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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; creating an endowment account to promote fishing  
1.3 opportunities; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes, chapter 97C.

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

1.6 Section 1. **97C.10] FISHING OPPORTUNITIES ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.**

1.7 (a) To ensure that fishing opportunities in the state are adequately promoted for  
1.8 present and future generations, a fishing opportunities endowment account is established  
1.9 in the game and fish fund.

1.10 (b) The commissioner shall accept private contributions to promote fishing  
1.11 opportunities. Money transferred under section 2 and any private contributions shall be  
1.12 credited to the endowment account. The principal deposited in the endowment account  
1.13 shall be retained in the account.

1.14 (c) The interest earned on the principal of the endowment account is appropriated  
1.15 to the commissioner for grants to Let's Go Fishing of Minnesota to promote fishing  
1.16 opportunities in the state.

1.17 Sec. 2. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS; FISHING OPPORTUNITIES ENDOWMENT**  
1.18 **ACCOUNT.**

1.19 The commissioner of finance shall transfer \$3,500,000 from the game and fish fund  
1.20 to the fishing opportunities endowment account.