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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds;
1.3 appropriating money to improve ditch systems and waterways in the Lake Titlow
1.4 watershed.

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

1.6 Section 1. **LAKE TITLOW WATERSHED IMPROVEMENTS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation; holding ponds.** \$150,000 is appropriated from the
1.8 bond proceeds fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a grant to the city of
1.9 Gaylord to predesign and design holding ponds upstream from Lake Titlow. The design
1.10 must include the best location for the ponds, an estimate of the cost of land acquisition
1.11 or easements, construction costs of the holding ponds, and the estimated expense of
1.12 maintaining the structures and who will be responsible for the expense. The city must
1.13 also coordinate with state and county conservation officials to ensure correct conservation
1.14 practices and improvements in the watershed district.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Appropriation; storm water sewer diversion.** \$325,000 is appropriated
1.16 from the bond proceeds fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a grant to the
1.17 city of Gaylord to construct and reconstruct storm water sewer drains and related facilities
1.18 to divert water that currently drains into Lake Titlow into holding ponds south of the city.
1.19 The cost of reconstructing city streets as part of this diversion, and as outlined in the city
1.20 of Gaylord's street improvement plan, is the responsibility of the city. This diversion
1.21 will keep phosphorus and other chemicals from entering the lake, and will improve the
1.22 water quality of Lake Titlow.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Appropriation; tile covers or cones.** \$15,000 is appropriated from the
2.2 general fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a grant to the city of Gaylord
2.3 to purchase open intake tile covers or cones that limit soil erosion and chemicals from
2.4 entering the water ditch systems and waterways of the Lake Titlow watershed. These
2.5 water control devices must be provided at low cost to landowners to promote conservation
2.6 improvement and clean up groundwater. Volunteers from the city of Gaylord and local
2.7 clubs and high school students must be used to install the water control devices at no
2.8 cost to the landowner.

2.9 Subd. 4. **Criteria waived.** For the purposes of the appropriations in subdivisions
2.10 1 and 3, the criteria, limitations, and assessment requirements in Minnesota Statutes,
2.11 sections 103D.701, 103D.705, and 103D.901, are waived.

2.12 Subd. 5. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this act from the bond
2.13 proceeds fund, the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an
2.14 amount up to \$475,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by
2.15 Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution,
2.16 article XI, sections 4 to 7.

2.17 **Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.18 This act is effective the day following final enactment.