

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SIXTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Tuesday, April 1, 2025

The Senate met at 11:00 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Murphy imposed a call of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Deacon Krista Lind.

The members of the Senate gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called, and the following Senators were present:

Anderson	Farnsworth	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Rarick
Bahr	Fateh	Klein	McEwen	Rasmusson
Boldon	Frentz	Koran	Miller	Rest
Carlson	Green	Kreun	Mitchell	Seeberger
Champion	Gruenhagen	Kunesh	Mohamed	Utke
Clark	Gustafson	Kupec	Murphy	Weber
Cwodzinski	Hauschild	Lang	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Dahms	Hawj	Latz	Pappas	Westrom
Dibble	Hoffman	Lucero	Pha	Wiklund
Dornink	Howe	Mann	Port	Xiong
Draheim	Jasinski	Marty	Pratt	
Drazkowski	Johnson	Mathews	Putnam	

The President declared a quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal, as printed and corrected, was approved.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received.

March 28, 2025

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

Dear President Champion:

I have received, approved, signed, and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 2, S.F. No. 202.

Sincerely,
Tim Walz, Governor

March 31, 2025

The Honorable Lisa Demuth
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

I have the honor to inform you that the following enrolled Act of the 2025 Session of the State Legislature has been received from the Office of the Governor and is deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State for preservation, pursuant to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 23:

S.F. No.	H.F. No.	Session Laws Chapter No.	Time and Date Approved 2025	Date Filed 2025
202		2	1:20 p.m. March 28	March 28

Sincerely,
Steve Simon
Secretary of State

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives invites and is ready to meet with the Senate in Joint Convention at 6:45 p.m., on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, to receive the message of the Honorable Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, said message to be delivered at 7:00 p.m.

Patrick Duffy Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted March 27, 2025

Senator Murphy moved that the Senate accept the invitation of the House of Representatives to meet in Joint Convention in the House Chamber at 6:45 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2025, to receive the message of the Honorable Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota. The motion prevailed.

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following Senate File, AS AMENDED by the House, in which amendments the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested:

S.F. No. 823: A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying appropriation for construction of an interchange at marked U.S. Highway 169 and marked Trunk Highway 282 in Scott County; appropriating money; amending Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 1, section 17, subdivision 10.

Senate File No. 823 is herewith returned to the Senate.

Patrick Duffy Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned March 27, 2025

CONCURRENCE AND REPASSAGE

Senator Pratt moved that the Senate concur in the amendments by the House to S.F. No. 823 and that the bill be placed on its repassage as amended. The motion prevailed.

S.F. No. 823: A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying appropriation for construction of an interchange at marked U.S. Highway 169 and marked Trunk Highway 282 in Scott County; authorizing lighting for city of Shakopee identification sign; appropriating money; amending Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 1, section 17, subdivision 10.

S.F. No. 823 was read the third time, as amended by the House, and placed on its repassage.

The question was taken on the repassage of the bill, as amended.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 54 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Anderson	Farnsworth	Klein	Maye Quade	Rarick
Bahr	Frentz	Koran	Miller	Rasmusson
Boldon	Green	Kreun	Mitchell	Rest
Carlson	Gruenhagen	Kunesh	Mohamed	Seeberger
Champion	Gustafson	Kupec	Murphy	Utke
Clark	Hauschild	Lang	Oumou Verbeten	Weber
Cwodzinski	Hawj	Latz	Pappas	Westlin
Dahms	Howe	Lucero	Pha	Westrom
Dibble	Jasinski	Mann	Port	Wiklund
Dornink	Johnson	Marty	Pratt	Xiong
Draheim	Johnson Stewart	Mathews	Putnam	

So the bill, as amended, was repassed and its title was agreed to.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE - CONTINUED

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following House Files, herewith transmitted: H.F. Nos. 1163, 1255, and 1295.

Patrick Duffy Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted March 27, 2025

FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

H.F. No. 1163: A bill for an act relating to public safety; clarifying the scope of the hometown heroes assistance program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299A.477, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration for comparison with S.F. No. 1427, now on General Orders.

H.F. No. 1255: A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing access to surplus badges for certain employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299D.03, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration for comparison with S.F. No. 1158, now on General Orders.

H.F. No. 1295: A bill for an act relating to public safety; including children's advocacy centers as a victim assistance program entitled to a portion of certain fines; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.101, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senator Murphy moved that the Committee Reports at the Desk be now adopted. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cwodzinski from the Committee on Education Policy, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 942: A bill for an act relating to children and families; mandating school attendance reporting to a local welfare agency; modifying the habitual truant definition; appropriating money for grants to fund child welfare response efforts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 260C.007, subdivision 19; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 260E.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, after line 7, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 124D.03, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. **Termination of enrollment.** A district may terminate the enrollment of a nonresident student enrolled under this section or section 124D.08 at the end of a school year if the student meets the definition of a habitual truant under section 260C.007, subdivision 19, the student has been provided appropriate services under chapter 260A, and the student's case has been referred to juvenile court. A district may also terminate the enrollment of a nonresident student over the age of 17 enrolled under this section if the student is absent without lawful excuse for one or more periods on 15 school days and has not lawfully withdrawn from school under section 120A.22, subdivision 8. Notwithstanding the above, the district may not terminate the enrollment of a nonresident student identified as a child with a disability under section 125A.02, subdivision 1, at the end of a school year if the child's individualized education program team has not been convened within 60 school days prior to the last school day of the school year to address the potential relationship between the child's disability and truancy, including if a functional behavior assessment as defined by Minnesota Rules, part 3525.0210, subpart 22, must be conducted.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 260A.03, is amended to read:

260A.03 NOTICE TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN WHEN CHILD IS A CONTINUING TRUANT.

Upon a child's initial classification as a continuing truant, the school attendance officer or other designated school official shall notify the child's parent or legal guardian, by first-class mail or other reasonable means, of the following:

- (1) that the child is truant;
- (2) that the parent or guardian should notify the school if there is a valid excuse for the child's absences;
- (3) that the parent or guardian is obligated to compel the attendance of the child at school pursuant to section 120A.22 and parents or guardians who fail to meet this obligation may be subject to prosecution under section 120A.34;
- (4) that this notification serves as the notification required by section 120A.34;
- (5) that alternative educational programs and services may be available in the child's enrolling or resident district;
- (6) that the parent or guardian has the right to meet with appropriate school personnel to discuss solutions to the child's truancy;
- (7) that if the child has been identified as a child with a disability under section 125A.02, subdivision 1, the child's individualized education program team will be convened within ten school days of the notice to address the potential relationship between the child's disability and truancy, including if a functional behavior assessment as defined by Minnesota Rules, part 3525.0210, subpart 22, must be conducted;
- (8) that if the child continues to be truant, the parent and child may be subject to juvenile court proceedings under chapter 260C;

~~(8)~~ (9) that if the child is subject to juvenile court proceedings, the child may be subject to suspension, restriction, or delay of the child's driving privilege pursuant to section 260C.201; and

~~(9)~~ (10) that it is recommended that the parent or guardian accompany the child to school and attend classes with the child for one day.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 260A.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Referral; notice.** An attendance officer or other school official may refer a student who is a continuing truant to the school attendance review board, provided that the school district has complied with its obligations under section 260A.03, clause (7). The person making the referral shall provide a written notice by first class mail or other reasonable means to the student and the student's parent or legal guardian. The notice must:

(1) include the name and address of the board to which the student has been referred and the reason for the referral; and

(2) indicate that the student, the parent or legal guardian, and the referring person will meet with the board to determine a proper disposition of the referral, unless the board refers the student directly to the county attorney or for other appropriate legal action."

Page 1, line 9, strike "under the age of" and insert "12 years of age or older and under"

Page 1, line 10, after "seven" insert "full"

Page 1, line 11, strike everything after "year"

Page 1, line 12, strike everything before "if"

Page 1, line 14, strike "one or more class periods on" and after "seven" insert "full"

Page 1, line 17, delete "12" and insert "16"

Page 1, line 18, delete "where" and insert "and the school has made appropriate efforts to resolve the child's attendance problems."

Page 1, line 19, delete the first "is" and insert "may be"

Page 1, line 21, after "laws" insert "in sections 120A.22 and 120A.24"

Page 2, lines 5 and 10, after "seven" insert "full school day"

Page 2, line 23, after "more" insert "full school day"

Page 2, line 26, delete "or may partner" and insert "in partnership"

Page 2, line 27, after the first comma, insert "child protections services,"

Page 3, line 3, delete "The local welfare agency" and insert "A county attorney's office"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2520: A bill for an act relating to transportation; employment and economic development; appropriating money for construction mitigation grants to businesses affected by construction on Arcade Street and East 7th Street in the city of St. Paul; requiring a report.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 9, delete "make grants" and insert "award a grant"

Page 1, line 10, delete everything before "St. Paul" and insert "an east-side St. Paul community-based development organization that provides direct services to small businesses on the east side of"

Page 2, line 5, delete "community" and insert "an east-side St. Paul community-based development organization that provides direct services to small businesses on the east side of St. Paul and that has"

Page 2, line 6, delete everything before "experience"

Page 2, line 8, delete "nonprofit corporation or community development financial institution" insert "community-based development organization in subdivision 1"

Page 2, line 11, delete "rate of"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2688: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; modifying the surcharge on all-electric vehicles; imposing surcharges on plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, electric motorcycles, and plug-in hybrid electric motorcycles; defining types of electric motorcycles; requiring surcharge rate adjustments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 168.013, subdivision 1m, by adding subdivisions; 169.011, by adding subdivisions.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes without recommendation. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1480: A bill for an act relating to transportation; imposing a road usage charge for all-electric vehicles; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024,

sections 13.6905, by adding a subdivision; 168.002, by adding a subdivision; 168.013, subdivision 1m; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 5, delete subdivision 8 and insert:

"Subd. 8. **Deposit of revenue.** The proceeds from the usage charge imposed and collected by the commissioner under this section must be deposited in the highway user tax distribution fund under section 161.045."

Page 5, line 20, delete "appropriations" and insert "revenue collected and deposited in the highway user tax distribution fund"

And when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes without recommendation. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2092: A bill for an act relating to transportation; imposing a kilowatt per hour tax for electric vehicle charging; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 296A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.013, subdivision 1m.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 15 to 17 and insert "subdivision in the highway user tax distribution fund under section 161.045."

