SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, May 14, 2026

The Senate met at 11:00 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Westlin imposed a call of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Andrew Langseth.

The members of the Senate gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called, and the following Senators were present:

Abeler	Farnsworth	Jasinski	Marty	Rarick
Bahr	Fateh	Johnson	Mathews	Rasmusson
Boldon	Frentz	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Rest
Carlson	Green	Klein	McEwen	Seeberger
Champion	Gruenhagen	Koran	Miller	Utke
Clark	Gustafson	Kreun	Mohamed	Weber
Coleman	Hauschild	Kunesh	Murphy	Wesenberg
Cwodzinski	Hawj	Kupec	Nelson	Westlin
Dahms	Heintzeman	Lang	Oumou Verbeten	Westrom
Dibble	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Latz	Pappas	Wiklund
Dornink	Hoffman	Lieske	Pha	Xiong
Draheim	Holmstrom	Limmer	Port	
Drazkowski	Housley	Lucero	Pratt	
Duckworth	Howe	Mann	Putnam	

The President declared a quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal, as printed and corrected, was approved.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received.

May 12, 2026

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

Dear President Champion:

I have received, approved, signed, and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 81, S.F. No. 4171; Chapter 82, S.F. No. 1750; Chapter 87, S.F. No. 2814; Chapter 88, S.F. No. 4244; Chapter 89, S.F. No. 3637; and Chapter 90, S.F. No. 1714.

Sincerely,
Tim Walz, Governor

May 13, 2026

The Honorable Lisa Demuth
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

I have the honor to inform you that the following enrolled Acts of the 2026 Session of the State Legislature have been received from the Office of the Governor and are deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State for preservation, pursuant to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 23:

S.F. No.	H.F. No.	Session Laws Chapter No.	Time and Date Approved 2026	Date Filed 2026
4171		81	12:39 p.m. May 12	May 12
1750		82	12:39 p.m. May 12	May 12
	4151	83	12:40 p.m. May 12	May 12
	3769	84	12:40 p.m. May 12	May 12
	4063	85	12:41 p.m. May 12	May 12
	4502	86	12:42 p.m. May 12	May 12
2814		87	12:43 p.m. May 12	May 12
4244		88	12:43 p.m. May 12	May 12
3637		89	12:44 p.m. May 12	May 12
1714		90	12:44 p.m. May 12	May 12
	3521	91	12:45 p.m. May 12	May 12

Sincerely,
Steve Simon
Secretary of State

May 1, 2026

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Champion:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

Jessica Westbrock, Richmond, in the county of Stearns, effective May 6, 2026, for a term expiring on January 7, 2030.

(Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.)

Sincerely,
Tim Walz, Governor

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce that the House has acceded to the request of the Senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee, consisting of 4 members of the House, on the amendments adopted by the House to the following Senate File:

S.F. No. 4282: A bill for an act relating to forecast adjustments; making forecast adjustments to prekindergarten through grade 12 education programs, human services, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and Metro Mobility; appropriating money; amending Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 8, article 1, section 3, subdivisions 1, 3; Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 28, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12; article 2, section 24, subdivisions 2, 14, 15, 24; article 3, section 15, subdivisions 3, 13; article 5, section 19, subdivision 2; article 6, section 6, subdivisions 2, 7; article 7, section 11, subdivisions 2, 4, 7, 8, 9; article 8, section 18, subdivisions 3, 6; article 9, section 11, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 6, 10; article 10, section 10, subdivisions 3, 4, 6; article 11, section 2, subdivisions 2, 4.

There has been appointed as such committee on the part of the House:

Youakim, Noor, Kresha and Schomacker.

Senate File No. 4282 is herewith returned to the Senate.

Patrick Duffy Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned May 13, 2026

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senator Murphy moved that the Committee Reports at the Desk be now adopted. The motion prevailed.

Senator Murphy, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 4074 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found identical and recommends the House File be given its second reading and substituted for its companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
4074	4276				

and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Report adopted.

Senator Murphy, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 4138 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found not identical with companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
4138	4696				

Pursuant to Rule 45, the Committee on Rules and Administration recommends that H.F. No. 4138 be amended as follows:

Delete all the language after the enacting clause of H.F. No. 4138, the fourth engrossment; and insert the language after the enacting clause of S.F. No. 4696, the first engrossment; further, delete the title of H.F. No. 4138, the fourth engrossment; and insert the title of S.F. No. 4696, the first engrossment.

And when so amended H.F. No. 4138 will be identical to S.F. No. 4696, and further recommends that H.F. No. 4138 be given its second reading and substituted for S.F. No. 4696, and that the Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Murphy, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 5074 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found identical and recommends the House File be given its second reading and substituted for its companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
5074	5202				

and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Report adopted.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

H.F. Nos. 4074, 4138, and 5074 were read the second time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senator Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 5291: A bill for an act relating to public safety; regulating the ownership, possession, and sale of semiautomatic military-style assault weapons and large-capacity magazines; modifying provisions for possessing dangerous weapons in schools, negligently storing firearms, and reporting on firearms discharge by law enforcement; reenacting the binary trigger ban; criminalizing ghost guns; modifying and clarifying the extreme risk protection order law; encouraging schools to implement local anonymous threat reporting systems; modifying reimbursement rates for mental health providers in the medical assistance program; requiring reports; providing criminal penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 609.66, subdivisions 1d, 1f; 609.666, subdivisions 1, 2; 624.712, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision; 624.7131, by adding a subdivision; 624.7132, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 15; 624.7134, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5; 624.7141, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 624.7171, subdivisions 1, 4, 5; 624.7172; 624.7173; 624.7174; 624.7175; 624.7176, subdivisions 1, 2; 624.7177, subdivision 2; 624.7178, subdivisions 1, 4; 626.553, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 256B.761, by adding a subdivision; 624.7132, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 121A; 624; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 256B.0625, subdivision 38; 609.667.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Draheim introduced--

S.F. No. 5292: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; modifying disbursement of workforce development funds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116L.05, by adding a subdivision; 116L.20, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 5293: A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing weight-based motor vehicle registration tax; repealing electric vehicle and plug-in hybrid electric vehicle surcharges; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 168.013, subdivision 3; 169.86, subdivision 5a; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 168.013, subdivision 1a; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.013, subdivision 23; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 168.013, subdivisions 1m, 1n.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Kreun, Coleman, Housley, Duckworth, and Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 5294: A bill for an act relating to public safety; authorizing law enforcement holds of certain persons subject to federal immigration detainers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 629.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Marty moved that the name of Senator Kunesh be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4059. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Oumou Verbeten be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 5256. The motion prevailed.

Pursuant to Rule 5.1, Senator Duckworth, chief author, moved that S.F. No. 4515 be withdrawn from the Committee on Rules and Administration, given a second reading, and placed on General Orders. The motion prevailed.

S.F. No. 4515 was read the second time.

Senator Marty moved that H.F. No. 2433, No. 60 on General Orders, be stricken and re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

Remaining on the Order of Business of Motions and Resolutions, Senator Murphy moved that the Senate take up the Confirmation Calendar. The motion prevailed.

CONFIRMATION

Senator McEwen moved that the report from the Committee on Labor, reported April 7, 2026, pertaining to appointments, be taken from the table. The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen moved that the foregoing report be now adopted. The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen moved that in accordance with the report from the Committee on Labor, reported April 7, 2026, the Senate, having given its advice, do now consent to and confirm the appointments of:

BOARD OF ELECTRICITY

Keith Colvard, Bloomington, Hennepin County, effective May 22, 2024, for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Sarah Gudmunson, Shakopee, Scott County, effective May 22, 2024, for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Steve Haiby, Pelican Rapids, Otter Tail County, effective May 22, 2024, for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Jeff Heimerl, South Saint Paul, Dakota County, effective May 22, 2024, for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Travis Thul, Winona, Winona County, effective May 22, 2024, for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Desiree Weigel, Andover, Anoka County, effective May 22, 2024, for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

The motion prevailed. So the appointments were confirmed.

CONFIRMATION

Senator McEwen moved that the report from the Committee on Labor, reported April 7, 2026, pertaining to appointments, be taken from the table. The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen moved that the foregoing report be now adopted. The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen moved that in accordance with the report from the Committee on Labor, reported April 7, 2026, the Senate, having given its advice, do now consent to and confirm the appointments of:

BOARD OF HIGH PRESSURE PIPING SYSTEMS

Joseph Abbot, Nowthen, Anoka County, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring December 31, 2028.

Aubrey Archer, Big Lake, Sherburne County, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring December 31, 2028.

Edgar Castro, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring December 31, 2028.

Sam Christenson, Rush City, Chisago County, effective May 22, 2024, for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Erik Hansen, Foley, Benton County, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring December 31, 2028.

Robert Lind, Otsego, Wright County, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring December 31, 2028.

Matthew Marquis, Plymouth, Hennepin County, effective June 26, 2024, for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

Patrick McCullough, Saint Paul, Ramsey County, effective May 22, 2024, for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Jacob Pettit, Sartell, Stearns County, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring December 31, 2028.

Roger Thein, White Bear Lake, Ramsey County, effective May 22, 2024, for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Dennis Theisen, Inver Grove Heights, Dakota County, effective February 4, 2026, for a term expiring December 31, 2028.

Mark Worms, Saint Anthony, Hennepin County, effective May 22, 2024, for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

The motion prevailed. So the appointments were confirmed.

CONFIRMATION

Senator Latz moved that the appointment of notaries public, received May 4, 2026, be taken from the table. The motion prevailed.

Senator Latz moved that the Senate do now consent to and confirm the appointments of the notaries public.

The motion prevailed. So the appointments were confirmed.

CONFIRMATION

Senator Cwodzinski moved that the report from the Committee on Education Policy, reported May 4, 2026, pertaining to the appointment of the School Trust Lands Director, be taken from the table. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that the foregoing report be now adopted. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that in accordance with the report from the Committee on Education Policy, reported May 4, 2026, the Senate, having given its advice, do now consent to and confirm the appointment of:

SCHOOL TRUST LANDS
DIRECTOR

Aaron Vande Linde, Coon Rapids, Anoka County, effective January 1, 2025 for a term expiring December 31, 2029.

The motion prevailed. So the appointment was confirmed.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

Senator Hoffman moved that his name be stricken as chief author and the name of Senator Wiklund be added as chief author to S.F. No. 962. The motion prevailed.

Pursuant to Rule 26, Senator Murphy, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, designated S.F. No. 5073 a Special Order to be heard immediately.

