

Subject Reinvest in Minnesota Reserve Program

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Overview

This bill appropriates \$15.5 million to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to acquire Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) conservation easements.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) reserve program.
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Subd. 1. Appropriation. Appropriates \$15.5 million to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire and amend RIM conservation easements for wetlands, rivers and streams, and riparian lands to protect soil and water quality, support fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce flood damage. The board must leverage federal money by targeting new lands and lands that have expiring federal conservation agreements. Up to five percent of the appropriation may be used for restoration and enhancement.

Subd. 2. Bond sale. Authorizes Minnesota Management & Budget to sell and issue \$15.5 million of general obligation bonds for the RIM conservation easements in subdivision 1.

Effective the day following final enactment.