Page 3, delete section 2

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes without recommendation. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred

S.F. No. 966: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; amending the surcharge on all-electric vehicles; imposing surcharges on plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, electric motorcycles, and plug-in hybrid electric motorcycles; defining types of electric motorcycles; requiring surcharge rate adjustment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 168.013, subdivision 1m, by adding subdivisions; 169.011, by adding subdivisions.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes without recommendation. Report adopted.

Senator Hoffman from the Committee on Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 476: A bill for an act relating to human services; expanding certain medical assistance services to include coverage of care evaluations; modifying medical assistance rates for homemaker

services, home health agency services, and home care nursing services; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 256B.0651, subdivisions 1, 2; 256B.0652, subdivision 11; 256B.0653, subdivisions 1, 6, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0654, by adding a subdivision.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 6, delete section 9 and insert:

"Sec. 9. **HOME CARE PRECEPTOR GRANT PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of human services must establish a onetime grant program for incentive compensation and benefits for home care nurse employees who serve as a preceptor of a nursing student.

Subd. 2. **Eligible grant recipients.** Only home care providers licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144A, are eligible grant recipients under this section.

Subd. 3. **Allowable uses.** Grant money must be directed toward employees providing home care services licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144A. The only allowable use of grant money is incentive compensation and benefits for home care nurse employees who serve as a preceptor of a nursing student.

Subd. 4. **Selection process.** The commissioner shall select grantees based on information submitted in a grant proposal in a format as determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall take into account relevant factors including the demonstrated need for an award for preceptors, the percentage of an organization's clients that are enrolled in medical assistance and MinnesotaCare, statewide geographical distribution of awarded grants, and other criteria as determined by the commissioner.

Subd. 5. **Report.** By July 1, 2028, each grant recipient must submit a report to the commissioner that includes details of how the grant money was distributed.

Subd. 6. **Expiration.** Subdivisions 1 to 4 expire January 1, 2028. This subdivision and subdivision 5 expire July 1, 2028.

Sec. 10. **APPROPRIATION; HOME CARE PRECEPTOR GRANT PROGRAM.**

\$..... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the home care preceptor grant program. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, after the semicolon, insert "establishing a home care preceptor grant program;"

Page 1, line 5, after the semicolon, insert "appropriating money;"

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Hoffman from the Committee on Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2972: A bill for an act relating to health care facilities; regulating private equity company acquisitions of nursing homes and assisted living facilities; requiring a study; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 144A.01, subdivision 4; 144G.08, subdivision 15; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145D.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 4, line 19, delete "private equity company" and insert "for-profit entity" and after "a" insert "nonprofit" and delete "an" and insert "a nonprofit"

Page 4, line 22, after "a" insert "nonprofit" and delete the second "an" and insert "a nonprofit"

Page 4, delete subdivision 6

Page 5, delete subdivision 7

Page 5, line 7, after the first "a" insert "nonprofit" and after the second "or" insert "nonprofit" and delete "private equity company" and insert "for-profit entity"

Page 5, lines 10 and 11, delete "private equity company" and insert "for-profit entity"

Page 5, line 12, after the first "the" insert "nonprofit" and after the second "or" insert "nonprofit"

Page 5, line 13, before the colon, insert ", commissioner of health, and commissioner of human services"

Page 5, lines 14, 15, 18, and 26, delete "company" and insert "for-profit entity"

Page 5, lines 16 and 24, delete "company's" and insert "for-profit entity's"

Page 6, line 1, before the period, insert ", commissioner of health, and commissioner of human services"

Page 6, line 3, delete "private equity company" and insert "for-profit entity" and before "nursing" insert "nonprofit"

Page 6, line 4, before "assisted" insert "nonprofit"

Page 6, lines 6, 11, 17, 21, 24, and 31 delete "private equity company" and insert "for-profit entity"

Page 6, line 19, delete "company" and insert "for-profit entity"

Page 7, delete section 5

Page 9, lines 6, delete "private equity company" and insert "for-profit entity" and before "nursing" insert "nonprofit"

Page 9, line 7, before "assisted" insert "nonprofit"

Page 9, line 13, delete "or"

Page 9, line 17, delete the period and insert a semicolon

Page 9, after line 17 insert:

"(4) engaging in self-dealing;

(5) engaging in any acts, practices, or courses of business that result in an adverse impact on the health, safety, and well-being and quality of care of the residents of the nursing home or assisted living facility;

(6) spending less than 75 percent of the funds received by the nursing home or assisted living facility from public programs and state appropriations on the direct care of residents;

(7) raising resident housing costs beyond the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12 months preceding the month in which the increase became effective unless the for-profit entity can demonstrate that the increase was justified by legitimate business expenses;

(8) allowing a diminution of maintenance or a deterioration in the operations and infrastructure of the nursing home or assisted living facility that results in unsafe conditions or violations of building and other relevant codes, diminishes the property value of the facility, or jeopardizes the health and well-being of the residents; or

(9) for a nursing home:

(i) failing to improve in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services rating if the nursing home's current rating is one or two stars; or

(ii) allowing a decline in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services rating if the nursing home's current rating is at least three stars."

Page 9, delete section 7

Page 11, delete section 8 and insert:

"Sec. 6. **ATTORNEY GENERAL ENFORCEMENT.**

A violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 145D.43, is an unfair and unconscionable practice in violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 325F.69, subdivision 1. The attorney general may enforce this section under Minnesota Statutes, section 8.31."

Page 12, delete section 9

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete "private equity company" and insert "for-profit entity"

Page 1, line 3, delete everything after the first semicolon

Page 1, line 4, delete "money;"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Hoffman from the Committee on Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2902: A bill for an act relating to state-operated services; extending cost of care exemption for certain committed persons and 48-hour rule for admissions; establishing the Priority Admission Review Panel; requiring creation of a Direct Care and Treatment admissions dashboard and a limited exemption for admissions from hospital settings; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 246.54, subdivisions 1a, 1b; 253B.10, subdivision 1.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. Report adopted.

Senator Hoffman from the Committee on Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2640: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying community first services and supports reimbursement rates; increasing certain budgets for consumer-direct community supports; establishing the Minnesota Caregiver Defined Contribution Retirement Fund Trust; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 179A.54, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0659, subdivision 17a; 256B.85, subdivisions 7a, 8, 16; 256B.851, subdivisions 5, 6.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 13, line 21, delete "onetime" and delete "workers covered by the SEIU collective"

Page 13, line 22, delete everything before the period and insert "collective bargaining unit members for retention and defraying any health insurance costs they may incur. Stipends are available once per fiscal year per member for fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027"

Page 13, line 28, delete "to workers covered by the SEIU collective"

Page 13, line 29, delete "bargaining agreement" and insert "for collective bargaining unit members"

Page 14, line 6, delete the second "for"

Page 14, line 7, delete "workers covered" and insert "defined"

Page 14, line 8, delete "grants" and insert "costs"

Page 14, line 9, delete "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$2,000,000" and delete "is a onetime"

Page 14, delete lines 10 and 11

Page 14, line 12, delete everything before "and" and after "for" insert "ongoing"

Page 14, line 18, delete "the creation of" and insert "a vendor to create"

Page 14, line 19, delete everything after the period

Page 14, delete line 20

Page 14, line 21, delete everything before "This"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1063: A bill for an act relating to common interest communities; creating a common interest community ombudsperson; establishing a register for common interest communities; classifying certain data; appropriating money for the Office of the Common Interest Community Ombudsperson; appropriating money for a register; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 45; 515B.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 4, lines 20, 22, and 24, delete "chapter 515B" and insert "this chapter"

Page 5, lines 8 and 19, delete "chapter 515B" and insert "this chapter"

Page 5, line 28, delete the second "amount" and insert "number"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Port from the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2205: A bill for an act relating to commerce; establishing a task force on homeowners and commercial property insurance; appropriating money; requiring a report.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 13, delete everything after "the" and insert "commissioner of commerce;"

Page 1, line 14, delete everything after "member" and insert "appointed by the speaker of the house;"

Page 1, line 15, delete everything after "member" and insert "appointed by the house minority leader;"

Page 1, line 16, delete everything after "member" and insert "appointed by the senate majority leader;"

Page 1, line 17, delete everything after "member" and insert "appointed by the senate minority leader;"

Page 2, line 7, delete "July" and insert "August"

Page 2, line 10, delete everything after "with" and insert "the commissioner of the Housing Finance Agency, the commissioner of employment and economic development, and key stakeholders in the insurance and housing industries."

Page 2, delete line 11

Page 2, line 13, delete "methodologies" and insert "and property resilience to natural hazards, and the relationship with insurance costs"

Page 2, after line 23, insert:

"Subd. 4. **Administration.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide administrative support to the task force. Upon request of the task force, the commissioners of commerce, the Housing Finance Agency, and employment and economic development must provide technical support and expertise."

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

Page 2, line 25, delete "August" and insert "September"

Page 2, line 27, after "cochairs" insert "from those appointed by the house and senate"

Page 3, delete line 10

Renumber the clauses in sequence

Page 3, line 11, after "include" insert "any" and after "legislation" insert "required" and delete "nonadministrative"

Page 3, line 14, delete "recommendations" and insert "report" and delete "5" and insert "6"

Page 3, line 19, delete everything after "to" and insert "provide administrative support to the task force."

Page 3, line 20, delete everything before "This"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Carlson from the Committee on Elections, to which was referred

S.F. No. 905: A bill for an act relating to campaign finance; requiring reporting disclosure of original sources of campaign funds; requiring recordkeeping and reporting; modifying disclosure requirements; providing penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 10A.01, by adding subdivisions; 10A.02, by adding a subdivision; 10A.20, subdivisions 3, 12, by

adding a subdivision; 10A.202, subdivisions 2, 3; 211B.04, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Report adopted.

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2499: A bill for an act relating to state government; modifying emergency medical services overdose data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144E.123, subdivision 3.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Report adopted.