SPECIAL ORDER

S.F. No. 5073: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying agriculture policy provisions; modifying farm down payment assistance provisions; modifying seed potato provisions; modifying fees; allowing eggs to be donated past their quality assurance date; requiring reports; modifying prior appropriations; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 17.458, subdivision 1; 18J.01; 18J.02; 18J.03; 18J.04, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 18J.05, subdivisions 1, 2, 6; 18J.06; 18J.07, subdivisions 3, 4, 5; 18J.09; 18K.02, subdivisions 5, 6; 18K.04, subdivision 1; 21.111; 21.112, by adding a subdivision; 21.113; 21.115; 21.117; 21.119; 21.1195; 21.891, subdivision 2; 28A.0752; 29.21, by adding a subdivision; 29.26; 32D.30, subdivision 5; 41A.19; 41B.048, subdivisions 2, 4, 5, by adding subdivisions; 583.215; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 17.1017, subdivision 9; 17.133, subdivisions 1, 2; 28A.04, subdivision 1; 28A.08, subdivision 3; Laws 2023, chapter 43, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended; Laws 2025, chapter 34, article 1, section 2, subdivisions 2, 3, as amended, 4, as amended; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 21; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 18K.02, subdivision 7; 18K.03, subdivision 2; 28A.075.

Senator Westrom moved to amend S.F. No. 5073 as follows (A18):

Page 31, after line 22, insert:

"Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 17.81, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. **Agrivoltaic system.** "Agrivoltaic system" means the simultaneous integration of farming, as defined in section 41C.02, subdivision 10, and solar energy generation on the same land.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3b. **Cultivated variety or cultivar.** "Cultivated variety" or "cultivar" means a named plant variety that is clonally propagated to maintain genetic uniformity.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11a. **Plant variety.** "Plant variety" means a more precisely defined group of plants, selected from within a species, with a common set of characteristics.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11b. **Propagate.** "Propagate" means to cause or continue to increase by sexual or asexual reproduction. Propagate includes but is not limited to germination by seed; regeneration of vegetative parts such as roots, stems, or leaves; and the removal of plants from one location and replanting at another location.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. **Propagating parts.** "Propagating parts" means all plant parts~~, including seeds,~~ that are capable of producing new plants.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 18. **Reasonable grounds.** "Reasonable grounds" means a report, a complaint, direct observation, or circumstantial evidence, such as the nearby presence of noxious weeds, a history of noxious weed infestation, or other evidence from which a reasonable person acting in good faith might infer the presence of noxious weeds.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.771, is amended to read:

18.771 NOXIOUS WEED CATEGORIES.

Subdivision 1. **Noxious weed categories.** (a) For purposes of designation under section 18.79, subdivision 13, noxious weed category means each of the following categories:

(1) the prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds category;

(2) the prohibited-control noxious weeds category;

(3) the restricted noxious weeds category;

(4) the specially regulated plants category; and

(5) the county noxious weeds category.

(b) The "prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds" category includes noxious weeds that must be eradicated on all lands within the state. ~~Transportation of the propagating parts of prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds is prohibited except as allowed under section 18.82.~~ Prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds ~~may~~ and their propagating parts must not be imported into Minnesota or sold ~~or~~, propagated, or transported in Minnesota, except as allowed under section 18.82. Noxious weeds that are designated as prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds and placed on the prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds list are plants that are not currently known to be present in Minnesota or are not widely established in the state. All prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds must be eradicated.

(c) The "prohibited-control noxious weeds" category includes noxious weeds that must be controlled on all lands within the state. ~~Transportation of the propagating parts of prohibited-control noxious weeds is prohibited~~ Prohibited-control noxious weeds and their propagating parts must not be imported into Minnesota or sold, propagated, or transported in Minnesota, except as allowed under section 18.82. ~~Prohibited-control noxious weeds may not be propagated or sold in Minnesota.~~ Noxious weeds that are designated as prohibited-control noxious weeds and placed on the prohibited-control noxious weeds list are plants that are already established throughout the state or regions of the state. At a minimum, these species must be controlled in a way that prevents spread of these species by seed or vegetative means.

(d) The "restricted noxious weeds" category includes noxious weeds and their propagating parts that ~~may~~ must not be imported~~,~~ into Minnesota or sold, propagated, or transported in the state, except as allowed ~~by permit~~ under section 18.82. Noxious weeds that are designated as restricted and placed on the restricted list may be plants that are widely distributed in Minnesota and for which a

requirement of eradication or control would not be feasible on a statewide basis using existing practices. The commissioner may establish a nursery production phase-out period for species that will be designated as restricted.

(e) The "specially regulated plants" category includes noxious weeds ~~that may be native species or nonnative species~~ that have ~~demonstrated economic value~~ clearly defined benefits, but also have the potential to cause harm in noncontrolled environments. Plants designated as specially regulated have been determined to pose ecological, economical, or human or animal health concerns. Species-specific management plans or rules that define the use and management requirements for these plants must be developed by the commissioner of agriculture for each plant designated as specially regulated. The commissioner must also take measures to minimize the potential for harm caused by these plants.

(f) The "county noxious weeds" category includes noxious weeds that are designated by individual county boards to be enforced as prohibited noxious weeds within the county's jurisdiction and must be approved by the commissioner of agriculture, in consultation with the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee. Each county board must submit newly proposed county noxious weeds to the commissioner of agriculture for review. Approved county noxious weeds ~~shall~~ must also be posted with the county's general weed notice prior to May 15 each year. Counties are solely responsible for developing county noxious weed lists and their enforcement.

Subd. 2. **Exemptions.** The commissioner may designate a specific plant variety, including a cultivated variety, as exempt from subdivision 1 if the commissioner finds that, based on credible and sufficient documentation, the variety is bred for low seeding, the variety is sterile, or, for reasons other than low seeding or sterility, the variety has low invasive potential.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.79, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Authorized agents.** ~~County agricultural inspectors may administer and enforce sections 18.76 to 18.91. A county-designated employee may enforce sections 18.78, 18.82, 18.83, 18.84, 18.86, and 18.87. A county must make the identity of a county-designated employee described by this subdivision available to the public.~~ County agricultural inspectors, county-designated employees, local weed inspectors, and assistant weed inspectors are authorized agents of the commissioner for their jurisdictions. A county agricultural inspector or a county-designated employee must be responsible for the duties and enforcement of sections 18.78 and 18.81 to 18.87. A county must make the identity of a county agricultural inspector or county-designated employee available to the public. A local weed inspector or the inspector's assistant must be responsible for the duties and enforcement of sections 18.78, subdivision 1; 18.81, subdivision 2; 18.82 to 18.84; 18.86; and, for a municipality, 18.87.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 18.79, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Entry upon land.** To administer and enforce sections 18.76 to 18.91, an inspector or county-designated employee ~~shall~~ must contact a landowner through direct communication prior to entering upon the land for a noxious weed inspection. If a landowner cannot be contacted, an inspector or county-designated employee may enter upon land without consent of the owner and without being subject to an action for trespass or any damages. For the purposes of this subdivision, "direct communication" may include contact with the landowner through an in-person visit, phone call,

voice mail, text message, mail, or email. A landowner ~~cannot~~ must not refuse an inspector or county-designated employee ~~having probable cause to conduct an inspection for noxious weeds~~ who has reasonable grounds, as defined in section 18.77, subdivision 18, to believe that noxious weeds may be present on their lands. Within five business days of a completed inspection, the inspector or county-designated employee ~~shall~~ must provide the landowner with a copy of the inspection report, including further actions if applicable.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.81, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Nonperformance by inspectors; reimbursement for expenses.** If local weed inspectors neglect or fail to do their duty as prescribed in this section, the county agricultural inspector or county-designated employee~~, in consultation with the commissioner,~~ may issue a notice to the inspector providing instructions on how and when to do their duty. If, after the time allowed in the notice, the local weed inspector has not complied as directed, the county agricultural inspector or county-designated employee may consult with the ~~commissioner~~ county attorney or county board to perform the duty for the local weed inspector. A claim for the expense of doing the local weed inspector's duty is a legal charge against the municipality in which the inspector has jurisdiction. The county agricultural inspector or county-designated employee overseeing the work may file an itemized statement of costs with the clerk of the municipality in which the work was performed. The municipality ~~shall~~ must immediately issue proper warrants to the county for the work performed. If the municipality fails to issue the warrants, the county auditor may include the amount contained in the itemized statement of costs as part of the next annual tax levy in the municipality and withhold that amount from the municipality in making its next apportionment.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.82, is amended to read:

18.82 TRANSPORTATION OR POSSESSION OF NOXIOUS WEED PROPAGATING PARTS.

Subdivision 1. **Permits required.** Transporting noxious weed propagating parts without a permit on public roads in the state or possessing noxious weed propagating parts in the state without a permit is prohibited, except as provided in section 21.74.

Subd. 1a. **Permits.** (a) If a person wants to transport noxious weed propagating parts ~~along~~ on a public ~~roadway~~ road, including materials or equipment containing the propagating parts of noxious weeds, the person must secure a written permit for transportation from the commissioner, an inspector, or a county-designated employee. Inspectors or county-designated employees may issue permits to persons residing or operating within their jurisdiction. A permit is not required for the transport of noxious weeds for the purpose of destroying propagating parts at an appropriate disposal site. Anyone transporting noxious weed propagating parts for the purpose of disposal at an appropriate disposal site ~~shall~~ must ensure that all materials are contained in a manner that prevents escape during transport and complies with section 115A.931.

(b) A person must obtain a permit from the commissioner before possessing noxious weeds with propagating parts for research, education and outreach, or other reasons approved by the commissioner.

