

Subject Emerald Ash Borer
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Overview

This bill would establish a grant program to provide matching grants for emerald ash borer (EAB) response activities and appropriate \$13 million each year to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the program.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Emerald ash borer response; matching grant program.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment. Requires the DNR to establish a grant program that provides matching grants of up to 75 percent of the costs associated with community responses to EAB.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Eligible applicants. Specifies that various local governments (cities, counties, towns, etc.) and a nonprofit operating a biomass-fuel district heating system are eligible for the program.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Eligible expenditures. Specifies the activities eligible for the program, including inventorying and planning work, treating trees, removing and replacing trees, and disposing trees. Allows money appropriated for the program to cover the reasonable costs incurred by the DNR for administering the program.</p>
2	<p>Appropriation.</p> <p>Appropriates \$13 million each year beginning in fiscal year 2020 for the EAB grant program established in this bill.</p>