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2778: A bill for an act relating to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families; policy language for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families; updating the TEACH early childhood program, the great start compensation support payment program, child welfare policies, and out-of-home placement plans; modifying provisions to prevent foster care placements; exempting the commissioner from electronic benefits transfer contract term limits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 142A.03, by adding a subdivision; 142D.21, by adding a subdivision; 260.65; 260.66, subdivision 1; 260.691, subdivision 1; 260.692; 260C.001, subdivision 2; 260C.007, subdivision 19; 260C.141, subdivision 1; 260C.150, subdivision 3; 260C.178, subdivisions 1, 7; 260C.201, subdivisions 1, 2; 260C.202, subdivision 2, by adding subdivisions; 260C.204; 260C.212, subdivisions 1, 1a; 260C.223, subdivisions 1, 2; 260C.329, subdivisions 3, 8; 260C.451, subdivision 9; 260C.452, subdivision 4; 260E.09; 260E.20, subdivisions 1, 3; 260E.24, subdivisions 1, 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 260E.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Report adopted.

Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2360: A bill for an act relating to employment; requiring annual reports from partnership entities of the Intergovernmental Misclassification Enforcement and Education Partnership; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.725, by adding a subdivision.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. MISCLASSIFICATION FRAUD IMPACT REPORT.

(a) Every two years, the commissioners of revenue, employment and economic development, and labor and industry must coordinate to conduct an analysis of the costs of misclassification to

illustrate how misclassification impacts misclassified workers, government programs, and tax collections.

(b) By January 15 of every odd-numbered year, beginning January 15, 2027, the commissioner of labor and industry must report on the analysis performed under paragraph (a) to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over taxes, workforce, and labor. The commissioner of labor and industry may contract with external experts or an independent third party to conduct a study, develop a report, and perform other functions.

(c) At a minimum, the study and report must provide:

(1) an estimate of the number of workers experiencing misclassification in Minnesota;

(2) an estimate of the cost of misclassification to impacted workers;

(3) an estimate of the prevalence of misclassification by industry; and

(4) an estimate of the impact to:

(i) the unemployment insurance trust fund;

(ii) the family and medical benefit insurance account;

(iii) state income tax collection;

(iv) the workers' compensation fund; and

(v) the workforce development fund.

(d) Data and information relevant to the required report elements in paragraph (c) must be provided to the commissioner of labor and industry for purposes of the study and report, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) from the Department of Employment and Economic Development, information and data relevant to:

(i) the unemployment insurance trust fund;

(ii) the family and medical benefit insurance account;

(iii) unemployment insurance program audits and findings; and

(iv) the workforce development fund;

(2) from the Department of Revenue, information and data relevant to:

(i) misclassification tax audits and findings;

(ii) income tax collection; and

(iii) 1099 filings; and

(3) from the Department of Labor and Industry, information and data relevant to:

(i) misclassification complaints, investigations, and findings; and

(ii) the workers' compensation fund.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; MISCLASSIFICATION FRAUD IMPACT REPORT.**

(a) \$...... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the workforce development fund to the commissioner of labor and industry for the misclassification fraud impact report and for legal, technical, and clerical staff support for the report. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. The base amount in fiscal year 2028 is \$...... from the workforce development fund.

(b) The commissioner of labor and industry may enter into interagency agreements with the commissioner of employment and economic development and the commissioner of revenue to transfer funds appropriated under paragraph (a) to cover costs associated with the misclassification fraud impact report."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to employment; requiring a biennial misclassification fraud impact report; appropriating money."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was referred

S.F. No. 908: A bill for an act relating to construction codes; modifying provisions governing the certification of underground telecommunications installers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.198, subdivisions 2, 3.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 20, strike "(b)"

Page 2, line 1, delete the new language

Page 2, line 2, delete the new language and strike the period

Page 2, line 3, strike "(c)" and insert "(b)"

Page 2, delete section 2 and insert:

"Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.198, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Certification Standards.** (a) The commissioner of labor and industry, in consultation with the Office of Broadband, shall approve standards for a safety-qualified underground telecommunications installer certification program that requires a person to:

(1) complete a 40-hour initial course that includes classroom and hands-on instruction covering proper work procedures for safe installation of underground utilities, including:

(i) regulations applicable to excavation near existing utilities;

(ii) identification, location, and verification of utility lines using hand- or hydro-excavation or other accepted methods;

(iii) response to line strike incidents;

(iv) traffic control procedures;

(v) use of a tracking device to safely guide directional drill equipment along a drill path; and

(vi) avoidance and mitigation of safety hazards posed by underground utility installation projects;

(2) demonstrate knowledge of the course material by successfully completing an examination approved by the commissioner; and

(3) complete a four-hour refresher course within three years of completing the original course and every three years thereafter in order to maintain certification.

(b) The commissioner must develop an approval process for training providers under this subdivision and may suspend or revoke the approval of any training provider that fails to demonstrate consistent delivery of approved curriculum or success in preparing participants to complete the examination.

(c) An approved training provider may apply for approval of classroom instruction course material delivered up to two years prior to becoming an approved training provider and before January 1, 2026, as being equivalent or substantially equivalent to classroom instruction course material that is contained in the approved program. An application must provide a copy of all written materials used for the training for which equivalent credit is sought, the specific subjects covered in the training, the name and qualifications of the training provider, a description of the delivery method for the training, and the date of the training. Once approved, a training provider may grant full or partial retroactive credit for completion of classroom instruction training delivered prior to the commissioner's decision to approve a program. A person granted retroactive credit must successfully complete the examination that the training provider is approved to administer in order to be certified as a safety-qualified underground telecommunications installer.

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

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2775: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring hospitals to provide registered nurse staffing at levels consistent with nationally accepted standards; requiring reporting of staffing levels; prohibiting retaliation; imposing civil penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes

2024, sections 144.7055; 148.264, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services. Report adopted.

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 2530: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; facilitating the orderly and environmentally responsible development of the state's gas resources; requiring rulemaking; appropriating money; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 11A.236; 86A.05, subdivision 6; 93.513; 93.514; 93.516, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 93.55, subdivision 1a; 103I.001; 103I.005, subdivisions 9, 21, by adding subdivisions; 103I.601, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 270B.161; 272.02, subdivision 97; 272.03, subdivision 1; 273.12; 273.1392; 273.1393; 276.04, subdivision 2; 289A.02, subdivision 6; 289A.12, by adding a subdivision; 289A.19, subdivision 2; 290.0134, subdivision 9; 290.0135; 290.05, subdivision 1; 290.923, subdivision 1; 297A.68, subdivision 5; 297A.71, subdivision 14; 298.001, subdivision 3a, by adding subdivisions; 298.01, subdivisions 3, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5, 6; 298.015, subdivision 1; 298.016, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, by adding a subdivision; 298.018, subdivisions 1, 1a, by adding subdivisions; 298.17; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 93; 103I; 273.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Report adopted.

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was re-referred

H.F. No. 286: A bill for an act relating to public safety; authorizing local units of government to conduct criminal background checks under certain circumstances; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299C.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass. Report adopted.

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 2819: A bill for an act relating to health; establishing requirements for green burials; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 149A.02, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 306; 307.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, delete section 3 and insert:

"Sec. 3. [306.992] SCATTERING OF HYDROLYZED OR CREMATED REMAINS.

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Cremated remains" has the meaning given in section 149A.02, subdivision 7.

(c) "Hydrolyzed remains" has the meaning given in section 149A.02, subdivision 24a.

Subd. 2. **Designated location.** A municipality, town, or other cemetery governed by this chapter that allows for scattering of hydrolyzed remains or cremated remains must designate a location within the cemetery for the scattering of hydrolyzed remains or cremated remains."

Page 4, delete section 5 and insert:

"Sec. 5. **[307.15] SCATTERING OF HYDROLYZED OR CREMATED REMAINS.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Cremated remains" has the meaning given in section 149A.02, subdivision 7.

(c) "Hydrolyzed remains" has the meaning given in section 149A.02, subdivision 24a.

Subd. 2. **Designated location.** A person who owns a cemetery governed by this chapter that allows for scattering of hydrolyzed remains or cremated remains must designate a location within the cemetery for the scattering of hydrolyzed or cremated remains."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1464: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; establishing the Minnesota Sustainable Foraging Task Force; providing appointments; requiring a report.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete subdivision 1

Page 2, line 14, delete "July" and insert "August"

Page 2, line 29, delete "Facilitation; organization" and insert "Administrative support"

Page 2, line 30, delete "shall facilitate the task force," and insert "must" and delete "assistance," and insert "support"

Page 2, line 31, delete "August" and insert "September"

Page 2, after line 31, insert:

"(b) The commissioner of natural resources must provide subject matter resources and expertise, including information on the management of, and flora and fauna on, state lands, as requested by the task force."

Page 3, line 1, delete "(b)" and insert "(c)"

Page 3, after line 3, insert:

"Subd. 4. **Chair.** The task force must elect a chair at its first meeting from among the legislative members."

Page 3, line 4, delete "No later than" and insert "By"

Page 3, line 8, after the period, insert "The report must detail the proposals for changes or additions to statute or rules to effectuate the task force's recommendations."

Page 3, after line 10, insert:

"Subd. 6. **Compensation; expense reimbursement.** Members of the task force appointed under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), may receive per diem and reimbursement for expenses as provided in the rules of their respective bodies. Other members of the task force may be compensated and have expenses reimbursed as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3."

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

Page 3, line 13, delete "until" and insert "before"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2856: A bill for an act relating to state government; withholding payments to program participants under certain circumstances; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Report adopted.

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 2322: A bill for an act relating to health occupations; establishing the Minnesota Health Care Workforce Advisory Council; requiring reporting; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 27, after the first "members" insert "; chair; compensation"

Page 2, line 28, delete "where the appointing" and insert "of the members appointed under subdivision 2, clause (5), for which the governor shall appoint five"

Page 2, line 29, delete everything before "members" and before "to" insert "appointed under subdivision 2, clause (5),"

Page 3, line 2, delete "no later than" and insert "by" and delete "Appointees to"

Page 3, line 3, delete everything after "chair" and insert "from among its members."

Page 3, line 4, delete everything after "(c)" and insert "Members other than the commissioners or designees may be removed according to section 15.059, subdivision 4"

Page 3, delete line 5

Page 3, line 6, delete everything before the period

Page 3, line 7, delete everything after the period and insert "Legislative members may receive per diem and be reimbursed for expenses according to the rules of their respective bodies."