Subd. 2. **Conditions of permit issuance.** ~~The following conditions must be met before a permit under subdivision 1 may be issued:~~ Any person requesting a permit under subdivision 1a must

provide the following information in writing to the commissioner, an inspector, or a county-designated employee for a specific jurisdiction before the commissioner, inspector, or county-designated employee issues a permit under this section:

~~(1) any material or equipment containing noxious weed propagating parts that is about to be transported along a public roadway must be in a container that is sufficiently tight and closed or otherwise covered to prevent the blowing or scattering of the material along the highway or on other lands or water;~~

~~(2) the destination for unloading and the use of the material or equipment containing noxious weed propagating parts must be stated on the permit along with the method that will be used to destroy the viability of the propagating parts and thereby prevent the material being dumped or scattered upon land or water; and~~

~~(3) the applicant for a permit for possession of noxious weed propagating parts must agree to follow the guidelines listed on the permit by the inspector.~~

(1) a description of the process that the person will use to ensure that the exterior of any vehicle or equipment being used for transportation is free from noxious weed materials and their propagating parts;

(2) a description of the manner in which the person will securely contain noxious weed materials and their propagating parts to prevent the escape of noxious weed materials and their propagating parts during transport in compliance with section 115A.931;

(3) a description of the specific locations where research will occur and a description of how the location is designed to prevent the escape of noxious weed materials and their propagating parts;

(4) a description of the established processes that the person will use to monitor and protect research locations from the escape of noxious weed materials and their propagating parts during research and after the research has been completed;

(5) a description of the purpose of using noxious weed materials, such as a description of how the noxious weed materials will be used for education and outreach, and how containers holding the materials will be designed to prevent the escape of the noxious weed materials and their propagating parts;

(6) a description of the process for destroying noxious weed materials and their propagating parts after the completion of use according to the permit;

(7) a description of the location where noxious weed materials and their propagating parts will be destroyed after the completion of use according to the permit; and

(8) any specific information required by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Duration of permit; inspection; revocation.** A permit under subdivision ~~1~~ 1a is valid for up to one year after the date it is issued unless otherwise specified by the commissioner, inspector, or county-designated employee issuing the permit. Any person receiving a permit must allow inspection by the issuing authority to ensure that all permit requirements are met. The permit may

be revoked if ~~an~~ the commissioner, inspector, or county-designated employee determines that the applicant has not complied with this section.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.83, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Appeal of individual notice; appeal committee.** ~~(1)~~ (a) A recipient of an individual notice may appeal, in writing, the order for control or eradication of noxious weeds. This appeal must be filed with a member of the appeal committee in the county where the land is located within two working days of the time the notice is received. The committee must inspect the land specified in the notice and report back to the recipient and the inspector or county-designated employee who issued the notice within five working days, either agreeing with, disagreeing with, or revising the order. The decision may be appealed in district court. If the committee agrees with or revises the order, the control or eradication specified in the order, as approved or revised by the committee, may be carried out.

~~(2)~~ (b) The county board ~~shall~~ must appoint members of the appeal committee. The membership must include a county commissioner or municipal official and a landowner residing in the county. The expenses of the members may be reimbursed by the county upon submission of an itemized statement to the county auditor. At its option, the county board, by resolution, may delegate the duties of the appeal committee to its board of adjustment established pursuant to section 394.27. When carrying out the duties of the appeal committee, the zoning board of adjustment ~~shall~~ must comply with all of the procedural requirements of this section.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.86, is amended to read:

18.86 UNLAWFUL ACTS.

No person may:

(1) hinder or obstruct in any way an inspector or county-designated employee in the performance of duties under sections 18.76 to 18.91 or related rules;

(2) neglect, fail, or refuse to comply with section 18.82 ~~or related rules in the transportation and use of material or equipment infested with noxious weed propagating parts~~;

(3) sell material containing noxious weed propagating parts to a person who does not have a permit to transport that material or to a person who does not have a screenings permit issued in accordance with section 21.74; or

(4) neglect, fail, or refuse to comply with a general notice or an individual notice to control or eradicate noxious weeds.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.91, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Membership.** The commissioner ~~shall~~ must appoint and approve members~~, which shall include~~ who have successfully completed the application process with the secretary of state, including representatives from the following:

(1) the Department of Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota;

(2) the Department of Agronomy at the University of Minnesota;

(3) the Department of Forest Resources at the University of Minnesota;

(4) the nursery and landscape industry in Minnesota;

(5) the seed industry in Minnesota;

(6) the Department of Agriculture;

(7) the Department of Natural Resources;

(8) a conservation organization;

(9) an environmental organization;

(10) at least two farm organizations;

(11) the county agricultural inspectors;

(12) city governments;

(13) township governments;

(14) county governments;

(15) the Department of Transportation;

(16) the University of Minnesota Extension;

(17) the timber and forestry industry in Minnesota;

(18) the Board of Water and Soil Resources;

(19) soil and water conservation districts;

(20) the Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners; and

(21) other members as needed.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1d. **Active ingredient.** "Active ingredient" means an ingredient present in a fertilizer, soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance that is a plant nutrient or a soil or plant amending ingredient.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Compost.** "Compost" ~~is a biologically stable material derived from the composting process~~ has the meaning given in section 18C.132, subdivision 1.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

Subd. 6a. **Composting.** "Composting" ~~is the biological decomposition of organic matter. It is accomplished by mixing and piling in such a way as to promote aerobic or anaerobic decay or both. The process inhibits pathogens, viable weed seeds, and odors~~ has the meaning given in section 18C.132, subdivision 2.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 15b. **Inert ingredient.** "Inert ingredient" means an ingredient that is not an active ingredient in a specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, subdivision 25, is amended to read:

Subd. 25. **Plant amendment.** "Plant amendment" means a substance applied to plants or seeds that is intended to improve germination, growth, yield, product quality, reproduction, flavor, or other desirable characteristics of plants, including beneficial substances and plant biostimulants, except fertilizers, soil amendments, agricultural liming materials, pesticides, and other materials that are exempted by rule.

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 25a. **Plant biostimulant.** "Plant biostimulant" means a substance, microorganism, or mixture thereof that, when applied to seeds, plants, the rhizosphere, soil, or other growth media, supports a plant's natural nutrition processes independently of the biostimulant's nutrient content and improves nutrient availability, uptake, or use efficiency; tolerance to abiotic stress; and consequent growth, development, quality, or yield.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, subdivision 33, is amended to read:

Subd. 33. **Soil amendment.** "Soil amendment" means a substance intended to improve the structural, physical, chemical, biochemical, or biological characteristics of the soil or modify organic matter at or near the soil surface, including beneficial substances, except fertilizers, agricultural liming materials, pesticides, and other materials exempted by the commissioner's rules.

Sec. 26. **[18C.132] COMPOST AND COMPOSTING.**

Subdivision 1. **Compost.** "Compost" is the product manufactured through the controlled aerobic, biological decomposition of biodegradable materials. The product has undergone mesophilic and thermophilic temperatures, which significantly reduces the viability of pathogens and weed seeds and stabilizes the carbon such that it is beneficial to plant growth. Compost is typically used as a soil amendment but may also contribute plant nutrients.

Subd. 2. **Composting.** "Composting" is the biological decomposition of organic matter. Composting is accomplished by mixing and piling in such a way as to promote aerobic or anaerobic decay, or both. Composting is a process that inhibits pathogens, viable weed seeds, and odors.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.211, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Guaranteed analysis of soil or plant amendment or beneficial substance.** The guaranteed analysis of a soil amendment ~~or~~, plant amendment, or beneficial substance must be an accurate statement of composition including the percentages of each active ingredient. If the product

is a microbiological product, the number of viable microorganisms per milliliter for a liquid ~~or~~, the number of viable microorganisms per gram, or any other acceptable units for a ~~dry~~ product must also be listed.

Sec. 28. **[18C.217] SOIL AMENDMENT, PLANT AMENDMENT, AND BENEFICIAL SUBSTANCE LABELING.**

(a) A person may not sell or distribute a soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance in bags or other containers in this state unless a label is placed on or affixed to the bag or container stating in a clear, legible, and conspicuous form the following information:

(1) the product name;

(2) the net weight or net volume expressed in imperial and metric measurements;

(3) the name and address of the guarantor and registrant;

(4) a statement identifying the purpose of the product;

(5) directions for use; and

(6) the guaranteed analysis of each active ingredient.

(b) If the soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance contains mircroorganisms, the label must include an expiration date and recommended storage conditions.

(c) The label is not required to list inert ingredients.

(d) A person selling or distributing a bulk shipment of soil amendments, plant amendments, or beneficial substances to a singular, end consumer may provide the purchaser with a single printed form with the information required in paragraphs (a) and (b) instead of placing or affixing a label on the bulk bag or container.

Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.411, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Application.** The application for registration must include:

(1) for specialty fertilizers:

(i) the name and address of the guarantor and registrant;

(ii) the brand and grade;

(iii) the guaranteed analysis as required by section 18C.211;

(iv) the sources from which nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, or other elements or materials are derived; and

(v) the amount and formulas of inert ingredients; and

(2) for soil amendments and plant amendments:

(i) the name and address of the guarantor and registrant;

(ii) the brand name;

(iii) the sources from which the ingredients used in the product are derived; ~~and~~

(iv) the guaranteed analysis as required by section 18C.211~~.~~; and

(v) a certificate of composition that describes the amount and formulas of each inert ingredient and beneficial substance included in the formula."

Page 68, after line 10, insert:

"Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 33. **Cell-cultured food.** "Cell-cultured food" has the meaning given in section 34A.01, subdivision 1a.

Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.12, is amended to read:

31.12 LABELING.

(a) For the purpose of preventing fraud and deception in the manufacture, use, sale, and transportation of food, or for the purpose of protecting and preserving the public health, it shall be the duty of the commissioner, by rulings not inconsistent with law, to require that any article of food, or the package, receptacle, or container thereof, before it be sold, transported, used, offered for sale or transportation, or had in possession with intent to use, sell or transport within this state, shall be labeled, stamped, stenciled, marked, or branded in such manner as to plainly exhibit to the purchaser any or all of the following data or information: The percentages and true composition of such food article, its quality, strength, quantity, source of its manufacture or production or the person by or for whom the same is manufactured, produced, packed, or shipped. The commissioner shall also have authority to prescribe by such rulings the date on which the same shall take effect and be in force, and also the form, size, style, and wording of, and the place, time, method, means and manner of use of all such labels, stamps, stencils, brands, and markings, which rulings shall be made in the manner provided by law. Until such rulings are made and in effect the rulings heretofore made by the commissioner shall remain in full force and effect, except as otherwise prescribed by law. Any person who shall fail to comply with such ruling or rulings shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) If a product contains cell-cultured food, a statement must be labeled, stamped, stenciled, marked, or branded on the package in such a manner as to plainly exhibit to the purchaser that the food contains cell-cultured food. A person is in violation of this paragraph if the person (1) knowingly sells or offers for sale a product containing cell-cultured food that is not labeled as required, or (2) reasonably should have known that the product contains cell-cultured food based on information provided by the manufacturer, distributor, or supplier.

Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.633, is amended to read:

31.633 MEAT OR POULTRY SUBSTITUTES; INDICATION ON MENU~~; PENALTIES~~.

Subdivision 1. ~~**Menu requirement**~~ **Meat or poultry substitutes.** Any restaurant, eating place, or other establishment serving meat or poultry in any form to the public that has any filler or meat or poultry substitute added to it or incorporated in it, shall clearly and prominently indicate on its menu or bill of fare the meat entrees that contain filler or meat or poultry substitutes.

Subd. 3. **Cell-cultured food.** Any restaurant, eating place, or other establishment serving cell-cultured food to the public must clearly and prominently indicate on its menu or bill of fare the menu items that contain cell-cultured food."

Page 68, after line 18, insert:

"Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 34A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. **Cell-cultured food.** "Cell-cultured food" means a food grown from animal or plant cells in a controlled environment.

Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 35.155, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Fencing.** Farmed Cervidae must be confined in a manner designed to prevent escape. All perimeter fences for farmed Cervidae must be at least 96 inches in height and be constructed and maintained in a way that prevents the escape of farmed Cervidae~~,~~ or entry into the premises by free-roaming Cervidae~~, and physical contact between farmed Cervidae and free-roaming Cervidae~~. The Board of Animal Health or commissioner of natural resources may determine whether the construction and maintenance of fencing is adequate to prevent ~~physical contact or~~ escape or entry under this subdivision and may compel corrective action when fencing is determined to be inadequate. All new fencing installed and all fencing used to repair deficiencies must be high tensile. All entry areas for farmed Cervidae enclosure areas must have two redundant gates, which must be maintained to prevent the escape of animals through an open gate. If a fence deficiency allows entry or exit by farmed or wild Cervidae, the owner must immediately repair the deficiency. All other deficiencies must be repaired within a reasonable time, as determined by the Board of Animal Health, not to exceed 14 days. If a fence deficiency is detected during an inspection, the facility must be reinspected at least once in the subsequent three months. The farmed Cervidae owner must pay a reinspection fee equal to one-half the applicable annual inspection fee under subdivision 7a for each reinspection related to a fence violation. If the facility experiences more than one escape incident in any six-month period or fails to correct a deficiency found during an inspection, the board may revoke the facility's registration and order the owner to remove or destroy the animals as directed by the board. If the board revokes a facility's registration, the commissioner of natural resources may seize and destroy animals at the facility.

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

Page 71, after line 13, insert:

"Sec. 77. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 604A.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For ~~the~~ purposes of this section, the terms in paragraphs (b) to (g) have the meanings given ~~them~~.

(b) "Agricultural products" means livestock, aquacultural, poultry, horticultural, floricultural, viticultural, silvicultural, or other products of a farm or ranch.

(c) "Agritourism activity" means activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows organizations or members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, charitable, or educational purposes, to view, enjoy, or participate in rural activities, including~~,~~ but not limited to~~:~~ farming; viticulture; winemaking; ranching; off-road vehicle trail events; and historical, cultural, farm stay, gleaning, harvest-your-own, or natural activities and attractions. An activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the participant pays to participate in the activity.

(d) "Agritourism professional" means a person who is engaged in providing one or more agritourism activities, whether or not for compensation.

(e) "Farm or ranch" means one or more areas of land used for the production, cultivation, growing, harvesting, or processing of agricultural products.

(f) "Inherent risks of agritourism activity" means dangers or conditions that are an integral part of an agritourism activity including but not limited to:

(1) natural hazards and conditions of land, vegetation, and waters including surface and subsurface conditions;

(2) the behavior of wild or domestic animals; and

(3) ordinary dangers of structures or equipment ordinarily used in farming or ranching operations.

(g) "Participant" means a person, other than an agritourism professional, who engages in an agritourism activity and who has the capacity to understand the inherent risks of agricultural tourism.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to causes of action accruing on or after that date."

Page 71, delete section 48 and insert:

"Sec. 79. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

(a) The revisor of statutes must renumber the subdivisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 18.77, listed in column A to the references listed in column B. The revisor must make necessary cross-reference changes in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules consistent with the renumbering.

Column A	Column B
subdivision 2a	subdivision 2e
subdivision 2b	subdivision 2f
subdivision 13	subdivision 8b
subdivision 15	subdivision 2d
subdivision 16	subdivision 2c
subdivision 17	subdivision 5b

(b) The revisor of statutes must renumber the subdivisions in Minnesota Statutes, section 18C.005, in alphabetical order and correct all cross-references.

Sec. 80. **REPEALER.**

(a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, subdivision 14, is repealed.

(b) Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 18K.02, subdivision 7; 18K.03, subdivision 2; and 28A.075, are repealed."

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Amend the title accordingly

The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

Senator Hoffman moved to amend S.F. No. 5073 as follows (A19):

Page 31, after line 22, insert:

"Sec. 5. **[18B.117] SALE OR USE OF PARAQUAT DICHLORIDE.**

Subdivision 1. **Prohibited sale.** Beginning January 1, 2027, a person may not sell, offer for sale, or distribute a pesticide containing paraquat dichloride.

Subd. 2. **Prohibited use.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2030, a person may not use a pesticide containing paraquat dichloride, unless the commissioner determines that paragraph (b) applies.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply if the commissioner, by written order, determines that:

(1) a valid environmental emergency exists;

(2) paraquat would effectively address the environmental emergency; and

(3) no less harmful pesticide would be effective in addressing the environmental emergency.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner may authorize the use of paraquat dichloride for a limited period beginning January 1, 2030, and ending January 1, 2034, pursuant to the emergency authority in this subdivision.

(d) An order must include the basis for the commissioner's determination and specify the approved time period, the geographic area where paraquat may be used, and the purpose of the permitted use of paraquat.

(e) For the purposes of this subdivision, "environmental emergency" means a significant:

(1) pest outbreak;

(2) risk to public health;

(3) risk of adverse effects on the environment; or

(4) risk of economic loss.

Subd. 3. **Collection and disposal.** The commissioner may collect and dispose of pesticides prohibited for sale and use in this section pursuant to section 18B.065."

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Amend the title accordingly

Pursuant to Rule 7.4, Senator Rasmusson questioned whether the Hoffman (A19) amendment was in order. The President ruled the amendment was out of order.

S.F. No. 5073 was read the third time, as amended, and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 55 and nays 10, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Boldon	Fateh	Jasinski	Mann	Pha
Carlson	Frentz	Johnson	Marty	Port
Champion	Green	Johnson Stewart	Mathews	Pratt
Clark	Gruenhagen	Klein	Maye Quade	Putnam
Coleman	Gustafson	Koran	McEwen	Rest
Cwodzinski	Hauschild	Kreun	Miller	Seeberger
Dahms	Hawj	Kunesh	Mohamed	Weber
Dibble	Heintzeman	Kupec	Murphy	Westlin
Dornink	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Lang	Nelson	Westrom
Draheim	Housley	Latz	Oumou Verbeten	Wiklund
Farnsworth	Howe	Limmer	Pappas	Xiong

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Oumou Verbeten cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Boldon, Carlson, Dibble, Gustafson, Hawj, Marty, Pha, Port, Seeberger, and Xiong.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Abeler	Drazkowski	Lieske	Rarick	Utke
Bahr	Holmstrom	Lucero	Rasmusson	Wesenberg

So the bill, as amended, was passed and its title was agreed to.

RECESS

Senator Murphy moved that the Senate do now recess subject to the call of the President. The motion prevailed.

After a recess, the President called the Senate to order.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Boldon imposed a call of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

Without objection, remaining on the Order of Business of Motions and Resolutions, the Senate reverted to the Order of Business of Messages From the House.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce that the House has adopted the recommendation and report of the Conference Committee on House File No. 3426, and repassed said bill in accordance with the report of the Committee, so adopted.

House File No. 3426 is herewith transmitted to the Senate.

Patrick Duffy Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted May 14, 2026

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H. F. No. 3426

A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money from environment and natural resources trust fund; extending certain prior appropriations; modifying provisions on expenditures from environment and natural resources trust fund; modifying requirements for community grants program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116P.08, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision; 116P.09, subdivision 6; 116X.03, by adding subdivisions.

May 13, 2026

The Honorable Lisa M. Demuth
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

We, the undersigned conferees for H. F. No. 3426 report that we have agreed upon the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments and that H. F. No. 3426 be further amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the environment and natural resources trust fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this act mean that the appropriations listed under

them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

	APPROPRIATIONS Available for the Year Ending June 30	
	2026	**2027**
Sec. 2. **MINNESOTA RESOURCES.**		
Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation**	**$ -0-**	**$ 102,036,000**
This appropriation is from the environment and natural resources trust fund. The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.		
Subd. 2. **Definition**		
"Trust fund" means the Minnesota environment and natural resources trust fund established under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 14.		
Subd. 3. **Resiliency**	-0-	10,641,000
(a) **Community Resiliency through AmeriCorps**		
$3,312,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with ServeMinnesota to conduct environmental and natural resource management; outdoor recreation; and improvement, enhancement, or rehabilitation projects and to build community resiliency and capacity by recruiting, training, and deploying AmeriCorps members to local and Tribal agencies and nonprofit organizations.		
(b) **Preparing Resilient Communities with Model Land Use Ordinances**		
$468,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to:		

(1) develop and improve Minnesota-specific model land-use ordinances for sustainable and resilient development that help protect, conserve, preserve, and enhance the environment and natural resources; and

(2) work with local communities to adopt and apply the model ordinances to their needs and priorities.

(c) **Resilient and Biodiverse Community Spaces**

$612,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to partner with Great River Greening, Audubon Upper Mississippi River, and Metro Blooms to develop a planning guide, implement case studies, and provide technical assistance that helps local communities plan and create climate-resilient and biodiverse community spaces.

(d) **Northwoods and Waters Community Resilience Collaborative**

$1,220,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission, in partnership with the Headwaters Regional Development Commission and the Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership at the University of Minnesota, to work with and provide technical assistance to northeast and central Minnesota counties, Tribal Nations, and agencies to develop a regional climate resilience plan.

(e) **Protect Community Forests for Community Resiliency**

$2,603,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to reduce emerald ash borer impacts by providing canopy gap and planting assessments, trainings, technical assistance, and grants for communities to monitor and

manage emerald ash borer impacts, plant a diversity of trees, and engage citizens in community forestry activities.

(f) **Identifying Flooding Hazards on Mille Lacs Tribal Lands**

$800,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe to develop hydrologic and hydraulic models for the Big Sandy Lake and upper Rice River watersheds to map flood-prone areas, identify restrictive infrastructure that may contribute to flooding, and incorporate results into emergency preparedness plans. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(g) **Advancing Dehydration Technologies for Resilient Minnesota Food Systems**

$300,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to:

(1) assess opportunities and develop technology for solar dehydration and curing of produce that reduces climatic impact of food loss and waste; and

(2) develop and distribute findings to farmers, farming organizations, community partners, and other supply chain and market players in Minnesota.

(h) **Climate-Smart Counties and Communities: Collaborative Resiliency Solutions**

$827,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the Institute on the Environment to provide technical expertise and support to predominantly rural and small communities and counties across Minnesota to develop climate resiliency plans

and implement projects that enhance local resiliency.

(i) **Mahnomen Emerald Ash Borer Preparation Project**

$62,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the city of Mahnomen to remove and replace ash trees vulnerable to emerald ash borer and to create a more diverse and resilient tree canopy.

(j) **Sustainable Food Security, Ecosystem Restoration, and Indigenous Empowerment**

$437,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, Duluth, to combat food insecurity in Indigenous communities through community-driven agriculture, ecosystem restoration, improved local supply chains, and outreach and education. Notwithstanding subdivision 12, paragraph (e), this appropriation may be spent on green infrastructure and pollinator plantings on lands with a long-term commitment from the landowner.

