which label is permanently affixed and readily visible; and

(2) the manufacturer has filed a registration with the agency, as specified in subdivision 2.

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(b) A retailer must not sell, offer for sale, rent, or lease a video display device unless the video display device is labeled according to this subdivision and listed as registered on the agency website according to subdivision 2.

(c) A retailer is not responsible for an unlawful sale under this subdivision if the manufacturer's registration expired or was revoked and the retailer took possession of the video display device prior to the expiration or revocation of the manufacturer's registration and the unlawful sale occurred within six months after the expiration or revocation.

Subd. 2. **Manufacturer registration.** (a) By August 15 each year, a manufacturer of video display devices sold or offered for sale to households in the state must submit a registration to the agency that includes:

- (1) a list of the manufacturer's brands of video display devices offered for sale in this state;
- (2) the name, address, and contact information of a person responsible for ensuring compliance with this chapter; and
- (3) a certification that the manufacturer has complied and will continue to comply with the requirements of sections 115A.1312 to 115A.1318.

(b) A manufacturer of video display devices sold or offered for sale to a household must include in the registration submitted under paragraph (a), a statement disclosing whether:

- (1) any video display devices sold to households exceed the maximum concentration values established for lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB's), and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE's) under the RoHS (restricting the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment) Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and Council and any amendments thereto; or
- (2) the manufacturer has received an exemption from one or more of those maximum concentration values under the RoHS Directive that has been approved and published by the European Commission.

(c) A manufacturer who begins to sell or offer for sale video display devices to households after August 15, 2016, and has not filed a registration under this subdivision must submit a registration to the agency within ten days of beginning to sell or offer for sale video display devices to households.

(d) A registration must be updated within ten days after a change in the manufacturer's brands of video display devices sold or offered for sale to households.

(e) A registration is effective upon receipt by the agency and is valid until August 15 each year.

(f) The agency must review each registration and notify the manufacturer of any information required by this section that is omitted from the registration. Within 30 days of receipt of a notification from the agency, the manufacturer must submit a revised registration providing the information noted by the agency.

(g) The agency must maintain on its website the names of manufacturers and the manufacturers' brands listed in registrations filed with the agency. The agency must update the website information promptly upon receipt of a new or updated registration. The website must contain prominent language stating, in effect, that sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330 are directed at household equipment and the manufacturers' brands list is, therefore, not a list of manufacturers qualified to sell to industrial, commercial, or other markets identified as exempt from the requirements of sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330.

Subd. 3. **Collector registration.** No person may operate as a collector of covered electronic devices from households unless that person has submitted a registration with the agency by July 15 each year on a form prescribed by the commissioner. Registration information must include the name, address, telephone number, and location of the business and a certification that the collector has complied and will continue to comply with the requirements of sections 115A.1312 to 115A.1318 and any regulations adopted by a local government unit for the jurisdiction in which the collector operates. A collector must indicate any end-of-life fees that will be charged at the collection point. A registration is effective upon receipt by the agency and is valid until July 15 each year.

Subd. 4. **Recycler registration.** No person may recycle video display devices generated by households unless that person has submitted a registration with the agency by July 15 each year on a form prescribed by the commissioner. Registration information must include the name, address,

telephone number, and location of all recycling facilities under the direct control of the recycler that may receive covered electronic devices from households and a certification that the recycler has complied and will continue to comply with the requirements of sections 115A.1312 to 115A.1318. A registered recycler must conduct recycling activities that are consistent with this chapter. A registration is effective upon receipt by the agency and is valid until July 15 each year.

115A.1314 MANUFACTURER REGISTRATION FEE.

Subdivision 1. **Registration fee.** (a) Each manufacturer who registers under section 115A.1312 must, by August 15 each year, pay to the commissioner of revenue an annual registration fee, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner of revenue. The commissioner of revenue must deposit the fee in the state treasury and credit the fee to the environmental fund.

