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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; appropriating money for environment and  
1.3 natural resource purposes; spending to acquire and better public land, improve  
1.4 water quality, and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the sale  
1.5 and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.7 Section 1. **OUTDOOR TRADITIONS INVESTMENT; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**  
1.8 **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.9 The sums shown in the column under "Appropriations" are appropriated from the  
1.10 bond proceeds fund, or another named fund, to the state agencies or officials indicated,  
1.11 to be spent for public purposes. Appropriations of bond proceeds must be spent as  
1.12 authorized by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 5, paragraph (a), to acquire  
1.13 and better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature, or  
1.14 as authorized by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 5, paragraphs (b) to (j), or  
1.15 article XIV. Unless otherwise specified, the appropriations in this act are available until  
1.16 the project is completed or abandoned subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.

1.17 **SUMMARY**

1.18	<u>Habitat and Natural Areas</u>	\$	<u>102,000,000</u>
1.19	<u>Outdoor Recreation; Department of Natural Resources</u>		<u>87,800,000</u>
1.20	<u>Outdoor Recreation; Metropolitan Council</u>		<u>16,500,000</u>
1.21	<u>Renewable Energy</u>		<u>46,000,000</u>
1.22	<u>Clean Water</u>		<u>92,300,000</u>
1.23	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>344,600,000</u></b>

1.24 **APPROPRIATIONS**

1.25 Sec. 2. **HABITAT AND NATURAL AREAS**

2.1	<u>Subdivision 1. <b>Total Appropriation</b></u>	<u>\$ 102,000,000</u>
2.2	<u>To the commissioner of natural resources for</u>	
2.3	<u>the purposes specified in this section.</u>	
2.4	<u>Subd. 2. <b>Working Forest Legacy Easements</b></u>	<u>30,000,000</u>
2.5	<u>To acquire conservation easements as</u>	
2.6	<u>described under Minnesota Statutes, chapter</u>	
2.7	<u>84C, on private forest lands to protect</u>	
2.8	<u>working-forest lands, public recreation, and</u>	
2.9	<u>native animal and plant species that require</u>	
2.10	<u>large blocks of forest.</u>	
2.11	<u>Subd. 3. <b>Wildlife Management Areas</b></u>	<u>22,000,000</u>
2.12	<u>To acquire land for wildlife management area</u>	
2.13	<u>purposes and for improvements of a capital</u>	
2.14	<u>nature to develop, protect, or improve habitat</u>	
2.15	<u>and facilities on wildlife management areas</u>	
2.16	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,</u>	
2.17	<u>subdivision 8.</u>	
2.18	<u>Subd. 4. <b>Native Prairie Conservation and</b></u>	
2.19	<u><b>Protection</b></u>	<u>10,000,000</u>
2.20	<u>To acquire native prairie bank easements</u>	
2.21	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,</u>	
2.22	<u>and to develop and restore certain tracts of</u>	
2.23	<u>prairie bank lands for which the easement is</u>	
2.24	<u>permanent.</u>	
2.25	<u>Subd. 5. <b>SNA Acquisition and Development</b></u>	<u>5,000,000</u>
2.26	<u>To acquire land for scientific and natural</u>	
2.27	<u>areas and for protection and improvements of</u>	
2.28	<u>a capital nature to scientific and natural areas</u>	
2.29	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033,</u>	
2.30	<u>and 86A.05, subdivision 5.</u>	
2.31	<u>Subd. 6. <b>Shoreline and Aquatic Habitat</b></u>	
2.32	<u><b>Protection</b></u>	<u>12,000,000</u>

3.1	<u>To acquire land or permanent conservation</u>	
3.2	<u>easements on lakes and streams for the</u>	
3.3	<u>protection of habitat critical for fisheries, rare</u>	
3.4	<u>aquatic species, and aquatic communities.</u>	
3.5	<b><u>Subd. 7. Stream Protection and Restoration</u></b>	<u>3,000,000</u>
3.6	<u>For the design and construction of stream</u>	
3.7	<u>protection and restoration projects.</u>	
3.8	<b><u>Subd. 8. RIM Critical Habitat Match</u></b>	<u>10,000,000</u>
3.9	<u>To provide the state match for the critical</u>	
3.10	<u>habitat private sector matching account</u>	
3.11	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.943, for</u>	
3.12	<u>the acquisition or improvement of a capital</u>	
3.13	<u>nature of critical fish, wildlife, and native</u>	
3.14	<u>plant habitats. The commissioner shall</u>	
3.15	<u>determine project priorities as appropriate</u>	
3.16	<u>based on need.</u>	
3.17	<b><u>Subd. 9. Metro Greenways</u></b>	<u>5,000,000</u>
3.18	<u>To provide grants to local units of government</u>	
3.19	<u>for the purpose of improving or acquiring</u>	
3.20	<u>through the purchase of conservation</u>	
3.21	<u>easements or fee title greenways and natural</u>	
3.22	<u>areas in the metropolitan region and portions</u>	
3.23	<u>of the surrounding counties.</u>	
3.24	<b><u>Subd. 10. Local Initiative Grants</u></b>	<u>5,000,000</u>
3.25	<u>For grants to units of government to acquire</u>	
3.26	<u>and better:</u>	
3.27	<u>(1) parks and outdoor recreation areas</u>	
3.28	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019,</u>	
3.29	<u>subdivision 2; and</u>	
3.30	<u>(2) natural and scenic areas under Minnesota</u>	
3.31	<u>Statutes, section 85.019, subdivision 4a.</u>	
3.32	<b><u>Sec. 3. OUTDOOR RECREATION;</u></b>	
3.33	<b><u>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</u></b>	