Page 3, delete line 8

Page 6, delete subdivision 8 and insert:

"Subd. 8. **Meetings.** Meetings of the council and its committees are subject to the open meeting law in chapter 13D.

Subd. 9. **Expiration.** The council does not expire."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

REPORT OF VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Rule 12.10, upon the request of three members, a roll call was taken on the Drazkowski amendment to S.F. No. 2322.

There were yeas 4 and nays 7, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Senators Bahr, Drazkowski, Koran, and Lang.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Senators Carlson, Cwodzinski, Fateh, Gustafson, Johnson Stewart, Maye Quade, and Xiong.

The amendment was not adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 832: A bill for an act relating to health occupations; amending certain definitions to include licensed certified midwife; establishing licensure for certified midwives; establishing civil and criminal penalties; expanding medical assistance coverage to licensed certified midwife services;

amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 147D.03, subdivision 1; 148.241; 151.01, subdivision 23; 152.12, subdivision 1; 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148G.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1503: A bill for an act relating to health; prohibiting facility fees for nonemergency services provided at provider-based clinics; prohibiting facility fees for certain health care services; requiring a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62J; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 62J.824.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 6, delete the colon

Page 2, line 7, delete "(1)" and delete "; and" and insert a period

Page 2, delete lines 8 and 9

Page 3, delete subdivision 5

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

Page 3, delete lines 16 and 17

Page 3, line 18, delete "(c)" and insert "(b)" and delete "paragraphs" and insert "paragraph" and delete "and (b)"

Page 3, line 19, after "may" insert ", pursuant to the procedures in sections 144.99 and 144.991," and delete "that violates this section" and insert "for failure to comply with subdivision 4"

Page 3, line 21, delete "(d)" and insert "(c)"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1851: A bill for an act relating to elections; prohibiting misrepresentation of campaign authority; providing criminal penalties and civil remedies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.32, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 211B.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Elections. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 856: A bill for an act relating to state government; creating the Office of the Inspector General; creating an advisory committee; requiring reports; transferring certain agency duties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.971, by adding a subdivision; 15A.0815, subdivision 2; 142A.03, by adding a subdivision; 142A.12, subdivision 5; 144.05, by adding a subdivision; 245.095, subdivision 5; 256.01, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15D; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.321, subdivision 12; 127A.21.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 15, before "The" insert "Notwithstanding the classification of data as not public,"

Page 8, line 4, after "investigation" insert "or administrative action"

Page 8, delete lines 7 and 8 and insert:

"(3) the legislative auditor as provided in section 15D.04, subdivision 2, paragraph (g)."

Page 8, line 11, after the period insert "Whether an investigation is active shall be determined by the inspector general."

Page 8, line 16, after "litigation" insert "related to any civil, criminal, or administrative actions, including reconsideration or appeal of any such action"

Page 8, line 25, after "investigation's" insert "general description,"

Page 8, delete lines 27 and 28

Page 8, line 29, after "(e)" insert "Inactive investigative"

Page 9, delete lines 6 to 8 and insert:

"Subd. 6. **Privileges.** Nothing in this section or section 15D.042 requires the disclosure of documents or information that is legally privileged under statute or other law, including documents or information subject to section 13.393 or 595.02."

Page 9, after line 32, insert:

"Subd. 3. **Report; inactive investigations.** By December 1, 2026, and each December 1 thereafter, the inspector general must submit a report to the legislative auditor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state government and data practices regarding all investigations the inspector general did not open after receiving a tip or complaint or decided to no longer actively pursue for the preceding calendar year. The report must include, at a minimum, summary data as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 19, for:

(1) all complaints or tips received;

(2) the type of allegation;

(3) if the complaint or tip was not frivolous, the reason that the inspector general did not open an investigation or decided to no longer pursue the investigation; and

(4) referrals to other agencies or the legislative auditor."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1854: A bill for an act relating to political activity; prohibiting reprisals for refusing to communicate with public or local officials; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.36.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.36, is amended to read:

10A.36 REPRISALS PROHIBITED; PENALTY.

(a) An employer, individual, or association must not engage in economic reprisals or threaten loss of employment or physical coercion against an individual or association because of that individual's or association's:

(1) political contributions or political activity including for becoming a candidate for elected public office, unless precluded by other law; or

(2) refusal to communicate with public or local officials to influence a decision about a legislative or administrative action or the official action of a political subdivision.

(b) This ~~subdivision~~ section does not apply to compensation for employment or, loss of employment if, or economic reprisals:

(1) if the political affiliation or viewpoint of the employee is a bona fide occupational qualification of the employment; or

(2) for communications described in paragraph (a), clause (1), if the individual's responsibilities, through employment or contract, include communicating with public or local officials.

(c) An individual or association injured by a violation of this section may bring a civil action in district court for damages, injunctive relief, costs and reasonable attorney fees, and any other relief the court deems just and equitable, including reinstatement of employment.

(d) An employer, individual, or association that violates this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. The board may refer a violation of this section to the appropriate county attorney.

(e) For purposes of this section, "employer" means a person or entity that employs one or more employees and includes an individual, corporation, partnership, association, business, trust, nonprofit

organization, group of persons, legislature, judicial branch, state, county, town, city, school district, or other governmental subdivision.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to violations committed on or after that date and to causes of action accruing on or after that date.

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to political activity; prohibiting employers from engaging in reprisals; prohibiting reprisals for refusing to communicate with public or local officials; clarifying prohibited reprisals for political activity; providing for a civil cause of action; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.36."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Elections. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2574: A bill for an act relating to state government; authorizing sharing of government data in certain circumstances; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 21, after the second "agency" insert "with oversight, investigative, or prosecutorial authority over the suspected or confirmed fraud"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2847: A bill for an act relating to commerce; modifying various statutory forms pertaining to garnishment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 550.136, subdivisions 6, 9; 550.143, subdivisions 2, 3a, 3b, 3c; 551.05, subdivisions 1b, 1c, 1d; 551.06, subdivisions 6, 9; 571.72, subdivisions 8, 10; 571.74; 571.75, subdivision 2; 571.912; 571.914, subdivision 2; 571.925; 571.931, subdivision 6; 571.932, subdivision 2.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 101, after line 12, insert:

"Sec. 21. **IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE.**

The forms in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 550, 551, and 571, as amended by this act must be active on the Minnesota courts website and in use by Minnesota courts on June 1, 2025. Notwithstanding Laws 2024, chapter 114, article 3, section 101, the effective date, garnishments governed by Minnesota Statutes, section 571.922, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter 114, article 3, section 101, are effective June 1, 2025. The failure to use revised forms before June 1, 2025, is

not a basis for a complaint or violation of a federal statute, Minnesota Statutes, or the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct.

Sec. 22. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective retroactively from January 1, 2025."

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 2384: A bill for an act relating to elections; making various changes related to election administration; modifying provisions related to voter registration; modifying provisions related to absentee voting; modifying requirements relating to appointing election judges; formalizing the election reporting system; clarifying terminology; modifying timelines; modifying annexation laws in relation to election timelines; repealing the voting equipment grant account; transferring money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 201.061, subdivisions 3, 3a; 201.071, subdivision 1; 203B.04, subdivision 1; 203B.05, subdivision 1; 203B.08, subdivisions 1, 3; 203B.081, subdivision 4; 203B.121, subdivisions 4, 5; 203B.17, subdivision 3; 203B.30, subdivision 3; 204B.06, subdivision 1b; 204B.07, subdivision 2; 204B.09, subdivisions 1a, 2; 204B.14, subdivision 4a; 204B.21, subdivisions 1, 2; 204B.24; 204B.25, subdivision 3; 204B.44; 204B.45, subdivision 2; 204C.08, subdivision 1d; 204C.09, subdivision 1; 204C.10; 205.185, subdivision 3; 205A.10, subdivision 3; 205A.11, subdivision 2; 368.47; 375.20; 414.09, subdivision 3; 447.32, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 204B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 206.57, subdivision 5b; 206.95; 209.06.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 15, line 25, after "data" insert "on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12"

Page 16, line 4, after "data" insert "on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12"

Page 22, line 15, after "required" insert "by this section"

Page 22, line 23, after the period, insert "Such agreement must address, at a minimum, how the correction will take place and, if the correction involves a change to a ballot, how voters who have received or returned an incomplete ballot will be notified of the change and what, if any, steps voters who have returned an incorrect ballot can take to receive a corrected replacement ballot."

Page 22, line 27, after the period, insert "Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude any person from filing a petition under this section alleging that the written agreement constitutes an error, omission, or wrongful act that requires correction by the court."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Elections. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1812: A bill for an act relating to fair campaign practices; expanding election-related bribery and solicitation prohibitions; providing penalties; authorizing civil enforcement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.13.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass. Report adopted.

Senator Hawj from the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2865: A bill for an act relating to legacy; appropriating money to maintain dedicated funding website.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The appropriations in this article are onetime appropriations.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
<u>Available for the Year</u>	
<u>Ending June 30</u>	
<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

Sec. 2. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>162,111,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>775,000</u>
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This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage fund. The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Prairies33,432,000-0-**(a) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition, Phase**9

\$1,332,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance strategic prairie grassland, wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin County for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, as follows: \$970,000 to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc., \$327,000 to Ducks Unlimited, and \$35,000 to the Conservation Fund.

(b) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase 11

\$3,607,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance lands in the southern Red River Valley for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and managed as waterfowl production areas in Minnesota, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

(c) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase 6

\$3,375,000 the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance grassland habitat under Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$70,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan

and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply to this project. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(d) RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase 11

\$4,000,000 the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements and restore habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance habitat by expanding the riparian buffer program under the clean water fund for additional wildlife benefits from buffers on private land. Of this amount, up to \$60,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply to this project. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(e) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase 17

\$4,863,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire in fee and restore and enhance lands for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

(f) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Program, Phase 14

\$2,433,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and

savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual income statements and balance sheets for income and expenses from land acquired with this appropriation must be submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no later than 180 days following the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of proposed land acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan and must be consistent with the priorities identified in Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

(g) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase 15

\$3,658,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance lands in the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western Minnesota for addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

(h) DNR Wildlife Management Area and Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase 17

\$1,916,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire in fee and restore and enhance lands for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for

scientific and natural area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

(i) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase 8

\$3,440,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance and restore grassland and wetland habitat on public lands in the forest prairie transition, metro urban, and prairie ecoregions of Minnesota.