(b) The registration fee for manufacturers that sell 100 or more video display devices to households in the state during the previous calendar year is \$2,500, plus a variable recycling fee. The registration fee for manufacturers that sell fewer than 100 video display devices in the state during the previous calendar year is a variable recycling fee. The variable recycling fee is calculated according to the formula:

$[A - (B + C)] \times D$, where:

A = the manufacturer's recycling obligation as determined under section 115A.1320;

B = the number of pounds of covered electronic devices that a manufacturer recycled or arranged to have collected and recycled from households during the immediately preceding program year, as reported under section 115A.1316, subdivision 1;

C = the number of phase I or phase II recycling credits a manufacturer elects to use to calculate the variable recycling fee; and

D = the estimated per-pound cost of recycling, initially set at \$0.50 per pound for manufacturers who recycle less than 50 percent of the manufacturer's recycling obligation; \$0.40 per pound for manufacturers who recycle at least 50 percent but less than 90 percent of the manufacturer's recycling obligation; \$0.30 per pound for manufacturers who recycle at least 90 percent but less than 100 percent of the manufacturer's recycling obligation; and \$0.00 per pound for manufacturers who recycle 100 percent or more of the manufacturer's recycling obligation.

(c) A manufacturer may petition the agency to waive the per-pound cost of recycling fee, element D in the formula in paragraph (b), required under this section. The agency shall direct the commissioner of revenue to waive the per-pound cost of recycling fee if the manufacturer demonstrates to the agency's satisfaction a good faith effort to meet its recycling obligation as determined under section 115A.1320. The petition must include:

(1) documentation that the manufacturer has met at least 75 percent of its recycling obligation as determined under section 115A.1320;

(2) a list of political subdivisions and public and private collectors with whom the manufacturer had a formal contract or agreement in effect during the previous program year to recycle or collect covered electronic devices;

(3) the total amounts of covered electronic devices collected from both within and outside of the 11-county metropolitan area, as defined in subdivision 2;

(4) a description of the manufacturer's best efforts to meet its recycling obligation as determined under section 115A.1320; and

(5) any other information requested by the agency.

(d) A manufacturer may retain phase I and phase II recycling credits to be added, in whole or in part, to the actual value of C, as reported under section 115A.1316, subdivision 2, during any succeeding program year, provided that no more than 25 percent of a manufacturer's recycling obligation A for any program year may be met with phase I and phase II recycling credits, separately or in combination, generated in a prior program year. A manufacturer may sell any portion or all of its phase I and phase II recycling credits to another manufacturer, at a price negotiated by the parties, who may use the credits in the same manner.

(e) For the purpose of determining B in calculating a manufacturer's variable recycling fee using the formula under paragraph (b), starting with the program year beginning July 1, 2019, and continuing each year thereafter, the weight of covered electronic devices that a manufacturer recycled or arranged to have collected and recycled from households located outside the 11-county

metropolitan area, as defined in subdivision 2, paragraph (b), is calculated at 1.5 times their actual weight.

Subd. 2. **Use of registration fees.** (a) Registration fees may be used by the commissioner for:

(1) implementing sections 115A.1312 to 115A.1330, including transfer to the commissioner of revenue to carry out the department's duties under section 115A.1320, subdivision 2, and transfer to the commissioner of administration for responsibilities under section 115A.1324; and

(2) grants to counties outside the 11-county metropolitan area, as defined in paragraph (b), and to private entities that collect for recycling covered electronic devices in counties outside the 11-county metropolitan area, where the collection and recycling is consistent with the respective county's solid waste plan, for the purpose of carrying out the activities under sections 115A.1312 to 115A.1330. In awarding competitive grants under this clause, the commissioner must give preference to counties and private entities that are working cooperatively with manufacturers to help them meet their recycling obligations under section 115A.1318, subdivision 1.

(b) The 11-county metropolitan area consists of the counties of Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright.

115A.1316 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Manufacturer reporting requirements.** (a) By March 1 each year, each manufacturer must report to the agency using the form prescribed:

(1) the total weight of each specific model of its video display devices sold to households during the previous calendar year; and

(2) either:

(i) the total weight of its video display devices sold to households during the previous calendar year; or

(ii) an estimate of the total weight of its video display devices sold to households during the previous calendar year, calculated by multiplying the weight of its video display devices sold nationally times the quotient of Minnesota's population divided by the national population. All manufacturers with sales of 99 or fewer video display devices to households in the state during the previous calendar year must report using the method under this item for calculating sales.

A manufacturer must submit with the report required under this paragraph a description of how the information or estimate was calculated.

(b) By August 15 each year, each manufacturer must report to the agency:

(1) the total weight of covered electronic devices the manufacturer collected from households and recycled or arranged to have collected and recycled during the preceding program year;

(2) the number of phase I and phase II recycling credits the manufacturer has purchased and sold during the preceding program year;

(3) the number of phase I and phase II recycling credits possessed by the manufacturer that the manufacturer elects to use in the calculation of its variable recycling fee under section 115A.1314, subdivision 1; and

(4) the number of phase I and phase II recycling credits the manufacturer retains at the beginning of the current program year.