Subd. 4. **Water**	-0-	17,014,000

(a) **Statewide Ecological Risk Estimates for Contaminants of Emerging Concern**

$175,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the University of St. Thomas to compile and analyze Minnesota's contaminant of emerging concern occurrence data for lakes and rivers to generate ecological risk estimates and publicly accessible and user-friendly dashboards that will support managing and restoring freshwater habitats.

(b) **Eliminating Phenolic Compounds from Water Using Enzyme Filter**

$300,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to evaluate enzymes and design an enzyme membrane filter to capture and eliminate harmful phenolic compounds from Minnesota's rivers and lakes.

(c) **Vadnais Lake: Nature-Based Recreation and Drinking Water Protection**

$2,842,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the city of Vadnais Heights to install water quality improvement ponds, recreational features, and educational signage near East Vadnais Lake to connect underserved community members with natural resources, protect drinking water, and promote water stewardship. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(d) **Almanac's Statewide Environment and Natural Resources Desk**

$632,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Twin Cities Public Television to establish Almanac's environment and natural resources desk that reports on environment and natural resources issues and solutions across the state and hosts community conversations that raise awareness and increase appreciation of Minnesota's air, water, land, and other natural resources.

(e) **Studying Dam Removal Feasibility for the Mississippi Gorge**

$923,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Friends of the Mississippi River to assess the feasibility, environmental benefits, river restoration potential, and costs of dam removal for the

Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam and Lock and Dam 1 in the Mississippi River gorge.

(f) **Protecting Minnesota's Waters from Plastic- and Rubber-Derived Chemicals**

$418,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to develop stormwater treatment strategies and recommendations to protect surface water and groundwater from pollutants leached from polymers, coatings, plastics, and tire rubbers by assessing pollutant sources, presence, and reactivity.

(g) **Public Toolbox to Forecast Toxic Cyanobacteria Blooms**

$509,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research Institute in Duluth to validate the concept of a field-deployable toolbox to proactively and rapidly detect harmful algal blooms and forecast associated toxin production, evaluate the feasibility of the integrated toolbox, and seek feedback from potential users to inform further refinement.

(h) **PFAS in Precipitation: Assessing a Critical Statewide Threat**

$910,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the Minnesota Sea Grant college program in Duluth to create a multiyear, multisite, foundational dataset of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in rain and snow and to investigate the processes and sources that influence PFAS levels in rain and snow to inform management and remediation efforts. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(i) **Assessment of Microplastic Pollution in Minnesota Karst Aquifers**

$458,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to determine the nature and extent of microplastic pollution in shallow karst aquifers, identify potential sources, and assess human and ecosystem health implications to inform mitigation and prevention strategies.

(j) **Ash Recovery and Recycling Center**

$1,177,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Otter Tail County to construct and equip a facility to store and recycle resource-recovery-generated ash as an alternative to landfilling.

(k) **PFAS and Microplastics: Potential Impacts of Environmental Co-Occurrence**

$721,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to analyze water, sediment, and fish for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and microplastics to determine whether co-occurrence has an impact on bioaccumulation in aquatic habitats.

(l) **Brookdale Park Shingle Creek Restoration and Access Improvements**

$409,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the city of Brooklyn Park to stabilize and enhance Shingle Creek through Brookdale Park and a portion of Palmer Lake Environmental Nature Area to improve wildlife passage and habitat, hydrologic function, water quality, and recreational opportunities through streambank and outfall stabilization, native plantings, and stream enhancements.

(m) **Determining Fracture Characteristics for Karst Groundwater Flow Modeling**

$375,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to develop and validate machine-learning software to identify complex fracture characteristics and improve predictions for groundwater flow and pollutant transport in Minnesota's karst aquifers.

(n) **Restoring Wild Rice Waters: Sulfate and Mercury Treatment**

$727,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the White Iron Chain of Lakes Association to test a biological sulfate reduction system to treat sulfate and sequester mercury to improve the health of wild rice waters and aquatic ecosystems in northern Minnesota. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, a fiscal agent for White Iron Chain of Lakes Association must be approved in the work plan.

(o) **Cheap Portable Sensor to Detect PFAS in Water**

$357,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to develop a cheap, accurate, and easy-to-use sensor to monitor per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in waterbodies and detect PFAS in drinking water.

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

$1,275,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey, to continue producing county geologic atlases to inform management of surface water and groundwater resources. This appropriation

is to complete Part A, which focuses on the properties and distribution of earth materials to define aquifer boundaries and the connection of aquifers to the land surface and surface water resources.

(q) **Mitigating Short-Chain Forever Chemicals Toward a PFAS-Free Minnesota**

$299,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to demonstrate, optimize, and provide an energy cost analysis of an enhanced plasma reactor to remove resistant short-chain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from wastewater and other point sources.

(r) **Anoka Rum River Dam Reconstruction and Modification Project**

$3,110,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the city of Anoka for predesign, engineering, and final design of improvements to the Anoka Rum River Dam to enhance dam safety, restore aquatic habitats, and expand recreational opportunities in the Rum River just upstream of its confluence with the Mississippi River.

(s) **Lake Superior River Watch**

$404,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College to revitalize the river watch program in the Lake Superior watershed by engaging students in water quality monitoring and analysis to support Minnesota's Lake Superior stewardship efforts.

(t) **Red Lake Nation Long-Term Continuous Monitoring Buoys**

$993,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources

for an agreement with the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians to procure, install, and collect real-time water quality data from long-term buoys on Upper and Lower Red Lakes and Lake of the Woods and to improve hazardous algal bloom forecasts. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2031, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

Subd. 5. **Education and Outdoor Recreation**	-0-	36,554,000

(a) **Greater Minnesota Children's Museum Coalition Nature Play Curriculum**

$300,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota to collaborate with other greater Minnesota children's museums to standardize and enhance existing curriculum and implement nature-based programming that engages children and fosters environmental stewardship, awareness of natural resources, and sustainability. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, a fiscal management plan must be approved in the work plan, unless otherwise determined by the commissioner.

(b) **Cultivate, Connect, and Train Minnesota's Young Conservation Scientists**

$538,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum to expand a conservation science program that trains teachers and engages students in immersive research experiments and collaborative activities that build their scientific knowledge, skills, and interest and their appreciation for Minnesota's natural heritage.

(c) **Native Fish Exhibits Transforming Aquatic Education in Minnesota**

$299,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Headwaters Science Center to design and construct interactive, year-round exhibits and conduct educational programming featuring native fish species that increase the public's understanding, awareness, and stewardship of northern Minnesota's vital lake resources.

(d) **Inspiring and Connecting the Next Generations with Nature**

$3,085,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the YMCA of the North to increase access for Minnesota youth to outdoor camp and environmental learning experiences through scholarships, transportation assistance, and free equipment rentals.

(e) **River Bend Nature Center's Inclusive Interpretive Plan Implementation**

$293,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the River Bend Nature Center to design and install interactive multilingual interpretive and educational exhibits that provide culturally relevant and accessible information on the environment and natural resources and increase accessibility to nature for multilingual, blind, and deaf communities.

(f) **Fostering Environmental Stewardship Through Art**

$298,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Watermark Art Center, in partnership with the Headwaters Science Center, to engage underserved youth in northern Minnesota in art-related experiences, with regional artists and culture bearers, that integrate art and science to deliver culturally relevant hands-on

environmental learning experiences. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, a fiscal management plan must be approved in the work plan, unless otherwise determined by the commissioner.

(g) **Increasing Pollinator Conservation Action Through Education and Engagement**

$501,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to:

(1) train volunteers and beekeepers to become pollinator ambassadors that lead educational events and increase native pollinator conservation awareness and the adoption of pollinator conservation practices; and

(2) train volunteers to collect data on bumblebee nests and develop recommendations for conserving bumblebee nesting habitat.

(h) **Flyway Fellows: Engaging Teachers in Bird Migration Education**

$362,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to train teachers in bird monitoring practices and support them in engaging students in scientific research that advances Mississippi Flyway conservation efforts.

(i) **Minnesota Community Schoolyards**

$1,343,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Trust for Public Land to engage students and communities in the creation of nature-focused habitat improvements at schoolyards across the state to encourage environmental stewardship and outdoor learning.

(j) **Bringing Environmental Education and Outdoor Recreation to K-12 Schools**

$192,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center to deliver hands-on environmental education and outdoor recreation learning experiences directly to K-12 school classrooms and students through programs at participating schools. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, a fiscal management plan must be approved in the work plan, unless otherwise determined by the commissioner.

(k) **Improving Trail Accessibility for Minnesotans at Osprey Wilds**

$25,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center to improve trails and install directional and interpretive signage on hiking and cross-country ski trails at the center's campus. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, a fiscal management plan must be approved in the work plan, unless otherwise determined by the commissioner.

(l) **Duluth Traverse Accessibility and Sustainability Improvements**

$85,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Cyclists of Gitchee Gumee Shores to rehabilitate a section of the Duluth Traverse Trail to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities, improve accessibility, reduce erosion, and improve water quality.

(m) **Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Extension**

$1,244,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources

for an agreement with Washington County to acquire easements for, design, and construct a new section of the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail to fill a gap in a regional trail network near a planned connection of regional trails across three counties.

(n) **College-School Collaboration to Restore Campuses and Activate Stewardship**

$199,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Minnesota State University, Mankato, to build partnerships among natural resource professionals, colleges, and secondary schools in southern Minnesota and expose youth to outdoor experiences, environmental issues, and natural resource career paths through internships, field trips, and environmental projects.

(o) **Urban Farming Education to Increase Urban Environmental Stewardship**

$300,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute to (1) design and deliver workshops and youth apprenticeship opportunities related to land and water stewardship and urban farming to reconnect residents to the land and water and foster interest in environmental careers; and (2) conduct soil testing at an urban farming demonstration site. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, a fiscal management plan must be approved in the work plan, unless otherwise determined by the commissioner.

(p) **A State Trail System for 21st-Century Minnesota**

$623,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources

for an agreement with the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota to increase participation in outdoor recreation and use of Minnesota's trails by nontraditional users through active adult education programming and community engagement.

(q) **Mississippi River Water Trail Access in Dayton**

$464,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Three Rivers Park District to develop public access to the Mississippi River in Dayton by designing and constructing recreational amenities, including a nonmotorized boat launch and staging area, paved trail connection, and parking.

(r) **YES! Connects Students to Outdoors for Youth-Led Sustainability**

$199,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center to empower Minnesota youth to lead sustainability projects and expose them to environmental and natural resource career opportunities through hands-on environmental education, natural resource-based recreation, and partnerships with local schools and communities.