(j) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program, Phase 5

\$4,808,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to restore and enhance wetland and prairie habitat on habitat easements of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as follows: \$3,100,000 to Ducks Unlimited and \$1,708,000 to Pheasants Forever.

Subd. 3. Forests

19,958,000

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(a) Minnesota Forest Recovery Project, Phase 3

\$3,464,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources and Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance degraded forests in Beltrami, Cass, Cook, Itasca, Lake, Koochiching, and St. Louis Counties. Of this amount, up to \$84,000 is to the easement holder to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

(b) Itasca County Memorial Forest Project

\$2,720,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Itasca County to acquire priority forest habitat lands in fee as county forests.

(c) Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 2

\$1,803,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance forest habitats in the hardwood hills ecological section of west-central Minnesota as follows: \$100,000 to St. John's University and \$1,703,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Of the amount to Minnesota Land Trust, \$196,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

(d) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection Program ACUB, Phase 13

\$2,183,000 the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with the Morrison County Soil and Water Conservation District, to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance forest wildlife habitat within the boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army Compatible Use Buffer. Of this amount, up to \$110,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply to this project. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(e) Minnesota Forests for the Future, Phase 5

\$5,241,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire lands in conservation easements and to restore and enhance forests, wetlands, and shoreline habitat through working forest permanent conservation easements under the Minnesota forests for the future program according to Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A conservation easement acquired with money appropriated under this paragraph must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment plan must include an easement monitoring and enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to \$400,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

(f) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase 5

\$2,543,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to restore and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public lands throughout Minnesota.

(g) Moose Habitat Collaborative - Northeast Minnesota Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase 5

\$2,004,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Ruffed Grouse Society to restore and enhance public forest lands in the northern forest region for moose habitat purposes.

Subd. 4. Wetlands

29,032,000

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(a) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 10

\$2,853,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and other habitats on permanently protected conservation easements in high-priority

wetland habitat complexes in the prairie, forest/prairie transition, and forest ecoregions. Of this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 14

\$5,673,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire land in fee for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and managed as waterfowl production areas or national wildlife refuges in Minnesota, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and to restore and enhance prairie lands, wetlands, and land-buffering shallow lakes.

(c) RIM Wetlands - Restoring the Most Productive Habitat in Minnesota, Phase 14

\$4,291,000 the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore wetlands and native grassland habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515. Of this amount, up to \$70,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply to this project. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(d) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition Program, Phase 17

\$5,121,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and

to restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands to be designated and managed as waterfowl production areas in Minnesota.

(e) Nelson Slough - East Park Wildlife Management Area, Phase 2

\$1,543,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District to restore and enhance wetland and upland wildlife habitat in Nelson Slough and the East Park Wildlife Management Area in Marshall County.

(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase 11

\$5,601,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on public lands and wetlands under permanent conservation easement for wildlife management.

(g) Big Swamp North

\$1,442,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Roseau River Watershed District to restore and enhance wetland, stream, and other related wildlife habitat on public lands in the Big Swamp area in Roseau County.

(h) DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement, Phase 17

\$2,508,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to enhance and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat statewide.

Subd. 5. Habitats

77,646,000

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(a) Cannon River Watershed Habitat Restoration and Protection Program, Phase 14

\$2,663,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for

agreements to acquire land in fee and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the Cannon River Watershed as follows: \$62,000 to Clean River Partners; \$1,198,000 to Great River Greening; and \$1,403,000 to the Trust for Public Land.

(b) Spring Road Conservation Project

\$1,982,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District to acquire priority wildlife habitat lands in fee in Hennepin County.

(c) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation, Phase 10

\$3,518,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public lands and easements in the Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting minor watersheds as follows: \$553,000 to Anoka Conservation District; \$1,385,000 to Great River Greening; \$300,000 to The Nature Conservancy; and \$1,280,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$112,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

(d) Integrating Habitat and Clean Water, Phase 3

\$2,691,000 the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements and restore and enhance wildlife habitat identified in One Watershed, One Plan for stacked benefit to wildlife and clean water. Of this amount, up to \$80,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,

paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
A list of permanent conservation easements
must be provided as part of the final report.

(e) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 6

\$3,184,000 the first year is to the
commissioner of natural resources for
agreements to acquire land in fee and
permanent conservation easements and to
restore and enhance natural habitat systems
in the St. Croix River Watershed as follows:
\$1,199,000 to the Trust for Public Land;
\$121,000 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and
\$1,864,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
\$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
as approved in the accomplishment plan and
subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
97A.056, subdivision 17.

(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase 9

\$2,769,000 the first year is to acquire lands
in fee and permanent conservation easements
and to restore wildlife habitat in the
Mississippi headwaters. Of this amount: (1)
\$1,769,000 is to the commissioner of natural
resources for agreements as follows: \$60,000
to the Mississippi Headwaters Board and
\$1,709,000 to the Trust for Public Land; and
(2) \$1,000,000 is to the Board of Water and
Soil Resources, of which up to \$50,000 is to
establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
as approved in the accomplishment plan and
subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
97A.056, subdivision 17.

(g) Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 13

\$2,334,000 the first year is to the
commissioner of natural resources for an
agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
acquire permanent conservation easements
and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat
on public lands and permanent conservation

easements in southeast Minnesota. Of this amount, up to \$140,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

(h) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 3

\$2,187,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior. Of this amount, up to \$196,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

(i) Metro Big Rivers, Phase 15

\$6,793,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire land in fee and permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance natural habitat systems associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota, and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in the metropolitan area as follows: \$1,000,000 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$488,000 to Friends of the Mississippi River; \$975,000 to Great River Greening; \$2,151,000 to the Trust for Public Land; and \$2,179,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

(j) Minnesota River Watershed Habitat Conservation Program

\$3,078,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for

agreements to acquire land in fee and permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance priority habitat in the Minnesota River watershed as follows: \$1,364,000 to Great River Greening and \$1,714,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

(k) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program, Phase 14

\$2,141,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Shell Rock River Watershed District to acquire land in fee and to restore and enhance habitat in the Shell Rock River watershed.

(l) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase 4

\$3,137,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire land in fee and permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance lakes of outstanding biological significance in northeast and north-central Minnesota. Of this amount, \$1,494,000 is to the Northern Waters Land Trust and \$1,643,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

(m) Shakopee Creek: Headwaters Restored, Species and Land Protected

\$2,359,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District to restore and enhance

wildlife habitat in the headwaters area of
Shakopee Creek in Kandiyohi County.

**(n) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements,
Phase 4**

\$973,000 the first year is to the commissioner
of natural resources to acquire land in
permanent conservation easements to protect
trout-stream aquatic habitat. Of this amount,
up to \$120,000 is for establishing a
monitoring and enforcement fund as
approved in the accomplishment plan and
subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
97A.056, subdivision 17.

**(o) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic
North-Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase 11**

\$2,878,000 the first year is to the
commissioner of natural resources for
agreements to acquire land in fee and
permanent conservation easements and to
restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
Counties as follows: \$1,259,000 to Northern
Waters Land Trust and \$1,619,000 to
Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to
Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
monitoring and enforcement fund as
approved in the accomplishment plan and
subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
97A.056, subdivision 17.

**(p) Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat
Enhancement, Phase 2**

\$2,124,000 the first year is to the
commissioner of natural resources for an
agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
to restore and enhance habitat for trout and
other species in and along coldwater rivers,
lakes, and streams throughout Minnesota.

**(q) Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's Important
Bird Areas, Phase 4**

\$2,003,000 the first year is to the
commissioner of natural resources for an

agreement with Audubon Minnesota to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in important bird areas or Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan Priority areas of northwestern Minnesota.

(r) Fall River Restoration

\$1,318,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Cook County to restore and enhance coldwater stream habitat in the Fall River in Cook County.

(s) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 8

\$3,800,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded streams and aquatic management areas and to facilitate fish passage throughout Minnesota.

(t) Rum River Corridor Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement, Phase 3

\$1,356,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Anoka County Soil and Water Conservation District to restore and enhance upland and riverine habitat in the Rum River corridor.

(u) DNR Roving Crew, Phase 3

\$12,642,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on permanently protected lands throughout Minnesota using the roving crew program of the Department of Natural Resources.

(v) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase 17

\$11,716,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a program to provide competitive matching grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional, state, and national organizations for

enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount, unless not enough eligible grant applications are received, at least \$3,000,000 is for grants in the seven-county metropolitan area and cities with a population of 50,000 or more and at least \$2,620,000 is for grants to applicants that have not previously applied for money from the outdoor heritage fund. Grants must not be made for activities required to fulfill the duties of owners of lands subject to conservation easements. Grants must not be made from the appropriation in this paragraph for projects that have a total project cost exceeding \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation, \$600,000 may be spent for personnel costs, outreach, and support to first-time applicants and other direct and necessary administrative costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants may not be used to establish easement stewardship accounts. The program must require a match of at least ten percent from nonstate sources for all grants. The match may be cash or in-kind. For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must provide a separate, simplified application process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of natural resources must, when evaluating projects of equal value, give priority to organizations that have a history of receiving, or a charter to receive, private contributions for local conservation or habitat projects. All restoration or enhancement projects must be on land permanently protected by a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and protection of restored and enhanced habitat, by a conservation easement, or by public ownership or in public waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority must 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, 2028. No less than five percent of the amount of each grant must be held back from reimbursement until the grant recipient completes a grant accomplishment report by the deadline and in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The commissioner must provide notice of the grant program in the summary of game and fish law prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

Subd. 6. Administration

2,043,000

775,000

(a) Contract Management

\$410,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for contract management duties assigned in this section. The commissioner must provide an accomplishment plan in the form specified by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council on expending this appropriation. The accomplishment plan must include a copy of the grant contract template and reimbursement manual. No money may be expended before the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council approves the accomplishment plan. Money appropriated in this paragraph is available until June 30, 2027.