(c) Upon request of the commissioner of revenue, the agency shall provide a copy of each report to the commissioner of revenue.

Subd. 2. **Recycler reporting requirements.** (a) By July 15 each year, a recycler of covered electronic devices must report to the agency:

(1) the total weight of covered electronic devices recycled during the preceding program year and must certify that the recycler has complied with section 115A.1318, subdivision 2;

(2) the weight of video display devices recycled as part of covered electronic devices recycled during the previous program year; and

(3) an estimate of the weight of portable batteries and any mercury-containing lamps that are associated with the covered electronic devices managed.

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(b) Upon request of the commissioner of revenue, the agency shall provide a copy of each report to the commissioner of revenue.

Subd. 3. **Collector reporting requirements.** By July 15 each year, a collector must report separately to the agency using the form prescribed by the commissioner:

- (1) the total pounds of covered electronic devices collected in the state;
- (2) a list of all recyclers to whom collectors delivered covered electronic devices; and
- (3) whether the collector had a contract with a recycler or manufacturer to provide pounds toward meeting a manufacturer's obligation.

115A.1318 RESPONSIBILITIES.

Subdivision 1. **Manufacturer responsibilities.** (a) In addition to fulfilling the requirements of sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330, a manufacturer must comply with paragraphs (b) to (f).

(b) A manufacturer must annually recycle or arrange for the collection and recycling of an amount of video display devices as determined by the agency in section 115A.1320, subdivision 1. A manufacturer must assume all financial responsibility associated with transporting and recycling covered electronic devices that are used to meet the manufacturer's recycling obligation determined under section 115A.1320 or that are counted as phase I or II recycling credits, including any necessary supplies. This excludes costs that are associated with receiving and aggregating covered electronic devices from households and all the activities up to the time that covered electronic devices are loaded for transport to a recycler or arranged for transportation to a recycler.

(c) The obligations of a manufacturer apply only to video display devices received from households and do not apply to video display devices received from sources other than households.

(d) A manufacturer must conduct and document due diligence assessments of collectors and recyclers it contracts with, including an assessment of items specified under subdivision 2. A manufacturer is responsible for maintaining, for a period of three years, documentation that all covered electronic devices recycled, partially recycled, or sent to downstream recycling operations comply with the requirements of subdivision 2.

(e) A manufacturer must provide the agency with contact information for a person who can be contacted regarding the manufacturer's activities under sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1320.

(f) Only the covered electronic devices that are recycled by a registered recycler that is certified by an ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board-accredited third-party certification body to an environmentally sound management standard are eligible to meet the manufacturer's obligation.

Subd. 1a. **Collector responsibilities.** (a) Collection sites must be:

- (1) staffed; and
 - (2) open to the public at a frequency adequate to meet the needs of the area being served.
- (b) A collector may limit the number of covered electronic devices or covered electronic devices by product type accepted per customer per day or per delivery at a collection site or service.

(c) A collector must use only registered recyclers.

Subd. 2. **Recycler responsibilities.** (a) As part of the report submitted under section 115A.1316, subdivision 2, a recycler must certify, except as provided in paragraph (b), that facilities that recycle covered electronic devices, including all downstream recycling operations:

- (1) use only registered collectors;
- (2) comply with all applicable health, environmental, safety, and financial responsibility regulations;
- (3) are licensed by all applicable governmental authorities;
- (4) use no prison labor to recycle video display devices;
- (5) possess liability insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 for environmental releases, accidents, and other emergencies;
- (6) provide a report annually to each registered collector regarding the video display devices received from that entity; and

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(7) do not charge collectors for transporting, recycling, or any necessary supplies related to transporting or recycling covered electronic devices that meet a manufacturer's recycling obligation as determined under section 115A.1320, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

(b) A nonprofit corporation that contracts with a correctional institution to refurbish and reuse donated computers in schools is exempt from paragraph (a), clauses (4) and (5).

(c) Except to the extent otherwise required by law and unless agreed upon otherwise by the recycler or manufacturer, a recycler has no responsibility for any data that may be contained in a covered electronic device if an information storage device is included in the covered electronic device.