4.1	<u>Subdivision 1. <b>Total Appropriation</b></u>	<b>\$ <u>87,800,000</u></b>
4.2	<u>To the commissioner of natural resources for</u>	
4.3	<u>the purposes specified in this section.</u>	
4.4	<u>Subd. 2. <b>State Park Land Acquisition and</b></u>	
4.5	<u><b>Resource Management</b></u>	<u>9,000,000</u>
4.6	<u>To acquire and improve private lands from</u>	
4.7	<u>willing sellers within state parks established</u>	
4.8	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.012,</u>	
4.9	<u>and state recreation areas established under</u>	
4.10	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 85.013.</u>	
4.11	<u>Subd. 3. <b>State Park Recreational Facility</b></u>	
4.12	<u><b>Improvements</b></u>	<u>12,000,000</u>
4.13	<u>For infrastructure and the renovation and</u>	
4.14	<u>development of facilities within state parks</u>	
4.15	<u>established under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>	
4.16	<u>85.012.</u>	
4.17	<u>Subd. 4. <b>State Park North Shore Development</b></u>	<u>8,000,000</u>
4.18	<u>For infrastructure rehabilitation and the</u>	
4.19	<u>renovation and development of facilities</u>	
4.20	<u>within state parks, established under</u>	
4.21	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 85.012, located</u>	
4.22	<u>along the North Shore, including Tettegouche</u>	
4.23	<u>and Split Rock Lighthouse State Parks.</u>	
4.24	<u>The commissioner shall determine project</u>	
4.25	<u>priorities as appropriate, based on need.</u>	
4.26	<u>Projects leveraging other private, state, or</u>	
4.27	<u>federal funding shall receive priority.</u>	
4.28	<u>Subd. 5. <b>Cuyuna Country Recreation Area</b></u>	
4.29	<u><b>Enhancement</b></u>	<u>2,000,000</u>
4.30	<u>To develop recreational opportunities at the</u>	
4.31	<u>Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area.</u>	
4.32	<u>Subd. 6. <b>State Trail Acquisition and</b></u>	
4.33	<u><b>Development</b></u>	<u>25,000,000</u>

5.1	<u>To acquire land for and to construct state</u>	
5.2	<u>trails under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>	
5.3	<u>85.015.</u>	
5.4	<b><u>Subd. 7. State Trail Rehabilitation</u></b>	<u>5,000,000</u>
5.5	<u>To rehabilitate state trails.</u>	
5.6	<b><u>Subd. 8. Springbrook Nature Center</u></b>	<u>2,800,000</u>
5.7	<u>For a grant to the Springbrook Nature Center</u>	
5.8	<u>to design and construct a new interpretive</u>	
5.9	<u>center and natural area.</u>	
5.10	<b><u>Subd. 9. Cedar Avenue Trail Crossing</u></b>	<u>2,000,000</u>
5.11	<u>For a grant to the city of Bloomington for</u>	
5.12	<u>removal and replacement of the old Cedar</u>	
5.13	<u>Avenue bridge for bicycle commuters and</u>	
5.14	<u>recreational users.</u>	
5.15	<b><u>Subd. 10. Nisswa Lake Park</u></b>	<u>1,800,000</u>
5.16	<u>For a public access to Nisswa Lake and a</u>	
5.17	<u>link to the Paul Bunyan Trail.</u>	
5.18	<b><u>Subd. 11. Wright County Regional Park</u></b>	<u>8,000,000</u>
5.19	<u>For a grant to Wright County to acquire land</u>	
5.20	<u>for the creation of a regional park.</u>	
5.21	<b><u>Subd. 12. Central Minnesota Regional Parks</u></b>	
5.22	<b><u>and Trails</u></b>	<u>12,200,000</u>
5.23	<u>For a grant to the central Minnesota Parks and</u>	
5.24	<u>Trails Coordination Board under Minnesota</u>	
5.25	<u>Statutes, section 85.52, for the acquisition of</u>	
5.26	<u>high-quality lakeshore and natural areas.</u>	
5.27	<b><u>Sec. 4. OUTDOOR RECREATION;</u></b>	
5.28	<b><u>METROPOLITAN COUNCIL</u></b>	
5.29	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 16,500,000</u></b>
5.30	<u>To the Metropolitan Council for the purposes</u>	
5.31	<u>specified in this section.</u>	
5.32	<b><u>Subd. 2. Metropolitan Regional Parks</u></b>	<u>10,500,000</u>