(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission

\$732,000 the first year and \$772,000 the second year are to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for administrative expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and for compensating and reimbursing expenses of council members. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281, applies to this appropriation.

(c) Technical Evaluation Panel

\$157,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 20 restoration and enhancement evaluations under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10. Money appropriated in this paragraph is available until June 30, 2027.

(d) Core Functions in Partner-Led OHF Land Acquisitions

\$740,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for administering the initial development, restoration, and enhancement of land acquired in fee with money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund. This appropriation may be used for land acquisition costs incurred by the department as part of conveyance of parcels to the Department of Natural Resources and initial development activities on fee title acquisitions. Money appropriated in this paragraph is available until June 30, 2033.

(e) Legacy Website

\$4,000 the first year and \$3,000 the second year are to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the website required under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation

(a) Money appropriated in this section 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 approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Money appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated for fee title acquisition of land may be used to restore, enhance, and provide for public use of the land acquired with the appropriation.

Public-use facilities must have a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

(b) Money appropriated in this section is available as follows:

(1) money appropriated for acquiring real property is available until June 30, 2029;

(2) money appropriated for restoring and enhancing land acquired with an appropriation in this article is available for four years after the acquisition date with a maximum end date of June 30, 2033;

(3) money appropriated for restoring and enhancing other land is available until June 30, 2030;

(4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money appropriated for a project that receives at least 15 percent of its funding from federal funds is available until a date sufficient to match the availability of federal funding to a maximum of six years if the federal funding was confirmed and included in the original approved draft accomplishment plan; and

(5) money appropriated for other projects is available until the end of the fiscal year in which it is appropriated.

Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital Equipment Expenditures

(a) All agreements referred to in this section must be administered on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise provided in this section. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each appropriation's purpose made on or after July 1, 2025, or the date of accomplishment plan approval, whichever is later, are eligible for reimbursement unless otherwise provided in this section. For the purposes of administering appropriations and legislatively authorized agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage fund, an expense must be considered reimbursable by the

administering agency when the recipient presents the agency with an invoice or binding agreement with the landowner and the recipient attests that the goods have been received or the landowner agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement must be made upon receiving documentation that the items articulated in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have been achieved, including partial achievements as evidenced by progress reports approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Reasonable amounts may be advanced to projects to accommodate cash flow needs, support future management of acquired lands, or match a federal share. The advances must be approved as part of the accomplishment plan. Capital equipment expenditures for specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as part of the accomplishment plan.

(b) Unless otherwise provided, no money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund in this article may be used to acquire, restore, or enhance any real property unless the specific acquisition, restoration, or enhancement is approved as part of the accomplishment plan on the parcel list.

Subd. 9. Mapping

Each direct recipient of money appropriated in this section, as well as each recipient of a grant awarded under this section, must provide geographic information to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for mapping of any lands acquired in fee with funds appropriated in this section and open to the public taking of fish and game. The commissioner of natural resources must include the lands acquired in fee with money appropriated in this section on maps showing public recreation opportunities. Maps must include information on and acknowledgment of the outdoor heritage fund, including a notation of any restrictions.

Subd. 10. Carryforward

(a) The availability of the appropriation for Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), Metro Big Rivers - Phase X, is extended to June 30, 2026.

(b) The availability of the appropriation for Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (k), St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase VII, is extended to June 30, 2026.

(c) The availability of the appropriation for Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 1, section 2, subdivision 6, paragraph (d), Core Functions in Partner-Led OHF Land Acquisitions, is extended to June 30, 2031.

Subd. 11. Cancellation

\$120,000 of the outdoor heritage fund appropriation in Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (i), is canceled no later than June 29, 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATE. Subdivision 11 is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 25. Federal grant fund requirements. An interest in real property acquired with money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund may be used to leverage federal grant funds for related conservation programs, such as Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration, United States Code, title 16, section 669 et seq.; Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration, United States Code, title 16, section 777 et seq.; and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, United States Code, title 16, section 4401. These grant programs may place conditions on land use that require the continued use of the land for conservation purposes. Placement of conditions on land use under these programs does not require prior review and approval of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council or its successor under subdivision 15, paragraph (b).

ARTICLE 2**CLEAN WATER FUND****Section 1. CLEAN WATER FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the clean water fund and are

available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. These are onetime appropriations.

APPROPRIATIONS

Available for the Year

Ending June 30

2026**2027**

Sec. 2. CLEAN WATER FUND

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

<u>\$</u>	<u>144,625,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>159,301,000</u>
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This appropriation is from the clean water fund. The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following sections.

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this article may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must be spent in accordance with Minnesota Management and Budget MMB Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year 2026 appropriations are available until June 30, 2027, and fiscal year 2027 appropriations are available until June 30, 2028. If a project receives federal funds, the period of the appropriation is extended to equal the availability of federal funding.

Subd. 3. Disability Access

Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean water funds, in consultation with the Council on Disability and other appropriate governor-appointed disability councils, boards, committees, and commissions, should make progress toward providing people with disabilities greater access to programs, print

publications, and digital media related to the programs the recipient funds using appropriations made in this article.

Subd. 4. Increasing Diversity in Environmental Careers

Agencies should work to provide opportunities that encourage a diversity of students to pursue careers in environment and natural resources when implementing appropriations in this article.

Sec. 3. <u>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>16,075,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>17,275,000</u>
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(a) \$370,000 the first year and \$370,000 the second year are to increase monitoring for pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface water and groundwater and to use data collected to assess pesticide use practices.

(b) \$3,100,000 the first year and \$3,100,000 the second year are for monitoring and evaluating trends in the concentration of nitrate in groundwater; promoting, developing, and evaluating regional and crop-specific nutrient best management practices, cover crops, and other vegetative cover; assessing adoption of best management practices and other recommended practices; education and technical support from University of Minnesota Extension; grants to support agricultural demonstration and implementation activities, including research activities at the Rosholt Research Farm; and other actions to protect groundwater from degradation from nitrate.

(c) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are for the agriculture best management practices loan program. Any unencumbered balance at the end of the second year must be added to the corpus of the loan fund.

(d) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000 the second year are for technical assistance;

research, demonstration, and promotion projects on properly implementing best management practices and vegetative cover; and more-precise information on nonpoint contributions to impaired waters and for grants to support on-farm demonstration of agricultural practices.

(e) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year are for maintenance of the Minnesota Water Research Digital Library. Costs for information technology development or support for the digital library may be paid to Minnesota IT Services.

(f) \$3,500,000 the first year and \$3,500,000 the second year are to implement the Minnesota agricultural water quality certification program statewide.

(g) \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 the second year are for a regional irrigation water quality specialist through University of Minnesota Extension.

(h) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000 the second year are for grants to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to fund the Forever Green initiative and to protect the state's natural resources while increasing the efficiency, profitability, and productivity of Minnesota farmers by incorporating perennial and winter-annual crops into existing agricultural practices.

(i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year are for testing drinking-water wells for pesticides.

(j) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000 the second year are for conservation equipment assistance grants to purchase equipment or items to retrofit existing equipment that has climate and water quality benefits.

(k) \$1,050,000 the first year and \$1,250,000 the second year are for expanding the

existing state weather station and soil temperature network to provide accurate and timely weather data to optimize the timing of irrigation, fertilizer, pesticide, and manure applications and support land management decisions.

(l) Unless otherwise specified, the appropriations in this section are available until June 30, 2030.

Sec. 4. <u>POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>24,501,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>24,702,000</u>
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(a) \$9,450,000 the first year and \$9,450,000 the second year are for completing needed statewide assessments of surface water quality and trends according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 114D. Of this amount, \$170,000 the first year and \$170,000 the second year are for grants to the Red River Watershed Management Board to enhance and expand the existing water quality and watershed monitoring river watch activities in schools in the Red River of the North Watershed. By February 15, 2028, the Red River Watershed Management Board must provide a report to the commissioner and the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources finance and policy and the clean water fund on the expenditure of this appropriation.

(b) \$7,250,000 the first year and \$7,250,000 the second year are to support public participation in the watershed approach and to update watershed restoration and protection strategies, which include total maximum daily load (TMDL) and other supporting studies according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 114D, for waters on the impaired waters list approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

(c) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are for groundwater assessment, including enhancing the ambient

monitoring network, modeling, and evaluating trends.

(d) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000 the second year are for national pollutant discharge elimination system wastewater and stormwater TMDL implementation efforts.

(e) \$3,340,000 the first year and \$3,541,000 the second year are for enhancing the county-level delivery systems for subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protecting groundwater. This appropriation includes base grants for all counties with SSTS programs. Counties that receive base grants must report the number of properties with noncompliant systems upgraded through an SSTS replacement, connection to a centralized sewer system, or other means, including property abandonment or buyout. Counties also must report the number of existing SSTS compliance inspections conducted in areas under county jurisdiction. The required reports must be part of the established annual reporting for SSTS programs. Of this amount, at least \$900,000 each year is available to counties for grants to low-income landowners to address systems that pose an imminent threat to public health or safety or fail to protect groundwater. A county receiving a grant under this paragraph must submit a report to the agency listing the projects funded, including an account of the expenditures.

(f) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the second year are for activities and grants that reduce chloride pollution.

(g) \$461,000 the first year and \$461,000 the second year are to support activities of the Clean Water Council according to Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

(h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year are for a grant program for

sanitary sewer projects that are included in the draft or any updated Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan to restore the water quality of waters in Voyageurs National Park. Grants must be awarded to local government units for projects approved by the Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board and must be matched by at least 25 percent from sources other than the clean water fund.

(i) Any unencumbered grant balances in the first year do not cancel but are available for grants in the second year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations in this section are available until June 30, 2030.

Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

\$ 14,150,000 \$ 14,650,000

(a) \$2,825,000 the first year and \$2,825,000 the second year are for stream flow monitoring.

(b) \$1,525,000 the first year and \$1,525,000 the second year are for lake Index of Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.

(c) \$550,000 the first year and \$550,000 the second year are for assessing mercury and other fish contaminants, including PFAS compounds, and monitoring to track the status of impaired waters over time.

(d) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the second year are for developing targeted, science-based watershed restoration and protection strategies and for technical assistance for local governments.

