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Overview

This bill contains the fiscal year 2018 appropriations from the outdoor heritage fund as recommended by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC).

Section

1 Outdoor heritage appropriation. Technical.

2 Outdoor heritage.

Subd. 1. Total appropriation. Provides a total appropriation of \$103,978,000 from the outdoor heritage fund in fiscal year 2018, and \$585,000 in fiscal year 2019.

Subd. 2. Prairies. Provides a total appropriation of \$30,862,000 for various prairie projects.

Subd. 3. Forests. Provides a total appropriation of \$16,824,000 for various forest projects.

Subd. 4. Wetlands. Provides a total appropriation of \$28,869,000 for various wetland projects.

Subd. 5. Habitat. Provides a total appropriation of \$26,554,000 for various habitat projects.

Subd. 6. Administration. Provides a total appropriation of \$879,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$585,000 in fiscal year 2019 for administration, including contract management services from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and other expenses.

Subd. 7. Availability of appropriation. States that money appropriated may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the accomplishment plan and may not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to a specific appropriation. Provides for the availability of funding depending on the use of the funds and whether or not federal funds are also used.

Subd. 8. Payment conditions and capital equipment expenditures. Requires all agreements to be administered on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise provided. Allows reasonable amounts to be advanced in some circumstances if approved as part of an accomplishment plan. Requires capital expenditures that exceed \$10,000 to be itemized and approved as part of an accomplishment plan.

Subd. 9. Mapping. Requires recipients of an appropriation to submit geographic information on lands acquired in fee that are open to the public for hunting and fishing to the DNR for mapping.

- 3 **Revenues.** Adds § 97A.056, subd. 22. Requires recipients of money for the outdoor heritage fund used to acquire land to disclose any revenues generated from activities on the land during the availability of the appropriation and use those funds for certain purposes or give them to the outdoor heritage fund. Exempts state departments and agencies from the requirement.
- 4 **Prairies.** Amends Laws 2015, 1st Spec. Sess. ch. 2, art. 1, § 2, as amended. Increases the amount that may be deposited in an easement stewardship account for a previous appropriation to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for the Buffers for Wildlife and Water program, effective retroactively to July 1, 2015.
- 5 **Prairies.** Amends Laws 2016, ch. 172, art. 1, § 2. Increases the amount that may be deposited in an easement stewardship account for a previous appropriation to BWSR for the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) program.
- 6 **Wetlands.** Amends Laws 2016, ch. 172, art. 1, § 2. Increases the amount that may be deposited in an easement stewardship account for a previous appropriation to BWSR for the RIM program.
- 7 **Repealer.** Repeals § 97A.056, subd. 8 (provision addressing revenues received by recipients which is modified and recodified under section 3 of this bill).