(s) **Sharing Minnesota's Greatest Environmental Investment - Phase 2**

$623,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota, in coordination with the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), to increase public access to the results of LCCMR-recommended projects, including through an enhanced and expanded online interactive story map, in-depth videos, and public events.

(t) **Diversifying Nature Education Access**

$438,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department to provide culturally relevant and inclusive environmental education programming, including nature center outreach and events, Indigenous-led nature programming, and interpretive nature signage designed by Indigenous artists and educators. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(u) **Lebanon Hills Regional Park Natural Resources Restoration and Sustainable Trails Improvements**

$2,126,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Dakota County to reconstruct heavily eroded trails, decommission trails in highly sensitive natural areas, construct new trail connections, and restore land at Lebanon Hills Regional Park to reduce user conflicts, create a more sustainable and functional trail system, and improve habitat for pollinators and wildlife.

(v) **Minnesota State Trails Development**

$4,943,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to expand recreational opportunities on Minnesota state trails by rehabilitating and enhancing existing state trails and replacing or repairing existing state trail bridges. High-priority trail bridges to be repaired or replaced under this appropriation include but are not limited to the Minnesota River State Trail Bridge. High-priority trail segments to be rehabilitated and enhanced include but are not limited to the Glacial Lakes State Trail and the Minnesota Valley State Trail. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030,

by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(w) **Tettegouche State Park Entrance Bridge Replacement**

$3,674,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to replace the Baptism River Bridge in Tettegouche State Park and ensure ongoing accessibility for Minnesotans to recreational opportunities in areas of the park accessed by the bridge. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(x) **Expanding Adaptive Outdoor Recreation Opportunities Around the Boundary Waters Canoe Area**

$996,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Adaptive Wilderness Within Reach to remove barriers and promote access to the Boundary Waters region for individuals with physical disabilities through adaptive wilderness experiences, adaptive equipment purchases, and trail accessibility improvements. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, a fiscal agent for Adaptive Wilderness Within Reach must be approved in the work plan. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(y) **Engaging Saint Paul Youth in Meaningful Restoration Work**

$300,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Urban Roots MN to engage underserved youth in paid job training internships and educational programming centered around environmental stewardship, natural resource conservation, and outdoor recreation.

(z) **Expanding and Enhancing Environmental Education Through Partnerships**

$550,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Belwin Conservancy to expand environmental education and partner with schools and Indigenous organizations to provide students with hands-on, standards-aligned, and culturally relevant science and nature programs.

(aa) **Greater Fountain Lake Aquatic and Trail Accessibility Enhancements**

$1,162,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Shell Rock River Watershed District to design and construct pedestrian paths, crossings, bridges, and recreational features that improve public access to fishing, canoeing, kayaking, and public green space located along the Shell Rock River Channel in the city of Albert Lea.

(bb) **Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant Programs**

$3,833,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to solicit and rank applications and fund competitive matching grants for local parks, trail connections, and natural and scenic areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019. This appropriation is for local nature-based recreation, connections to regional and state natural areas, and recreation facilities and may not be used for athletic facilities, such as sport fields, courts, or playgrounds.

(cc) **Lake Marion Greenway: Ritter Farm Park to Dodd Boulevard**

$1,797,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the city of Lakeville

to construct new trails and pedestrian crossings, improve existing trails and trailhead facilities, and install interpretive and wayfinding signage as part of the Lake Marion Greenway.

(dd) **Restored Bluff and Trail at Owámniyomni**

$2,385,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Owámniyomni Okhódayapi to design, engineer, and construct an ADA accessible pedestrian-only trail and restore the vegetated limestone bluff landscape.

(ee) **Minnesota Water Education for Grades K-5**

$295,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota to provide educational programming on water science and conservation to underserved schools in Minnesota.

(ff) **Outdoor Learning Center and Trails**

$250,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Cook County Public Schools to improve and expand access to the outdoor environment and provide spaces for exploration and education through accessible trails, outdoor classrooms, shelter, and seating for students in Cook County public schools. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, a fiscal management plan must be approved in the work plan, unless otherwise determined by the commissioner.

(gg) **Facility Outdoor Improvements**

$180,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Veterans on the Lake to upgrade outdoor recreation facilities at Veterans on the Lake Resort on Fall Lake, including the construction of an accessible

fishing pier and an accessible fish-cleaning house, to improve access to the wilderness and outdoor recreation for disabled American veterans. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, approval of the proposed improvements and conditions of funding by the property owner must be demonstrated. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, a fiscal agent for Veterans on the Lake must be approved in the work plan.

(hh) **Classrooms to Careers: Expanding Environmental STEM Pathways**

$763,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota to provide hands-on research experiences and mentorship for high school youth and professional development for high school teachers to strengthen environmental STEM education and expose students to STEM career opportunities.

(ii) **Outdoor Learning Professional Development for Educators and Administrators**

$323,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center to train, mentor, and provide professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators to enable them to implement innovative, locally focused outdoor learning at their schools. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, a fiscal management plan must be approved in the work plan, unless otherwise determined by the commissioner.

(jj) **Emerging Conservation Leaders: Expanding the Network**

$786,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc., to

introduce metro area youth to the outdoors and conservation professions through apprenticeships, internships, and youth environmental programming. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(kk) **Lakewood Elementary School Trail Renewal and Community Engagement**

$288,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Duluth Public Schools to improve the Lakewood School Forest Trail and carry out erosion stabilization and restoration activities along the trail at Lakewood Elementary to ensure continued opportunities for safe outdoor education and community usage. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, a fiscal management plan must be approved in the work plan, unless otherwise determined by the commissioner.

(ll) **Explore Minnesota with COPAL**

$392,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Accion Latina (COPAL) to expand community partnerships, provide environmentally focused programming and outreach focused on Latine and BIPOC communities, support youth environmental and outdoor leadership and engagement, and conduct an evaluation on the accessibility and inclusivity of Minnesota public lands.

(mm) **Expanding Community Boat Building and Outdoor Experiences**

$100,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Urban Boatbuilders to engage youth in hands-on woodworking experiences designing and constructing

longboards, canoes, kayaks, and paddles that help develop technical, career-readiness, and leadership skills. Before costs for this appropriation are incurred, a fiscal management plan must be approved in the work plan, unless otherwise determined by the commissioner.

Subd. 6. **Fish and Wildlife**	-0-	18,750,000

(a) **Which Cisco are Strongest? Identifying Healthy Populations**

$674,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to:

(1) determine if certain cisco populations are better suited for Minnesota lakes experiencing higher temperatures and lower oxygen levels due to climate change; and

(2) create a habitat suitability map for different cisco populations under different climate scenarios to guide management decisions.

(b) **Mapping Leech Lake Vegetation: A Closer Look**

$478,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to:

(1) survey aquatic vegetation and cultural uses of Leech Lake resources to understand changes over time and to guide future management; and

(2) conduct public engagement, update aquatic vegetation inventories, and use genetics to distinguish between native and invasive plant species.

(c) **Salvaged Wildlife to Inform Environmental Health, Ecology, and Education - Phase 2**

$673,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, Bell Museum, to expand and support the statewide Salvage Wildlife network, prepare deceased wildlife as museum-quality specimens, and build biodiversity resources for research, education, and conservation of Minnesota's wildlife.

(d) **Partnership for Resilient Landscapes**

$2,638,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, Inc. to collaborate with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Services, Board of Water and Soil Resources, and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to accelerate adoption of voluntary conservation practices on working lands in Minnesota by increasing technical assistance to farmers and landowners while also attracting federal matching funds.

(e) **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza's Impacts on Minnesota Raptors**

$298,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the Raptor Center, in partnership with Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory, to continue to evaluate Minnesota raptors for current or past infections with highly pathogenic avian influenza virus to better understand disease transmission and outbreak impacts on raptor populations.

(f) **United in Responding to CWD in Minnesota**

$2,200,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the College of Veterinary Medicine to:

(1) study the environmental persistence and transportation of chronic wasting disease (CWD) prions and the risk factors for CWD outbreaks in deer populations; and

(2) advance antemortem testing for early detection of CWD in Minnesota, support Tribal and state surveillance efforts, and provide education about the public's role in CWD management.

(g) **Survival and Movement of Deer in Minnesota's Prairie and Transition Zones**

$1,000,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to GPS-collar and monitor deer to examine survival, causes of mortality, predator impacts, seasonal movements, and habitat selection in the state's northwest and central permit zones to determine deer herd health and inform harvest regulations and future CWD management. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2031, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(h) **Uniting Minnesota's Insect Record**

$932,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, Bell Museum, to develop the first comprehensive list of Minnesota insect species, consolidate Bell Museum and other state insect collections, and integrate specimen records of statewide natural history collections with the Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas.

(i) **Lake Sturgeon Restoration at Great Lakes Aquarium**

$500,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Lake Superior Authority to create a new lake-sturgeon-rearing program and educational grow-out exhibit at the Great

Lakes Aquarium to advance restoration of lake sturgeon to the St. Louis River. Net income generated as part of this appropriation may be reinvested in the project if a plan for reinvestment is approved in the work plan as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

(j) **Wolf Monitoring on the Leech Lake Reservation**

$295,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to monitor and assess wolf population dynamics and update a wolf management plan to guide collaboration with other natural resource agencies for the long-term survival of wolves on the Leech Lake Reservation.

(k) **Erosion Investigation of Pine and Curry Island SNA**

$539,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Lake of the Woods County to:

(1) collect data, run models, and assess design alternatives to stabilize the shoreline, restore habitat, and improve water quality at Pine and Curry Island Scientific and Natural Area; and

(2) summarize the data, evaluations, and final recommendations into a public report.

(l) **Building a Future for Minnesota's At-Risk Butterflies**

$294,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Minnesota Zoological Board to develop husbandry protocols for the Pawnee Skipper, identify conservation strategies for other at-risk butterfly species, and determine thresholds for taking action to inform conservation planning.

(m) **Advancing Bison Recovery and Stewardship Through Statewide Partnership**

$658,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Minnesota Zoological Board to advance conservation of bison in Minnesota by coordinating and implementing the priorities of the multiagency Minnesota Bison Collaborative, including monitoring herd genetics and health, assessing potential reintroduction sites, and developing an educational framework and tools.

(n) **Identifying Climate-Resilient Fisheries to Guide Minnesota Lake Management**

$643,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to assess factors supporting multispecies resilience to climate change, identify bright spots where fisheries are thriving despite environmental change, and develop decision options within the Resist-Accept-Direct framework for fisheries management.

(o) **Supporting Implementation of Large-Scale Moose Habitat Management**

$1,054,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to:

(1) coordinate delivery of the moose habitat implementation plan that was created to overcome challenges to large-scale moose habitat management across diverse land ownerships among multiple partners; and

(2) provide education, communication, and outreach to address specific implementation challenges and to establish and execute a monitoring plan to evaluate implementation success.