(e) \$2,350,000 the first year and \$2,350,000 the second year are for water-supply planning, aquifer protection, and monitoring activities and analysis.

(f) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,250,000 the second year are for technical assistance

to support local implementation of nonpoint source restoration and protection activities and targeted forest stewardship for water quality.

(g) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the second year are for tool development and evaluation, including maintaining and updating spatial data for watershed boundaries, streams, and water bodies and integrating high-resolution digital elevation data and for assessing the effectiveness of forestry best management practices for water quality.

(h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year are for accelerating completion of or updates to county geologic atlases and supplementing water chemistry or chemical movement studies.

(i) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the second year are for increasing native freshwater mussel production capacity and restoring and monitoring freshwater mussel restoration efforts.

(j) \$1,400,000 the first year and \$1,500,000 the second year are for providing technical and financial assistance for county and local governments to replace failing or ineffective culverts using modern designs that restore floodplain connectivity, biological connectivity, and channel stability. This appropriation is available for up to two additional years.

Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

\$ 64,332,000 \$ 75,004,000

(a) \$39,962,000 the first year and \$48,138,000 the second year are for agreements to implement state-approved watershed-based plans. The agreements may be used to implement projects or programs that protect, enhance, and restore surface water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; protect groundwater from degradation; and

protect drinking water sources. Activities must be identified in a comprehensive watershed plan developed under the One Watershed, One Plan program and seven-county metropolitan groundwater or surface water management frameworks as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D. Other legacy funds may be used to supplement projects funded under this paragraph. This appropriation may be used for:

(1) implementing state-approved plans, including within the following watershed planning areas: Big Fork River, Blue Earth River, Bois de Sioux - Mustinka, Buffalo-Red River, Cannon River, Cedar - Wapsipinicon, Chippewa River, Clearwater River, Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota, Crow Wing River, Des Moines River, Greater Zumbro River, Hawk Creek - Middle Minnesota, Kettle and Upper St. Croix, Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank, Lake of the Woods, Lake Superior North, Le Sueur River, Leech Lake River, Little Fork River, Long Prairie River, Lower Minnesota River East, Lower Minnesota River West, Lower St. Croix River, Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers, Minnesota River-Mankato, Mississippi River Brainerd, Mississippi River Headwaters, Mississippi River St. Cloud, Mississippi River-Sartell, Mississippi River Winona/La Crescent, Missouri River Basin, Nemadji River, North Fork Crow River, Otter Tail, Pine River, Pomme de Terre River, Rainy-Rapid River, Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion, Rainy River-Rainy Lake, Red Lake River, Redeye River, Redwood River, Root River, Roseau River, Rum River, Sand Hill River, Sauk River, Shell Rock and Winnebago River, Snake River, South Fork of the Crow River, St. Louis River, Thief River, Two Rivers Plus, Upper and Lower Red Lake, Upper Minnesota River, Upper Mississippi - Grand Rapids, Watonwan River, Wild Rice - Marsh, and Yellow Medicine River;

(2) implementing seven-county metropolitan groundwater or surface water management frameworks; and

(3) implementing other comprehensive watershed management plan planning areas that have a board-approved and local-government-adopted plan as authorized in Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.801.

The board must establish eligibility criteria and determine whether a planning area is ready to proceed.

(b) \$2,935,000 the first year and \$3,065,000 the second year are for agreements with local government units to protect and restore surface water and drinking water; to keep water on the land; to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to protect groundwater and drinking water, including feedlot water quality and subsurface sewage treatment system projects and stream bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration, and ravine stabilization projects. The projects must use practices demonstrated to be effective, be of long-lasting public benefit, include a match, and be consistent with total maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation plans, watershed restoration and protection strategies (WRAPS), groundwater restoration and protection strategies (GRAPS), or local water management plans or their equivalents. Up to 50 percent of this appropriation is available for land-treatment projects and practices that benefit drinking water.

(c) \$4,350,000 the first year and \$4,350,000 the second year are for accelerated implementation, local resource protection, statewide analytical targeting or technology tools that fill an identified gap, program enhancements for technical assistance, citizen and community outreach, compliance, and training and certification.

(d) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000 the second year are:

(1) to provide state oversight and accountability, evaluate and communicate results, provide implementation tools, and measure the value of conservation program implementation by local governments; and

(2) to submit to the legislature by December 15 each even-numbered year a biennial report detailing the recipients and projects funded and the results accomplished under this section.

(e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are to provide assistance, oversight, and support for local governments in implementing and complying with riparian protection and excessive soil loss requirements.

(f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are for a working lands floodplain program and to purchase, restore, or preserve riparian land and floodplains adjacent to lakes, wetlands, rivers, streams, and tributaries, by conservation easements or other agreements to keep water on the land, to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to surface waters; and increase protection and recharge for groundwater. Up to \$60,000 is for deposit in a conservation easement stewardship account established according to Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103.

(g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the second year are for conservation easements under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.501 to 103F.535, or for agreements with local units of government or Tribal governments for long-term protection of groundwater supply sources. Priority must be placed on drinking water supply management areas where the vulnerability of the drinking water supply is designated as high or very high by the commissioner of

health, that are mitigation level 1 or 2 under the groundwater protection rule, where drinking water protection plans developed by Tribal governments have identified high vulnerability, or where drinking water protection plans have identified specific activities that will achieve long-term protection. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in a conservation easement stewardship account established according to Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103.

(h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year are for a technical evaluation panel to conduct restoration evaluations under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50, subdivision 6.

(i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year are for assistance to, oversight of, and agreements with local governments to enhance and update comprehensive watershed management plans developed under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.801.

(j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are for technical and financial assistance for the conservation drainage program, in consultation with the Drainage Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13, and including projects to improve multipurpose water management under Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.

(k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year are to purchase permanent conservation easements to protect lands adjacent to public waters that have good water quality but that are threatened with degradation. Up to \$60,000 is for deposit in a conservation easement stewardship account established according to Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103.

(l) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the second year are to systematically collect data and produce county, watershed, and

statewide estimates of soil erosion caused by water and wind, and track adoption of conservation measures, including cover crops, to address erosion. This appropriation may be used for agreements with the University of Minnesota to complete this work.

(m) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year are for implementing a water legacy program to expand partnerships for clean water.

(n) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the second year are for permanent conservation easements to protect and restore wetlands and associated uplands. Up to \$100,000 is for deposit in a conservation easement stewardship account established according to Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103.

(o) \$3,560,000 the first year and \$5,926,000 the second year are for financial and technical assistance to enhance adoption of cover crops and other soil health practices to achieve water quality or drinking water benefits. The board may use agreements with local governments, the United States Department of Agriculture, AgCentric at Minnesota State Center for Excellence, and other practitioners and partners to accomplish this work. Up to \$450,000 is for an agreement with the University of Minnesota Office for Soil Health for applied research and education on Minnesota's agroecosystems and soil health management systems. This appropriation may be extended to leverage available federal funds.

(p) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year are to contract for delivery of services with Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa for restoration, maintenance, training, and other activities consistent with this section.

(q) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year are to provide support to soil and water conservation districts and other local governments and partner organizations in the Lake Superior basin to leverage Great Lakes Restoration Initiative or other federal funding to implement prioritized activities.

(r) The board may shift funds in this section and may adjust the technical and administrative assistance portion of the funds to leverage federal or other nonstate funds, to facilitate oversight responsibilities, or to address high-priority activities identified by the board consistent with local water management plans.

(s) The board must require grantees to specify the outcomes that will be achieved by the grants.

(t) The appropriations in this section are available until June 30, 2030, except grant or easement funds are available for five years after the date a grant or other agreement is executed. Returned funds must be repurposed consistent with the purposes of this section.

Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

\$ 14,295,000 \$ 15,845,000

(a) \$5,925,000 the first year and \$5,925,000 the second year are to develop health risk limits and other health-based guidance and conduct outreach activities for contaminants found or anticipated to be found in Minnesota drinking water; to accredit private laboratories to conduct analyses for these contaminants; and to increase the capacity of the department's laboratory to analyze for these contaminants.

(b) \$2,300,000 the first year and \$3,700,000 the second year are for ensuring safe drinking water for private well users in southeast Minnesota and statewide by designing and implementing voluntary interventions to reduce health risks to private well users, including identifying private well locations,

studying the occurrence and magnitude of contaminants in private wells, developing guidance and conducting outreach and education about well testing and mitigation, awarding grants to local governments, and offering well testing.

(c) \$3,770,000 the first year and \$3,920,000 the second year are for protecting sources of drinking water, including planning, implementation, and monitoring activities and grants to local governments and public water systems.

(d) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000 the second year are to develop and deliver groundwater restoration and protection strategies on a watershed scale for use in local comprehensive water planning efforts, to provide resources to local governments for activities that sustain groundwater and protect sources of drinking water, and to enhance approaches that improve the capacity of local governmental units to protect and restore groundwater resources.

(e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are to develop public health policies and approaches to address threats to safe drinking water, including implementation of a statewide action plan for protecting drinking water.

(f) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year are for optimizing the statewide recreational water portal that includes an inventory of public beaches and information about local monitoring results and closures and that provides information about preventing illness and recreational water stewardship.

(g) Unless otherwise specified, the appropriations in this section are available until June 30, 2029.

Sec. 8. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

\$ 2,025,000 \$ 2,125,000

(a) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000 the second year are to support communities implementing projects that address emerging drinking water supply threats and overall water sustainability, provide cost-effective regional solutions, leverage interjurisdictional coordination, support local implementation of wellhead protection plans, and prevent degradation of groundwater and surface water resources. These activities will provide communities with:

(1) potential solutions to better connect land use impacts on water supply and overall water sustainability;

(2) ways to balance regional water use by using surface water, stormwater, wastewater, and groundwater;

(3) an analysis of infrastructure requirements needed to maintain and strengthen the reliability of water systems;

(4) development of planning-level cost estimates, including capital costs and operating costs;

(5) funding mechanisms and an equitable cost-sharing structure for regionally beneficial water supply development projects;

(6) information and tools to use to address climate change impacts on overall water supply systems and overall water sustainability; and

(7) ways to reduce impacts on the groundwater system through stormwater reuse grants to assist communities in reducing water use.

(b) \$650,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year are for grants that implement water demand reduction measures. The grants are to assist municipalities in the metropolitan area with implementing water demand reduction measures to ensure the

reliability and protection of drinking water supplies.