Subd. 3. **Retailer responsibilities.** A retailer who sells new video display devices shall provide information to households describing where and how they may recycle video display devices and advising them of opportunities and locations for the convenient collection of video display devices for the purpose of recycling. This requirement may be met by providing to households the agency's toll-free number and website address. Retailers selling through catalogs or the Internet may meet this requirement by including the information in a prominent location on the retailer's website.

115A.1320 AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT DUTIES.

Subdivision 1. **Duties of agency.** (a) The agency shall administer sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330.

(b) The agency shall establish procedures for:

(1) receipt and maintenance of the registration statements and certifications filed with the agency under section 115A.1312; and

(2) making the statements and certifications easily available to manufacturers, retailers, and members of the public.

(c) The agency shall annually review the following variables that are used to calculate a manufacturer's annual registration fee under section 115A.1314, subdivision 1:

(1) the obligation-setting mechanism for manufacturers as specified under paragraph (g);

(2) the estimated per-pound price of recycling covered electronic devices sold to households; and

(3) the base registration fee.

(d) If the agency determines that any of these values must be changed in order to improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the activities regulated under sections 115A.1312 to 115A.1330, or if the revenues exceed the amount that the agency determines is necessary, the agency shall submit recommended changes and the reasons for them to the chairs of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over solid waste policy.

(e) By May 1 each year, the agency shall publish a statewide recycling goal for all video display device waste that is the weight of all video display devices collected for recycling during each of the three most recently completed program years, excluding the most recently concluded program year, divided by two.

(f) By May 1 each year, the agency shall determine each registered manufacturer's market share of video display devices to be collected and recycled based on the manufacturer's percentage share of the total weight of video display devices sold as reported to the agency under section 115A.1316, subdivision 1.

(g) By May 1 each year, the agency shall provide each manufacturer with a determination of the manufacturer's share of video display devices to be collected and recycled. A manufacturer's market share of video display devices as specified in paragraph (f) is applied proportionally to the statewide recycling goal as specified in paragraph (e) to determine an individual manufacturer's recycling obligation. Upon request by the commissioner of revenue, the agency must provide the information submitted to manufacturers under this paragraph to the commissioner of revenue.

(h) The agency shall provide a report to the governor and the legislature on the implementation of sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330. For each program year, the report must discuss the total weight of covered electronic devices recycled and a summary of information in the reports submitted by manufacturers and recyclers under section 115A.1316. The report must also discuss the various collection programs used by manufacturers to collect covered electronic devices; information

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regarding covered electronic devices that are being collected by persons other than registered manufacturers, collectors, and recyclers; and information about covered electronic devices, if any, being disposed of in landfills in this state. The report must examine which covered electronic devices, based on economic and environmental considerations, should be subject to the obligation-setting mechanism under paragraph (g). The report must include a description of enforcement actions under sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330. The agency may include in its report other information received by the agency regarding the implementation of sections 115A.1312 to 115A.1330. The report must be done in conjunction with the report required under section 115A.121.

(i) The agency shall promote public participation in the activities regulated under sections 115A.1312 to 115A.1330 through public education and outreach efforts.

(j) The agency shall enforce sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330 in the manner provided by sections 115.071, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6; and 116.072, except for those provisions enforced by the department, as provided in subdivision 2. The agency may revoke a registration of a collector or recycler found to have violated sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330.

(k) The agency shall facilitate communication between counties, collection and recycling centers, and manufacturers to ensure that manufacturers are aware of video display devices available for recycling.

(l) The agency shall post on its website the contact information provided by each manufacturer under section 115A.1318, subdivision 1, paragraph (e).

Subd. 2. Additional duties. (a) The agency must collect the data submitted to it annually by each manufacturer on the total weight of each specific model of video display device sold to households, if provided; the total weight of video display devices sold to households; the total weight of covered electronic devices collected from households that are recycled; and data on phase I and phase II recycling credits, as required under section 115A.1316. The department must use this data to review each manufacturer's annual registration fee submitted to the department to ensure that the fee was calculated accurately.

(b) The agency must estimate, for each registered manufacturer, the sales of video display devices to households during the previous program year, based on:

(1) data provided by a manufacturer on sales of video display devices to households, including documentation describing how that amount was calculated and certification that the amount is accurate; or

(2) if a manufacturer does not provide the data specified in clause (1), national data on sales of video display devices.

The department must use the data specified in this subdivision to review each manufacturer's annual registration fee submitted to the department to ensure that the fee was calculated accurately according to the formula in section 115A.1314, subdivision 1.

