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## Overview

This is the omnibus finance bill for the Cultural and Outdoor Resources Finance Division.

## Section

- **Summary of Appropriations.** Summarizes appropriations by fund.
- **Appropriations.** Provides that appropriations are for fiscal years 2010 and 2011.
- **Public facilities authority.** Specifies a general fund appropriation for the small community wastewater treatment program.
- **Explore Minnesota Tourism**. Specifies appropriations for the Upper Minnesota Film Office and for the Minnesota Film and TV board. Provides matching requirements for certain appropriations to Explore Minnesota Tourism.
- Minnesota Historical Society. Provides that MHS may not charge a fee for general tours at the Capitol, but may charge fees for special programs other than general tours. Specifies appropriations, as a fiscal agent, for the Minnesota International Center, The Minnesota Air National Guard Museum, the Minnesota Military Museum, and Farmamerica.
- 6 Board of the Arts.
- 7 Minnesota Humanities Center.
- **8 Public Broadcasting.** Specifies public television and public radio grants.
- 9 Amateur Sports Commission.
- 10 Council on Black Minnesotans.

- 11 Council on Chicano/Latino Affairs.
- 12 Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.
- 13 Indian Affairs Council. Specifies an amount for activities relating to Indian burial sites.
- 14 Zoological Board.
- 15 Science Museum of Minnesota.
- **Department of Education; Library appropriations.** Specifies appropriations for basic system support, grants to multicounty, multitype library systems, statewide licenses to online databases, and regional library telecommunications aid.
- **Department of Education; museums.** Specifies appropriations for the Minnesota Children's Museum and the Duluth Children's Museum.
- **Public television grants.** Provides that the commissioner of administration shall distribute block grants to public television stations annually instead of twice annually. Provides that grant funds not spent by a station in the first year of a biennium do not cancel and may be carried over into the second year of the biennium.

Under current law, grants for operations costs are limited to the amount of Minnesota-based contributions received by a station in the prior fiscal year. Also under current law, in calculating the amount of contributions received by a station, that portion of a foundation or corporate donation in excess of \$500 is excluded. This section provides that the exclusion applies to that portion of the foundation or corporate donation in excess of \$2,500, instead of \$500.

This section also provides for stations receiving grants to report to the commissioner annually by August 1, instead of July 1, along with a new grant request submission, on the purposes for which the grant money was spent. This section strikes the requirement that the report by certified by an independent auditor or certified public accountant. A later section of this bill provides a new additional reporting requirement.

- **Public radio grants.** Requires public radio stations seeking grants to submit applications according to state grant policies by August 1 each year, along with a new grant request submission.
- **Public radio block grants.** Provides that grants funds distributed to public radio stations that are not spent during the first year of a biennium carry over into the second year.
- **Public radio stations; audit.** Strikes a requirement that the annual audit required of a public radio station include a review of station promotion, operation, and management and an analysis of the station's used of state grant money.
- **Repayment of funds.** Current law requires state funds to be repaid to the state if assets purchased with the state funds are sold. This section limits that provision to sale within five years. Strikes a requirement for a biennial report on location and usage of assets purchased with state funds.
- 23 Colocation report. Requires the Management Analysis Division to study and report to the

legislature on possible collocation of the offices of the Council on Black Minnesotans, the Council on Affairs of Chicano/Latino People, the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, and the metropolitan area office of the Indian Affairs Council.

- **Revisor's instruction.** Instructs the Revisor to change the term "commission" to "center" in Minnesota Statutes, when referring to the Minnesota Humanities Center.
- **25 Effective date.** Sections 18 to 22 are effective immediately.
- **Repealer.** Repeals Minnesota Statutes, section 240A.08, which appropriates \$750,000 annually to the Amateur Sports Commission for agreements relating to use of the Target Center.