6.1 For the cost of improvements and betterments  
 6.2 of a capital nature and acquisition by the  
 6.3 council and local government units of  
 6.4 regional recreational open-space lands in  
 6.5 accordance with the council's policy plan  
 6.6 as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section  
 6.7 473.147.

6.8 **Subd. 3. National Great River Park** **6,000,000**

6.9 For a grant to the city of St. Paul to acquire  
 6.10 land for, and to predesign, design, construct,  
 6.11 furnish, and equip river park development  
 6.12 and redevelopment infrastructure for the  
 6.13 National Great River Park in St. Paul,  
 6.14 including the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary.

6.15 **Sec. 5. RENEWABLE ENERGY** **\$ 46,000,000**

6.16 To the Board of Water and Soil Resources to  
 6.17 purchase reinvest in Minnesota clean energy  
 6.18 conservation easements from landowners to  
 6.19 establish perennial grassland for biomass  
 6.20 production as provided in Minnesota  
 6.21 Statutes, section 103F.518.

6.22 **Sec. 6. CLEAN WATER**

6.23 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 92,300,000**

6.24 To the Public Facilities Authority for the  
 6.25 purposes specified in this section.

6.26 **Subd. 2. State Match for Federal Grants** **45,000,000**

6.27 (a) To match federal grants for:  
 6.28 (1) the clean water revolving fund under  
 6.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.07; and  
 6.30 (2) the drinking water revolving fund under  
 6.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.081.

7.1	<u>(b) The expenditure and allocation of state</u>	
7.2	<u>matching money between funds described</u>	
7.3	<u>in paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), must</u>	
7.4	<u>ensure that the matching funds required</u>	
7.5	<u>for the drinking water revolving fund are</u>	
7.6	<u>available to match the 2009 and 2010 federal</u>	
7.7	<u>grants, with the balance to be made available</u>	
7.8	<u>to the clean water revolving fund.</u>	
7.9	<u>(c) This appropriation must be used for</u>	
7.10	<u>qualified capital projects.</u>	
7.11	<b><u>Subd. 3. Wastewater Infrastructure Funding</u></b>	
7.12	<b><u>Program</u></b>	<u>15,300,000</u>
7.13	<u>For grants and loans to eligible municipalities</u>	
7.14	<u>under the wastewater infrastructure funding</u>	
7.15	<u>program established in Minnesota Statutes,</u>	
7.16	<u>section 446A.072.</u>	
7.17	<b><u>Subd. 4. Clean Water Legacy Small</u></b>	
7.18	<b><u>Community Wastewater Treatment</u></b>	<u>2,000,000</u>
7.19	<u>For the small community wastewater</u>	
7.20	<u>treatment fund for loans and grants under</u>	
7.21	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075.</u>	
7.22	<b><u>Subd. 5. TMDL Grants</u></b>	<u>15,000,000</u>
7.23	<u>For total maximum daily load grants under</u>	
7.24	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073.</u>	
7.25	<b><u>Subd. 6. Clean Water Legacy Phosphorus</u></b>	
7.26	<b><u>Reduction Grants</u></b>	<u>10,000,000</u>
7.27	<u>For the clean water legacy phosphorus</u>	
7.28	<u>reduction grant program for grants under</u>	
7.29	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.074. A</u>	
7.30	<u>grant must not exceed \$500,000 per project.</u>	
7.31	<b><u>Subd. 7. Water Conservation Through</u></b>	
7.32	<b><u>Wastewater Reuse Pilot</u></b>	<u>5,000,000</u>
7.33	<u>For a pilot grant program to demonstrate</u>	
7.34	<u>the use of treated wastewater for industrial</u>	
7.35	<u>purposes.</u>	

8.1       Sec. 7. **BOND SALE.**

8.2               To provide the money appropriated in section 1 from the bond proceeds fund, the  
8.3 commissioner of finance, on request of the governor, shall sell and issue bonds of the  
8.4 state in an amount up to \$344,600,000, in the manner, on the terms, and with the effect  
8.5 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota  
8.6 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

8.7       Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8.8               Sections 1 to 7 are effective the day following final enactment.