(c) The department must enforce section 115A.1314, subdivision 1. The audit, assessment, appeal, collection, enforcement, disclosure, and other administrative provisions of chapters 270B, 270C, and 289A that apply to the taxes imposed under chapter 297A apply to the fee imposed under section 115A.1314, subdivision 1. To enforce section 115A.1314, subdivision 1, the commissioner of revenue may grant extensions to pay, and impose and abate penalties and interest on, the fee due under section 115A.1314, subdivision 1, in the manner provided in chapters 270C and 289A as if the fee were a tax imposed under chapter 297A.

(d) The department may disclose nonpublic data to the agency only when necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the activities regulated under sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330. Any data disclosed by the department to the agency retains the classification it had when in the possession of the department.

115A.1322 OTHER RECYCLING PROGRAMS.

A city, county, or other public agency may not require households to use public facilities to recycle their covered electronic devices to the exclusion of other lawful programs available. Cities, counties, and other public agencies, including those awarded contracts by the agency under section 115A.1314, subdivision 2, are encouraged to work with manufacturers to assist them in meeting their recycling obligations under section 115A.1318, subdivision 1. Nothing in sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330 prohibits or restricts the operation of any program recycling covered electronic devices in addition to those provided by manufacturers or prohibits or restricts any persons from receiving,

collecting, transporting, or recycling covered electronic devices, provided that those persons are registered under section 115A.1312.

115A.1323 ANTICOMPETITIVE CONDUCT.

(a) A manufacturer that organizes collection or recycling under sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1322 is authorized to engage in anticompetitive conduct to the extent necessary to plan and implement its chosen organized collection or recycling system and is immune from liability under state laws relating to antitrust, restraint of trade, unfair trade practices, and other regulation of trade or commerce.

(b) An organization of manufacturers, an individual manufacturer, and its officers, members, employees, and agents who cooperate with a political subdivision that organizes collection or recycling under this section are authorized to engage in anticompetitive conduct to the extent necessary to plan and implement the organized collection or recycling system, provided that the political subdivision actively supervises the participation of each entity. An organization, entity, or person covered by this paragraph is immune from liability under state law relating to antitrust, restraint of trade, unfair trade practices, and other regulation of trade or commerce.

115A.1324 REQUIREMENTS FOR PURCHASES BY STATE AGENCIES.

(a) The Department of Administration must ensure that acquisitions of video display devices under chapter 16C are in compliance with or not subject to sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1318.

(b) The solicitation documents must specify that the prospective responder is required to cooperate fully in providing reasonable access to its records and documents that evidence compliance with paragraph (a) and sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1318.

(c) Any person awarded a contract under chapter 16C for purchase or lease of video display devices that is found to be in violation of paragraph (a) or sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1318 is subject to the following sanctions:

(1) the contract must be voided if the commissioner of administration determines that the potential adverse impact to the state is exceeded by the benefit obtained from voiding the contract;

(2) the contractor is subject to suspension and disbarment under Minnesota Rules, part 1230.1150; and

(3) if the attorney general establishes that any money, property, or benefit was obtained by a contractor as a result of violating paragraph (a) or sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1318, the court may, in addition to any other remedy, order the disgorgement of the unlawfully obtained money, property, or benefit.

115A.1326 REGULATING VIDEO DISPLAY DEVICES.

If the United States Environmental Protection Agency adopts regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act regarding the handling, storage, or treatment of any type of video display device being recycled, those regulations are automatically effective in this state on the same date and supersede any rules previously adopted by the agency regarding the handling, storage, or treatment of all video display devices being recycled.

115A.1328 MULTISTATE IMPLEMENTATION.

The agency and department are authorized to participate in the establishment of a regional multistate organization or compact to assist in carrying out the requirements of this chapter.

115A.1330 LIMITATIONS.

Sections 115A.1310 to 115A.1330 expire if a federal law, or combination of federal laws, take effect that is applicable to all video display devices sold in the United States and establish a program for the collection and recycling or reuse of video display devices that is applicable to all video display devices discarded by households.

115A.9155 DISPOSING OF CERTAIN DRY CELL BATTERIES.

Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** A person may not place in mixed municipal solid waste a dry cell battery containing mercuric oxide electrode, silver oxide electrode, nickel-cadmium, or sealed lead-acid that was purchased for use or used by a government agency, or an industrial, communications, or medical facility.