(p) **Evaluating Forward-Facing Sonar Impacts on Minnesota Fish**

$676,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to evaluate the impact of forward-facing sonar on angler catch rates and fish mortality across multiple species and lake types to inform sustainable management of Minnesota freshwater fish populations.

(q) **Incidence of Avian Influenza in Minnesota Forest Birds**

$234,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, Duluth, to augment wild bird surveys in northern Minnesota with sampling for present and past infections with avian influenza and coinfection with Haemosporidian parasites to identify at-risk bird species and quantify trends in avian influenza prevalence over time.

(r) **Regarding Native Fish: Outreach, Engagement, and Citizen Science**

$270,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to advance conservation of native fish in Minnesota by collecting field data on native rough fish ecology and population dynamics, engaging a citizen-scientist angler network, and providing education and outreach on the importance of native rough fish as prioritized in the Department of Natural Resources' 2023 Native Fish Report.

(s) **Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center - Phase 8**

$4,694,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center, to fund high-priority research projects to better manage invasive plants, pathogens, and pests on Minnesota's natural and agricultural lands. This appropriation is available until June 30,

2032, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

Subd. 7. **Energy**	-0-	773,000

(a) **Minnesota Chiller Energy Efficiency and Onsite Energy Generation**

$298,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program to decrease carbon emissions through technical assistance to reduce energy use in industrial and commercial chiller systems and identify onsite energy solutions that promote decarbonization and resilience.

(b) **Novel Piezoelectric Energy Converters for Minnesota Waters**

$475,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory to model and evaluate the viability of an innovative renewable energy approach using an underwater piezoelectric filament canopy to sustainably harness the untapped wave energy resources of Lake Superior and similar regions.

Subd. 8. **Land**	-0-	17,964,000

(a) **Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Restoration**

$392,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Carver County to:

(1) restore critical habitat at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park consistent with the park natural resources management plan; and

(2) collect data to evaluate restoration success and guide adaptive management.

(b) **Adopt a Flyway: Enhancing Minnesota's Migratory Bird Pitstops**

$840,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Audubon Upper Mississippi River to pilot an adopt-a-flyway program to incentivize habitat restoration and enhancement of Minnesota's Mississippi Flyway to support the full life cycles of native birds. Notwithstanding subdivision 12, paragraph (e), restoration efforts may be undertaken on private lands if a long-term agreement is secured to protect and maintain the restored area as approved in the work plan and money is committed to monitor that agreement. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(c) **Utilizing Wood Waste and Biochar for Mine Land Reclamation**

$358,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research Institute in Duluth to:

(1) evaluate water infiltration, pollutant removal, and plant growth in mine land soils amended with wood waste and biochar; and

(2) estimate the ecosystem and climate benefits of using wood waste and biochar soil mixes for mine land reclamation in Minnesota and disseminate project results to stakeholders.

(d) **Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Curriculum Development and Pilot**

$454,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to design and pilot a Minnesota certified prescribed burn manager program to increase capacity for nonagency stewardship of privately owned and fire-dependent native grasslands and forests across Minnesota. Net income generated as part of this appropriation may

be reinvested in the project if a plan for reinvestment is approved in the work plan as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

(e) **Updating Land Cover Maps for Enhanced Natural Systems**

$298,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to produce high-resolution land cover maps using new LiDAR and aerial imagery to support conservation, water management, climate resilience, and planning in Minnesota's largest population centers.

(f) **Pollinator Central V: Habitat Improvement with Public Engagement**

$750,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Great River Greening to partner with municipalities to create and enhance pollinator habitat along public corridors from Mankato to Little Falls and engage communities with native pollinator education and natural resources stewardship. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(g) **Evaluating Soil Health Benefits of Controlled Agricultural Drainage**

$249,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Minnesota State University, Mankato, to study the impact of controlled tile drainage on soil health and conduct outreach and education on the potential environmental and economic benefits of controlled tile drainage.

(h) **Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes**

$1,944,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Water and Soil

Resources, in partnership with the Xerces Society, to pilot a program to provide grants and other agreements, conservation plans, seed mixes, and other technical resources to restore and enhance oak savannas and supporting tallgrass prairies and woodlands on public and protected conservation lands in Minnesota's Eastern Broadleaf Forest Province. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2031, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(i) **Metropolitan Regional Parks System Land Acquisition - Phase 9**

$2,414,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Metropolitan Council for grants to acquire land with high-quality natural resources or natural resources restoration potential for the metropolitan regional parks system. This appropriation must be matched by an equal amount from a combination of Metropolitan Council and local agency money. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(j) **SNA Habitat Enhancement, Public Engagement, and Biodiversity Protection**

$3,996,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to restore and enhance habitat on scientific and natural areas (SNAs), increase public involvement and outreach, and strategically acquire lands that meet criteria for SNAs under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, from willing sellers. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(k) **Lake Brophy Park Trail Armoring and Trail Improvements**

$70,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Douglas County to design and construct enhancements to existing single-track trails at Lake Brophy Park.

(l) **Sustainable Land Use with Robotic Technology on Small Farms**

$524,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to collaborate with the Hmong American Farmers Association to design and test new robotic technologies to assist with sustainable agricultural practices on small farms.

(m) **Managing Minnesota's Forests for Carbon: Tradeoffs and Synergies**

$300,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to identify tradeoffs and synergies between managing forests for carbon credits and managing forests for other purposes, including wildlife and timber production.

(n) **Native Prairie Bank - Private Native Prairie Conservation and Outreach**

$1,758,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to provide technical stewardship assistance to prairie landowners, restore and enhance native prairie protected by easements in the native prairie bank, and acquire easements for the native prairie bank in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, including preparing initial baseline property assessments. Up to $75,000 of this appropriation may be deposited in the natural resources conservation easement stewardship account created under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.69, proportional to the number of easements acquired. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time

the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(o) **Alleviating PFAS Impacts of Biosolids on Agricultural Lands**

$300,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to evaluate the impacts of biosolids containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on farmland microbial health and explore an alternative cost-effective biotreatment to remove PFAS from agricultural fields.

(p) **Southeast Minnesota Groundwater Protection and Soil Health Initiative**

$2,817,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Olmsted County to provide results-based incentives, technical assistance, and educational tools to increase implementation of soil health practices on agricultural fields to prevent nitrate leaching to groundwater in karst regions of southeast Minnesota. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

(q) **Living with Fire in Minnesota Forests**

$500,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in partnership with Dovetail Partners, to accelerate prescribed burning by educating private landowners, coordinating management, and conducting prescribed burns on public and Tribal lands to restore Minnesota's forestlands.

Subd. 9. **Administration**	-0-	340,000

$340,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources, at the direction of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on

Minnesota Resources, for expenses incurred in preparing and administering contracts, including for the agreements specified in this section.

Subd. 10. **Availability of appropriations**

Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the work plan approved by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. Money appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Costs that are directly related to and necessary for an appropriation, including financial services, human resources, information services, rent, and utilities, are eligible only if the costs can be clearly justified and individually documented specific to the appropriation's purpose and would not be generated by the recipient but for receipt of the appropriation. No broad allocations for costs in either dollars or percentages are allowed. Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in this section are available for three years beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029, when projects must be completed and final products delivered. For acquisition of real property, the appropriations in this section are available for an additional fiscal year if a binding contract for acquisition of the real property is entered into before the expiration date of the appropriation. If a project receives a federal award, the period of the appropriation is extended to equal the federal award period to a maximum trust fund appropriation length of six years.

Subd. 11. **Data availability requirements**

Data collected by the projects funded under this section must conform to guidelines and standards adopted by Minnesota IT Services.

Spatial data must also conform to additional guidelines and standards designed to support data coordination and distribution that have been published by the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office. Descriptions of spatial data must be prepared as specified in the state's geographic metadata guidelines, and final data must be uploaded to the Minnesota Geospatial Commons upon project completion. All data must be accessible and free to the public unless made private under the Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13. To the extent practicable, summary data and results of projects funded under this section should be readily accessible on the Internet and identified as having received funding from the environment and natural resources trust fund.

Subd. 12. **Project requirements**

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

(b) A recipient of money appropriated in this section that conducts a restoration using money appropriated in this section must use native plant species according to the Board of Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation establishment and enhancement guidelines and include an appropriate diversity of native species selected to provide habitat for pollinators throughout the growing

season as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.973.

(c) For all restorations conducted with money appropriated under this section, a recipient must prepare an ecological restoration and management plan that, to the degree practicable, is consistent with the highest-quality conservation and ecological goals for the restoration site. Consideration should be given to soil, geology, topography, and other relevant factors that would provide the best chance for long-term success and durability of the restoration project. The plan must include the proposed timetable for implementing the restoration, including site preparation, establishment of diverse plant species, maintenance, and additional enhancement to establish the restoration; identify long-term maintenance and management needs of the restoration and how the maintenance, management, and enhancement will be financed; and take advantage of the best-available science and include innovative techniques to achieve the best restoration.

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

(e) All restoration and enhancement projects funded with money appropriated in this

section must be on land permanently protected by a conservation easement or public ownership.

(f) A recipient of money from an appropriation under this section must give consideration to contracting with Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa for contract restoration and enhancement services.

(g) All conservation easements acquired with money appropriated under this section must:

(1) be permanent;

(2) specify the parties to the easement in the easement document;

(3) specify all provisions of an agreement that are permanent;

(4) be sent to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources in an electronic format at least 20 business days before closing;

(5) include a long-term monitoring and enforcement plan and funding for monitoring and enforcing the easement agreement; and

(6) include requirements in the easement document to protect the quantity and quality of groundwater and surface water through specific activities, such as keeping water on the landscape, reducing nutrient and contaminant loading, and not permitting artificial hydrological modifications.

(h) For any acquisition of lands or interest in lands, a recipient of money appropriated under this section must not agree to pay more than 100 percent of the appraised value for a parcel of land using this money to complete the purchase, in part or in whole, except that up to ten percent above the appraised value may be allowed to complete the purchase, in part or in whole, using this money if permission is received in advance of the

purchase from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

(i) For any acquisition of land or interest in land for environmental and natural resources conservation purposes, a recipient of money appropriated under this section must give priority to minimally disturbed lands that provide the greatest capacity for multiple conservation benefits to humans, fish, wildlife, and water resources.

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

(k) To ensure public accountability for using public money, a recipient of money appropriated under this section must, within 60 days of a land acquisition, provide to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources documentation of the selection process used to identify parcels acquired and provide documentation of all related transaction costs, including but not limited to appraisals, legal fees, recording fees, commissions, other similar costs, and donations. This information must be provided for all parties involved in the transaction. The recipient must also report to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources any difference between the acquisition amount paid to the seller and the state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal, if a state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal was conducted.

