

Subject Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

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Overview

This bill includes the recommendations of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) for the 2024 session. It includes fiscal year 2025 appropriations from the environment and natural resources trust fund (ENRTF), a constitutionally dedicated trust fund funded by proceeds from the Minnesota State Lottery.

The LCCMR is made up of 17 members with ten legislators and seven citizens (five legislative members from each body, five citizen members appointed by the Governor, one citizen member appointed by the House of Representatives, and one citizen member appointed by the Senate). The LCCMR is tasked with making recommendations on how money in the ENRTF is spent.

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| 1 | Appropriations. |
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| 2 | Minnesota resources. |
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Subd. 1. Total appropriation. Provides a total appropriation of \$79,644,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the ENRTF.

Subd. 2. Definition. Technical.

Subd. 3. Foundational natural resource data and information. Provides a total appropriation for natural resource data and information projects of \$14,993,000 in fiscal year 2025.

Subd. 4. Water resources. Provides a total appropriation for water resources projects of \$6,924,000 in fiscal year 2025.

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Subd. 5. Environmental education. Provides a total appropriation for environmental education projects of \$11,262,000 in fiscal year 2025.

Subd. 6. Aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. Provides a total appropriation for invasive species projects of \$8,304,000 in fiscal year 2025.

Subd. 7. Air quality, climate change, and renewable energy. Provides a total appropriation for air quality and climate change projects of \$4,833,000 in fiscal year 2025.

Subd. 8. Methods to protect or restore land, water, and habitat. Provides a total appropriation for protection, restoration, and enhancement projects of \$10,910,000 in fiscal year 2025.

Subd. 9. Land acquisition, habitat, and recreation. Provides a total appropriation for land acquisition, habitat, and recreation projects of \$20,322,000 in fiscal year 2025.

Subd. 10. Administration, emerging issues, and contract agreement reimbursement. Provides a total appropriation of \$2,096,000 in fiscal year 2025 for certain administrative expenses and an emerging issues account.

Subds. 11 to 18. Provides project requirements that apply to all recipients. The LCCMR recommends similar requirements each year, which include: specifying the availability of appropriations; data requirements; specific project requirements, including requiring ecological restoration and management plans; and requiring easements to be permanent and have a long-term monitoring and enforcement plan. Extends several previous appropriations set to expire.

3 Land acquisition, habitat, and recreation.

Modifies a previous appropriation for the National Loon Center to require its construction on land restricted for use for that purpose for at least 25 years, establish acquisition requirements, and apply certain capital project requirements established last session to the appropriation.

4 Land acquisition, habitat, and recreation.

Modifies a previous appropriation to allow net income generated as part of the Crane Lake Voyageurs National Park Visitor Center project to be reinvested in the project.

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| 5 | Habitat and recreation. Modifies previous appropriations to allow net income generated as part of the projects (Silver Bay trailhead and Floodwood Campground) to be reinvested in the projects. |
| 6 | Other projects. Modifies a previous appropriation for grants to develop markets for cover crops to exempt them from income repayment requirements. |
| 7 | Land acquisition, habitat, and recreation. Modifies a previous appropriation for a trailhead in Silver Bay to allow net income generated as part of the project to be reinvested in the project. |



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