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Subd. 2. **Manufacturer responsibility.** (a) A manufacturer of batteries subject to subdivision 1 shall:

(1) ensure that a system for the proper collection, transportation, and processing of waste batteries exists for purchasers in Minnesota; and

(2) clearly inform each final purchaser of the prohibition on disposal of waste batteries and of the system or systems for proper collection, transportation, and processing of waste batteries available to the purchaser.

(b) To ensure that a system for the proper collection, transportation, and processing of waste batteries exists, a manufacturer shall:

(1) identify collectors, transporters, and processors for the waste batteries and contract or otherwise expressly agree with a person or persons for the proper collection, transportation, and processing of the waste batteries; or

(2) accept waste batteries returned to its manufacturing facility.

(c) At the time of sale of a battery subject to subdivision 1, a manufacturer shall provide in a clear and conspicuous manner a telephone number that the final consumer of the battery can call to obtain information on specific procedures to follow in returning the battery for recycling or proper disposal. The manufacturer may include the telephone number and notice of return procedures on an invoice or other transaction document held by the purchaser. The manufacturer shall provide the telephone number to the commissioner of the agency.

(d) A manufacturer shall ensure that the cost of proper collection, transportation, and processing of the waste batteries is included in the sales transaction or agreement between the manufacturer and any purchaser.

(e) A manufacturer that has complied with this subdivision is not liable under subdivision 1 for improper disposal by a person other than the manufacturer of waste batteries.

115A.9157 RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES AND PRODUCTS.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purpose of this section, "rechargeable battery" means a sealed nickel-cadmium battery, a sealed lead acid battery, or any other rechargeable battery, except a rechargeable battery governed by section 115A.9155 or exempted by the commissioner under subdivision 9.

Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** Effective August 1, 1991, a person may not place in mixed municipal solid waste a rechargeable battery, a rechargeable battery pack, a product with a nonremovable rechargeable battery, or a product powered by rechargeable batteries or rechargeable battery pack, from which all batteries or battery packs have not been removed.

Subd. 3. **Collection and management costs.** A manufacturer of rechargeable batteries or products powered by rechargeable batteries is responsible for the costs of collecting and managing its waste rechargeable batteries and waste products to ensure that the batteries are not part of the solid waste stream.

Subd. 5. **Collection and management programs.** (a) By September 20, 1995, the manufacturers or their representative organization shall implement permanent programs, based on the results of the pilot projects required in Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 115A.9157, subdivision 4, that may be reasonably expected to collect 90 percent of the waste rechargeable batteries and the participating manufacturers' products powered by rechargeable batteries that are generated in the state. The batteries and products collected must be recycled or otherwise managed or disposed of properly.

(b) In every odd-numbered year after 1995, each manufacturer or a representative organization shall provide information to the senate and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and environment and natural resources finance that specifies at least the estimated amount of rechargeable batteries subject to this section sold in the state by each manufacturer and the amount of batteries each collected during the previous two years. A representative organization may report the amounts in aggregate for all the members of the organization.

Subd. 6. **List of participants.** A manufacturer or its representative organization shall inform the committees listed in subdivision 5 when they begin participating in the projects and programs and immediately if they withdraw participation.

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Subd. 7. **Contracts.** A manufacturer or a representative organization of manufacturers may contract with the state or a political subdivision to provide collection services under this section. The manufacturer or organization shall fully reimburse the state or political subdivision for the value of any contractual services rendered under this subdivision.

Subd. 8. **Anticompetitive conduct.** A manufacturer or organization of manufacturers and its officers, members, employees, and agents who participate in projects or programs to collect and properly manage waste rechargeable batteries or products powered by rechargeable batteries are immune from liability under state law relating to antitrust, restraint of trade, unfair trade practices, and other regulation of trade or commerce for activities related to the collection and management of batteries and products required under this section.

Subd. 9. **Exemptions.** To ensure that new types of batteries do not add additional hazardous or toxic materials to the mixed municipal solid waste stream, the commissioner of the agency may exempt a new type of rechargeable battery from the requirements of this section if it poses no unreasonable hazard when placed in and processed or disposed of as part of a mixed municipal solid waste.

115A.961 HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES; COLLECTION, PROCESSING, AND DISPOSAL.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "household batteries" means disposable or rechargeable dry cells commonly used as power sources for household or consumer products including, but not limited to, nickel-cadmium, alkaline, mercuric oxide, silver oxide, zinc oxide, lithium, and carbon-zinc batteries, but excluding lead acid batteries.