(l) A recipient of an appropriation from the trust fund under this section must acknowledge financial support from the environment and natural resources trust fund in project publications, signage, and other

public communications and outreach related to work completed using the appropriation. Acknowledgment may occur, as appropriate, through use of the trust fund logo or inclusion of language attributing support from the trust fund. Each direct recipient of money appropriated in this section, as well as each recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this section, must satisfy all reporting and other requirements incumbent upon constitutionally dedicated funding recipients as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10, and chapter 116P.

(m) A recipient of an appropriation from the trust fund under this section that is receiving funding to conduct children's services, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.61, subdivision 7, must certify to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources, as part of the required work plan, that criminal background checks for background check crimes, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.61, subdivision 2, are performed on all employees, contractors, and volunteers that have or may have access to a child to whom the recipient provides children's services using the appropriation.

Subd. 13. **Payment conditions and capital equipment expenditures**

(a) All agreements, grants, or contracts referred to in this section must be administered on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise provided in this section. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41, expenditures made on or after July 1, 2026, or the date the work plan is approved, whichever is later, are eligible for reimbursement unless otherwise provided in this section. Periodic payments must be made upon receiving documentation that the deliverable items articulated in the approved work plan have been achieved, including partial achievements as evidenced by approved progress reports. Reasonable

amounts may be advanced to projects to accommodate cash-flow needs or match federal money. The advances must be approved as part of the work plan. No expenditures for capital equipment are allowed unless expressly authorized in the project work plan.

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

Subd. 14. **Purchasing recycled and recyclable materials**

A political subdivision, public or private corporation, or other entity that receives an appropriation under this section must use the appropriation in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.0725, regarding purchasing recycled, repairable, and durable materials, and Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.073, regarding purchasing and using paper stock and printing.

Subd. 15. **Accessibility**

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

Subd. 16. **Carryforward; extensions**

(a) The availability of the appropriations for the following projects is extended to June 30, 2027:

(1) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 6, paragraph (e), Emerald Ash Borer and Black Ash: Maintaining Forests and Benefits;

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

(3) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2, subdivision 10, paragraph (e), Conservation Reserve Program State Incentives;

(4) Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (f), Statewide Forest Carbon Inventory and Change Mapping;

(5) Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (p), Old Growth Forest Monitoring;

(6) Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (r), Community Response Monitoring for Adaptive Management in Southeast Minnesota;

(7) Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 2, subdivision 7, paragraph (c), Completing Installment of the Minnesota Ecological Monitoring Network;

(8) Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 2, subdivision 8, paragraph (e), Minnesota Million: Seedlings for Reforestation and CO_2 Sequestration;

(9) Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 2, subdivision 8, paragraph (q), Statewide Diversion of Furniture and Mattress Waste Pilots; and

(10) Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 2, subdivision 10, paragraph (b), Emerging Issues.

(b) The availability of the appropriation under Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 2, subdivision 9, paragraph (e), Minnesota State Trails Development, is extended to June 30, 2028.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116P.08, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Legislative recommendations.** (a) Funding may be provided only for those projects that meet the categories established in subdivision 1.

(b) The commission must recommend an annual or biennial legislative bill to make appropriations from the trust fund for the purposes provided in subdivision 1. The recommendations must be submitted to the governor for inclusion in the biennial budget and supplemental budget submitted to the legislature.

(c) The commission may recommend regional block grants for a portion of trust fund expenditures to partner with existing regional organizations that have strong citizen involvement, to address unique local needs and capacity, and to leverage all available funding sources for projects.

~~(d) The commission may recommend the establishment of an emerging issues account in its legislative bill for funding emerging issues, which come up unexpectedly, but which still adhere to the commission's strategic plan, to be approved by the governor after initiation and recommendation by the commission.~~

~~(e)~~ (d) Money in the trust fund may not be spent except under an appropriation by law.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116P.08, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. **Emerging issues account.** (a) The commission may recommend the establishment of an emerging issues account in its legislative bill for funding emerging issues, which come up unexpectedly but still adhere to the commission's strategic plan.

(b) Money in the emerging issues account may only be spent on activities that meet all of the following requirements:

(1) address an immediate threat to public health, the environment, or the state's natural resources; and

(2) are conducted by a state agency or performed under a contract directed by a state agency.

(c) Money in the emerging issues account may not be spent on:

(1) a project that was previously reviewed and rejected by the commission during the most recently completed funding cycle or included in a bill introduced during either of the last two regular legislative sessions; or

(2) a capital construction project.

(d) Except as provided under section 116P.09, subdivision 6, paragraph (b), recommendations by the commission for an expenditure from the emerging issues account require an affirmative vote of at least 12 members of the commission. An expenditure from the emerging issues account must be approved by the governor after initiation and recommendation by the commission. The chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources must be notified of an expenditure sent to the governor for approval.

(e) A recipient of money from the emerging issues account must submit a final report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources detailing the expenditure of the money and outcomes achieved.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116P.09, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Conflict of interest.** (a) A commission member, a technical advisory committee member, a peer reviewer, or an employee of the commission may not participate in or vote on a decision of the commission, advisory committee, or peer review relating to an organization in which the member, peer reviewer, or employee has either a direct or indirect personal financial interest.

While serving on the commission or technical advisory committee or as a peer reviewer or while an employee of the commission, a person must avoid any potential conflict of interest.

(b) A commission member may not vote on a motion regarding the purchase of land under section 116P.18 ~~or~~; the final recommendations of the commission required under section 116P.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (a)~~,~~; or the expenditure of money from the emerging issues account if the motion relates to an organization in which the member has a direct personal financial interest. If a commission member is prohibited from voting under this paragraph, the number of affirmative votes required under section 116P.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), or section 116P.18 is reduced by the number of members ineligible to vote under this paragraph.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116X.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. **Grant awards; maximum amounts.** (a) A grant awarded under this section may not exceed:

(1) $2,000,000, if the grant is for trail maintenance; or

(2) $750,000, if the grant is for a purpose other than trail maintenance.

(b) The commissioner must award grants under this section in each fiscal year for more than one purpose under subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

(c) Paragraph (a), clause (1), is a limitation on the total amount of money that can be awarded in a single grant cycle under this section to a grantee for work on the same trail.

(d) This subdivision expires June 30, 2028.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116X.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3a. **Staff training requirements.** All Department of Natural Resources staff who are assigned grants management responsibilities for grants awarded under this section must complete annual training on financial reconciliation and fraud prevention in addition to the training required under section 16B.98, subdivision 6a.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116X.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3b. **Grants monitoring.** The commissioner must conduct at least one in-person unannounced monitoring visit before final payment is made on all grants awarded under this section that are for an amount of $50,000 or more. For grant amounts under $50,000, the commissioner must select a sample from the grants awarded each year and conduct at least one unannounced monitoring visit on the selected grants before final payment is made.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116X.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3c. **Small grant administration requirements.** (a) The commissioner must conduct a preaward risk assessment under section 16B.981 for a grant awarded under this section that is for an amount less than $50,000.

(b) The commissioner must conduct a financial reconciliation of grantees' expenditures on a sample of grants under $50,000 before final payments are made.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116X.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. **Advance payment.** (a) Except as provided under paragraph (b), a grant awarded under this section must be administered on a reimbursement basis.

(b) The commissioner may provide an advance payment to a recipient of a grant administered under this section if:

(1) the recipient has obtained a surety bond in an amount and in a form approved by the commissioner; or

(2) a fiscal agent has been designated and approved by the commissioner under paragraph (c).

(c) The commissioner may designate and approve a fiscal agent for purposes of this subdivision if the fiscal agent is subject to the requirements under sections 16B.97 to 16B.991.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116X.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5a. **Grant recipient reporting.** A recipient of a grant awarded under this section must submit a quarterly written progress report on the grant to the commissioner in a form and manner approved by the commissioner until all grant funds have been expended and all of the terms in the grant contract agreement have been met.

Sec. 12. **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION.**

(a) $28,180,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the environment and natural resources trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 116X.03, allocated as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 116X.03, subdivision 1.

(b) This is a onetime appropriation. Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, does not apply to this appropriation or to projects funded with this appropriation. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030.

Sec. 13. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116P.17, is repealed.

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

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money from environment and natural resources trust fund; extending certain prior appropriations; modifying provisions on expenditures from environment and natural resources trust fund; modifying requirements for community grants program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116P.08, subdivision 4,

by adding a subdivision; 116P.09, subdivision 6; 116X.03, by adding subdivisions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116P.17."

We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

House Conferees: Sydney Jordan, Peter Fischer, Josh Heintzeman, John Burkel

Senate Conferees: Foung Hawj, Jennifer McEwen, Mary Kunesh

Senator Hawj moved that the foregoing recommendations and Conference Committee Report on H.F. No. 3426 be now adopted, and that the bill be repassed as amended by the Conference Committee. The motion prevailed. So the recommendations and Conference Committee Report were adopted.

H.F. No. 3426 was read the third time, as amended by the Conference Committee, and placed on its repassage.

The question was taken on the repassage of the bill, as amended by the Conference Committee.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 46 and nays 19, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Fateh	Klein	Miller	Rest
Boldon	Frentz	Kreun	Mohamed	Seeberger
Carlson	Gustafson	Kunesh	Murphy	Westlin
Champion	Hauschild	Kupec	Nelson	Westrom
Clark	Hawj	Lang	Oumou Verbeten	Wiklund
Coleman	Heintzeman	Latz	Pappas	Xiong
Cwodzinski	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Mann	Pha	
Dibble	Housley	Marty	Port	
Dornink	Jasinski	Maye Quade	Pratt	
Farnsworth	Johnson Stewart	McEwen	Putnam	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Boldon cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Carlson, Clark, Cwodzinski, Fateh, Kunesh, Latz, Mohamed, Oumou Verbeten, Port, Putnam, Rest, Wiklund, and Xiong.

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Abeler and Coleman.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Bahr	Green	Johnson	Lucero	Utke
Dahms	Gruenhagen	Koran	Mathews	Weber
Draheim	Holmstrom	Lieske	Rarick	Wesenberg
Drazkowski	Howe	Limmer	Rasmusson	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Jasinski cast the negative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Lieske and Weber.

So the bill, as amended by the Conference Committee, was repassed and its title was agreed to.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

Senator Murphy moved that H.F. No. 3067 be taken from the table, given a second reading, and placed on General Orders. The motion prevailed.

H.F. No. 3067: A bill for an act relating to education; clarifying paraprofessional qualifications; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 121A.642, subdivision 4.

H.F. No. 3067 was read the second time.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senator Duckworth was excused from the Session of today from 11:30 to 11:55 a.m. and at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Murphy moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2026. The motion prevailed.

Thomas S. Bottern, Secretary of the Senate