moves to amend H.F. No. 710, the first engrossment, as follows:

Page 21, after line 22, insert:

"Sec. 4. Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended by Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Habitats

(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase IV

$3,480,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire interests in land in fee or permanent conservation easements for aquatic management areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02, and to restore and enhance aquatic habitat. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan. The accomplishment plan must include an easement stewardship plan. Up to $25,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial report is required for any monitoring and enforcement fund established, including expenditures from the fund and a description of annual monitoring and enforcement activities."
(b) **Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase III**

$3,680,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire interests in land in fee or permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance natural systems associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota, and St. Croix Rivers as follows: $1,000,000 to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; $375,000 to the Friends of the Mississippi; $375,000 to Great River Greening; $930,000 to The Minnesota Land Trust; and $1,000,000 to The Trust for Public Land. A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan. The accomplishment plan must include an easement stewardship plan. Up to $51,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial report is required for any monitoring and enforcement fund established, including expenditures from the fund and a description of annual monitoring and enforcement activities.

(c) **Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore Protection and Management - Phase III**

$480,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Dakota County to acquire permanent conservation easements and restore and enhance habitats along the Mississippi, Cannon, and Vermillion Rivers. A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations, and
enhancements must be provided as part of the
required accomplishment plan. The
accomplishment plan must include an
easement stewardship plan. Up to $20,000 is
for establishing a monitoring and enforcement
fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
report is required for any monitoring and
enforcement fund established, including
expenditures from the fund and a description
of annual monitoring and enforcement
activities.

(d) Lower St. Louis River Habitat Restoration

$3,670,000 in the second year is to the
commissioner of natural resources to restore
habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.
A list of proposed projects must be provided
as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement - Phase IV

$2,120,000 in the second year is to the
commissioner of natural resources for an
agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
to restore and enhance coldwater fish lake,
river, and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list
of proposed restorations and enhancements
must be provided as part of the required
accomplishment plan.

(f) Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration

$2,320,000 in the second year is to the
commissioner of natural resources for an
agreement with the Red Lake Watershed
District to restore and enhance stream and
related habitat in Grand Marais Creek. A list
of proposed restorations and enhancements
must be provided as part of the required
accomplishment plan.

(g) **Knife River Habitat Restoration**

$380,000 in the second year is to the
commissioner of natural resources for an
agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
Association to restore trout habitat in the
Upper Knife River Watershed. A list of
proposed restorations must be provided as part
of the required accomplishment plan.

Notwithstanding rules of the commissioner of
natural resources, restorations conducted
pursuant to this paragraph may be
accomplished by excavation.

(h) **Protect Aquatic Habitat from Invasive Carp**

$7,500,000 in the second year is to the
commissioner of natural resources for design,
construction, including acquisition, operation,
and evaluation of structural deterrents for
invasive carp to protect Minnesota's aquatic
habitat. Use of this money requires a
one-to-one match for projects on state
boundary waters. A match is not required for
design or feasibility studies. This appropriation
is available until June 30, 2019.

(i) **Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners Grant Program - Phase IV**

$4,990,000 in the second year is to the
commissioner of natural resources for a
program to provide competitive, matching
grants of up to $400,000 to local, regional,
state, and national organizations for enhancing,
restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
prairies, and habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
in Minnesota. Grants shall not be made for activities required to fulfill the duties of owners of lands subject to conservation easements. Grants shall not be made from appropriations in this paragraph for projects that have a total project cost exceeding $575,000. $366,000 of this appropriation may be spent for personnel costs and other direct and necessary administrative costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.

Easements must be permanent. Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting and fishing during the open season unless otherwise provided by state law. The program shall require a match of at least ten percent from nonstate sources for all grants. The match may be cash or in-kind resources. For grant applications of $25,000 or less, the commissioner shall provide a separate, simplified application process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of natural resources shall, when evaluating projects of equal value, give priority to organizations that have a history of receiving or charter to receive private contributions for local conservation or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a conservation easement, priority shall be given to projects associated with existing wildlife management areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; and aquatic management areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement projects must
be on land permanently protected by a conservation easement or public ownership or in public waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority shall be given to restoration and enhancement projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded under this paragraph. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2016. No less than five percent of the amount of each grant must be held back from reimbursement until the grant recipient has completed a grant accomplishment report by the deadline and in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The commissioner shall provide notice of the grant program in the game and fish law summaries that are prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Amend the title accordingly