Subd. 2. **Program.** (a) The commissioner, in consultation with other state agencies, political subdivisions, and representatives of the household battery industry, may develop household battery programs. The commissioner must coordinate the programs with the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources study on batteries.

(b) The commissioner shall investigate options and develop guidelines for collection, processing, and disposal of household batteries. The options the commissioner may investigate include:

(1) establishing a grant program for counties to plan and implement household battery collection, processing, and disposal projects;

(2) establishing collection and transportation systems;

(3) developing and disseminating educational materials regarding environmentally sound battery management; and

(4) developing markets for materials recovered from the batteries.

(c) The commissioner may also distribute funds to political subdivisions to develop battery management plans and implement those plans.

Subd. 3. **Participation.** A political subdivision, on its own or in cooperation with others, may implement a program to collect, process, or dispose of household batteries. A political subdivision may provide financial incentives to any person, including public or private civic groups, to collect the batteries.

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Subd. 11. **Coordination.** The Environmental Quality Board shall coordinate the implementation of an interagency compliance with existing state and federal lead regulations and report to the legislature by January 31, 1992, on the changes in programs needed to comply.

116C.991 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW; SILICA SAND PROJECTS.

(a) Until a final rule is adopted pursuant to Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 4, section 105, paragraph (d), an environmental assessment worksheet must be prepared for any silica sand project that meets or exceeds the following thresholds, unless the project meets or exceeds the thresholds for an environmental impact statement under rules of the Environmental Quality Board and an environmental impact statement must be prepared:

(1) excavates 20 or more acres of land to a mean depth of ten feet or more during its existence. The local government is the responsible governmental unit; or

(2) is designed to store or is capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of silica sand or has an annual throughput of more than 200,000 tons of silica sand and is not required to receive a permit

from the Pollution Control Agency. The Pollution Control Agency is the responsible governmental unit.

(b) In addition to the contents required under statute and rule, an environmental assessment worksheet completed according to this section must include:

(1) a hydrogeologic investigation assessing potential groundwater and surface water effects and geologic conditions that could create an increased risk of potentially significant effects on groundwater and surface water;

(2) for a project with the potential to require a groundwater appropriation permit from the commissioner of natural resources, an assessment of the water resources available for appropriation;

(3) an air quality impact assessment that includes an assessment of the potential effects from airborne particulates and dust;

(4) a traffic impact analysis, including documentation of existing transportation systems, analysis of the potential effects of the project on transportation, and mitigation measures to eliminate or minimize adverse impacts;

(5) an assessment of compatibility of the project with other existing uses; and

(6) mitigation measures that could eliminate or minimize any adverse environmental effects for the project.

116D.04 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.

Subd. 5b. **Review of environmental assessment worksheets and environmental impact statements.** By December 1, 2018, and every three years thereafter, the Environmental Quality Board, Pollution Control Agency, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Transportation, after consultation with political subdivisions, shall submit to the governor and the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources a list of mandatory environmental assessment worksheet and mandatory environmental impact statement categories for which the agency or a political subdivision is designated as the responsible government unit, and for each worksheet or statement category, a document including:

(1) intended historical purposes of the category;

(2) whether projects that fall within the category are also subject to local, state, or federal permits; and

(3) an analysis of and recommendations for whether the mandatory category should be modified, eliminated, or unchanged based on its intended outcomes and relationship to existing permits or other federal, state, or local laws or ordinances.

325E.125 GENERAL AND SPECIAL PURPOSE BATTERY REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Labeling.** (a) The manufacturer of a button cell battery that is to be sold in this state shall ensure that each battery contains no intentionally introduced mercury or is labeled to clearly identify for the final consumer of the battery the type of electrode used in the battery.

(b) The manufacturer of a rechargeable battery that is to be sold in this state shall ensure that each rechargeable battery is labeled to clearly identify for the final consumer of the battery the type of electrode and the name of the manufacturer. The manufacturer of a rechargeable battery shall also provide clear instructions for properly recharging the battery.

Subd. 2. **Mercury content.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), a manufacturer may not sell, distribute, or offer for sale in this state an alkaline manganese battery that contains more than 0.025 percent mercury by weight.

