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Overview

This bill contains fiscal year 2019 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 \$113,923,000 from the outdoor heritage fund in fiscal year 2019.

Subd. 2. Prairies. Provides a total appropriation of \$35,288,000 for various prairie projects.

Subd. 3. Forests. Provides a total appropriation of \$9,131,000 for various forest projects.

Subd. 4. Wetlands. Provides a total appropriation of \$28,116,000 for various wetland projects.

Subd. 5. Habitat. Provides a total appropriation of \$40,978,000 for various habitat projects.

Subd. 6. Administration. Provides a total appropriation of \$410,000 in fiscal year 2019 for administration, including contract management services from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and other expenses.

Section

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 with the appropriation that are open to the public for hunting and fishing to the DNR for mapping.

Subd. 10. Carryforwards. Extends the availability of two previous appropriations.

3 Nongovernmental organization acquisition; local government notice. Adds § 97A.056, subd. 25. Requires nongovernmental organizations submitting a proposal to the LSOHC to acquire land in fee with money from the outdoor heritage fund to notify the county and town boards where the land is located before submitting the proposal. Allows a county or town board to submit a resolution to the LSOHC favoring or opposing the land sale.