(b) On application, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency may exempt a specific type of battery from the requirements of paragraph (a) or (d) if there is no battery meeting the requirements that can be reasonably substituted for the battery for which the exemption is sought. A battery exempted by the commissioner under this paragraph is subject to the requirements of section 115A.9155, subdivision 2.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a manufacturer may not sell, distribute, or offer for sale in this state a button cell nonrechargeable battery not subject to paragraph (a) that contains more than 25 milligrams of mercury.

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(d) A manufacturer may not sell, distribute, or offer for sale in this state a dry cell battery containing a mercuric oxide electrode.

(e) After January 1, 1996, a manufacturer may not sell, distribute, or offer for sale in this state an alkaline manganese battery, except an alkaline manganese button cell, that contains mercury unless the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency determines that compliance with this requirement is not technically and commercially feasible.

Subd. 2a. Approval of new batteries. A manufacturer may not sell, distribute, or offer for sale in this state a nonrechargeable battery other than a zinc air, zinc carbon, silver oxide, lithium, or alkaline manganese battery, without first having received approval of the battery from the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency. The commissioner shall approve only batteries that comply with subdivision 1 and do not pose an undue hazard when disposed of. This subdivision is intended to ensure that new types of batteries do not add additional hazardous or toxic materials to the state's mixed municipal waste stream.

Subd. 3. Rechargeable tools and appliances. (a) A manufacturer may not sell, distribute, or offer for sale in this state a rechargeable consumer product unless:

(1) the battery can be easily removed by the consumer or is contained in a battery pack that is separate from the product and can be easily removed; and

(2) the product and the battery are both labeled in a manner that is clearly visible to the consumer indicating that the battery must be recycled or disposed of properly and the battery must be clearly identifiable as to the type of electrode used in the battery.

(b) "Rechargeable consumer product" as used in this subdivision means any product that contains a rechargeable battery and is primarily used or purchased to be used for personal, family, or household purposes.

(c) On application by a manufacturer, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency may exempt a rechargeable consumer product from the requirements of paragraph (a) if:

(1) the product cannot be reasonably redesigned and manufactured to comply with the requirements prior to the effective date of Laws 1990, chapter 409, section 2;

(2) the redesign of the product to comply with the requirements would result in significant danger to public health and safety; or

(3) the type of electrode used in the battery poses no unreasonable hazards when placed in and processed or disposed of as part of mixed municipal solid waste.

(d) An exemption granted by the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency under paragraph (c), clause (1), must be limited to a maximum of two years and may be renewed.

Subd. 4. Rechargeable batteries and products; notice. (a) A person who sells rechargeable batteries or products powered by rechargeable batteries governed by section 115A.9157 at retail shall post the notice in paragraph (b) in a manner clearly visible to a consumer making purchasing decisions.

(b) The notice must be at least four inches by six inches and state:

"ATTENTION USERS OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES AND CORDLESS PRODUCTS:

Under Minnesota law, manufacturers of rechargeable batteries, rechargeable battery packs, and products powered by nonremovable rechargeable batteries will provide a special collection system for these items by April 15, 1994. It is illegal to put rechargeable batteries in the garbage. Use the special collection system that will be provided in your area. Take care of our environment.

DO NOT PUT RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES OR PRODUCTS POWERED BY
NONREMOVABLE RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES IN THE GARBAGE."

(c) Notice is not required for home solicitation sales, as defined in section 325G.06, or for catalogue sales.

Subd. 5. Prohibitions. A manufacturer of rechargeable batteries or products powered by rechargeable batteries that does not participate in the pilot projects and programs required in section 115A.9157 may not sell, distribute, or offer for sale in this state rechargeable batteries or products powered by rechargeable batteries after January 1, 1992.

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After January 1, 1992, a person who first purchases rechargeable batteries or products powered by rechargeable batteries for importation into the state for resale may not purchase rechargeable batteries or products powered by rechargeable batteries made by any person other than a manufacturer that participates in the projects and programs required under section 115A.9157.

325E.1251 PENALTY ENFORCEMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Penalty.** Violation of section 325E.125 is a misdemeanor. A manufacturer who violates section 325E.125 is also subject to a minimum fine of \$100 per violation.

Subd. 2. **Recovery of costs.** Section 325E.125 may be enforced under section 115.071. In an enforcement action under this section in which the state prevails, the state may recover reasonable administrative expenses, court costs, and attorney fees incurred to take the enforcement action, in an amount to be determined by the court.