Sec. 9. <u>UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,400,000</u>
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(a) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the second year are for developing Part A of county geologic atlases. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2030.

(b) \$600,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are for a program to evaluate performance and technology transfer for stormwater best management practices, to evaluate best management performance and effectiveness to support meeting total maximum daily loads, to develop standards and incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using minimal impact design standards as the model, and to implement a system to transfer knowledge and technology across the local government, industry, and regulatory sectors. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

Sec. 10. <u>LEGISLATURE</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>
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\$7,000 the first year is for the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the website required under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

Sec. 11. <u>PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>8,240,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>8,300,000</u>
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(a) \$8,190,000 the first year and \$8,250,000 the second year are for the point source implementation grants program under Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

(b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year are for small community wastewater treatment grants and loans under Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

(c) If there is any uncommitted money at the end of each fiscal year under paragraph (a) or (b), the Public Facilities Authority may transfer the remaining funds to eligible projects under any of the programs listed in this section according to a project's priority rank on the Pollution Control Agency's project priority list.

Sec. 12. ASH RIVER SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM APPROPRIATION EXTENSION.

The portion of the appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 5, paragraph (h), as amended by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 2, section 18, for the Ash River Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment System is available until June 30, 2026.

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

ARTICLE 3

PARKS AND TRAILS FUND

Section 1. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the parks and trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. These are onetime appropriations.

APPROPRIATIONS

Available for the Year

Ending June 30

2026

2027

Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

<u>\$</u>	<u>61,435,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>68,733,000</u>
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The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following sections.

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this article may not be spent on activities unless they are directly

related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must be spent in accordance with Minnesota Management and Budget MMB Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year 2026 appropriations are available until June 30, 2028, and fiscal year 2027 appropriations are available until June 30, 2029. If a project receives federal funds, the period of the appropriation is extended to equal the availability of federal funding.

Subd. 3. Disability Access

Where appropriate, grant recipients of parks and trails funds, in consultation with the Council on Disability and other appropriate governor-appointed disability councils, boards, committees, and commissions, should make progress toward providing people with disabilities greater access to programs, print publications, and digital media related to the programs the recipient funds using appropriations made in this article.

Subd. 4. Energy and Water Conservation

Grant recipients of parks and trails funds should prioritize water and energy conservation technology and the use of renewable energy for construction and building projects funded with an appropriation made in this article.

Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

<u>\$</u>	<u>37,095,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>41,511,000</u>
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(a) \$24,295,000 the first year and \$27,222,000 the second year are for state parks, recreation areas, and trails to:

- (1) connect people to the outdoors;
- (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
- (3) maintain existing holdings; and

(4) improve cooperation by coordinating with partners to implement the 25-year long-range parks and trails legacy plan.

(b) The commissioner may spend money appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can! programs, including but not limited to programs designed to provide underserved youth and youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer the opportunity to experience the outdoors with similar peers.

(c) \$12,148,000 the first year and \$13,610,000 the second year are for grants for parks and trails of regional significance outside the seven-county metropolitan area under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants awarded under this paragraph must be based on the lists of recommended projects submitted to the legislative committees under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission established under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph must support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance that meet the applicable definitions and criteria for regional parks and trails contained in the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission on April 22, 2015. Grant recipients identified under this paragraph must submit a grant application to the commissioner of natural resources. Of the amount appropriated, up to \$140,000 each year may be used by the commissioner for the actual cost of issuing and monitoring the grants for the commission. Of the amount appropriated, \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year are for the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission to carry out its duties under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including the continued development of a statewide

system plan for regional parks and trails outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

(d) By January 15, 2026, the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission must submit a list of projects that contains the commission's recommendations for funding from the parks and trails fund for fiscal year 2027 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and the parks and trails fund.

(e) By January 15, 2026, the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission must submit a report that contains the commission's criteria for funding from the parks and trails fund, including the criteria used to determine if a park or trail is of regional significance, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and the parks and trails fund.

(f) \$652,000 the first year and \$679,000 the second year are for coordination and projects between the department, the Metropolitan Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced web-based information for park and trail users; and support of activities of the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

(g) The commissioner must contract for services with Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa for restoration, maintenance, and other activities under this section for at least \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the second year.

(h) Grant recipients of an appropriation under this section must give consideration to contracting with Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa for restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

(i) In addition to the requirements under paragraph (g), the commissioner should work to provide other opportunities that encourage a diversity of students to pursue careers in environment and natural resources when implementing appropriations in this section.

Sec. 4. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

\$ 24,295,000 \$ 27,222,000

(a) \$24,295,000 the first year and \$27,222,000 the second year are for distribution according to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53, subdivision 3.

(b) Money appropriated under this section and distributed to implementing agencies must be used only to fund the list of projects approved by the elected representatives of each of the metropolitan parks implementing agencies. Projects funded by the money appropriated under this section must be substantially consistent with the project descriptions and dollar amounts approved by each elected body. Any money remaining after completing the listed projects may be spent by the implementing agencies on projects to support parks and trails.

(c) Grant agreements entered into by the Metropolitan Council and recipients of money appropriated under this section must ensure that the money is used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding.

(d) The implementing agencies receiving appropriations under this section must give consideration to contracting with Conservation Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

Sec. 5. **LEGISLATIVE**

\$ 4,000 \$ -0-

\$4,000 the first year is for the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the website required under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

**Sec. 6. ADDITIONAL FISCAL YEAR 2026
APPROPRIATION FOR GREATER MINNESOTA
PARKS AND TRAILS.**

\$41,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the parks and trails fund to the commissioner of natural resources for grants for parks and trails of regional significance outside the seven-county metropolitan area. This appropriation is available June 30, 2028.

**Sec. 7. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND
APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

The availability of the grant to Goodhue County for the Cannon Valley Trail project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

The availability of the grant to Stearns County for the Beaver Island Trail project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

The availability of the grant to the city of Winona for the Bluffs Traverse Trail project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

The availability of the grant to the city of Austin for the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), is extended to June 30, 2027.

The availability of the grant to the city of Duluth for the Spirit Mountain Recreation Area project from the parks and trails fund

fiscal year 2023 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

The availability of the grant to the city of Duluth for the Waabizheshikana/Marten Trail project from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), is extended to June 30, 2027.

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

Sec. 8. CANCELLATIONS.

(a) The unobligated balance from the parks and trails fund appropriation under Laws 2019, First Special Session, chapter 2, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), for grants estimated to be \$10,000 is canceled to the parks and trails fund no later than June 30, 2025.

(b) The unobligated balance from the parks and trails fund appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session, chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), for grants estimated to be \$31,000 is canceled to the parks and trails fund no later than June 30, 2025.

ARTICLE 4

ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND

Section 1. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, except that any unencumbered balance remaining under this article from the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

APPROPRIATIONS**Available for the Year****Ending June 30****2026****2027****Sec. 2. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE****Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation**

\$	<u>85,293,000</u>	\$	<u>94,618,000</u>
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The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this article must not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must not be spent on institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must be spent in accordance with Minnesota Management and Budget MMB Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year 2026 appropriations are available until June 30, 2027, and fiscal year 2027 appropriations are available until June 30, 2028. Water and energy conservation technology and the use of renewable energy should be priorities for construction and building projects funded through this appropriation. If a project receives federal funds, the period of the appropriation is extended to equal the availability of federal funding.

Sec. 3. MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD**Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation**

\$	<u>40,088,000</u>	\$	<u>44,470,000</u>
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The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Grant Agreements

The amounts in this section are appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts, arts education, arts preservation, and arts access. Grant agreements entered into by the Minnesota State Arts Board and other recipients of appropriations in this section must ensure that the money is used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Each grant program established in this appropriation must be separately administered from other state appropriations for program planning and outcome measurements, but may take into consideration other state resources awarded in the selection of applicants and grant award size.

Subd. 3. Arts and Arts Access Initiatives32,071,00035,576,000

\$32,071,000 the first year and \$35,576,000 the second year are to support Minnesota artists and arts organizations in creating, producing, and presenting high-quality arts activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret art forms and works of art so that they are accessible to Minnesota audiences; to overcome barriers to accessing high-quality arts activities; and to instill the arts into the community and public life in this state. Grants provided under this subdivision must prioritize artists and arts organizations that plan to present art from communities that have been historically underrepresented in the arts or that improve access to the programs and projects for groups, including youth and historically underserved communities, that have struggled to access arts programming in the past.

Subd. 4. Arts Education6,013,0006,670,000

\$6,013,000 the first year and \$6,670,000 the second year are for high-quality, age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and understanding of the

arts. Priority in the award of grants under this subdivision must be given to providing educational opportunities to underserved communities with grants for organizations or entities providing opportunities to K-12 students throughout the state for arts education, including access to arts instruction, arts programming, museums, and arts presentations.

Subd. 5. Arts and Cultural Heritage

2,004,000

2,224,000

\$2,004,000 the first year and \$2,224,000 the second year are for events and activities that represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse cultural arts traditions, including folk and traditional artists and art organizations, represented in this state.

Subd. 6. Administrative Costs

Up to five percent of the totals in subdivisions 3 to 5 each year is for administering grant programs, delivering technical services, providing fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and ensuring accountability in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

Subd. 7. Regional Arts Councils

Thirty percent of the remaining total appropriation to each of the categories listed in subdivisions 3 to 5 is for grants to the regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regional arts council grants or other arts council grants for touring programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to tour in their own region as well as all other regions of the state.

Sec. 4. MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$

14,077,000

\$

19,000,000

The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Grant Agreements

(a) The amounts in this section are appropriated to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and its cultural and historical resources. Grant agreements entered into by the Minnesota Historical Society and other recipients of appropriations in this section must ensure that the money is used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Money directly appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society must be used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for historic preservation projects that improve historic structures, the amounts are available until June 30, 2029. The Minnesota Historical Society or grant recipients of the Minnesota Historical Society using money from the arts and cultural heritage fund under this section must give consideration to Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa and Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps, or an organization carrying out similar work, for projects with the potential to need historic preservation services.

(b) Up to five percent of the totals in subdivisions 3 and 4 each year is for administering grants and grant programs, delivering technical services, providing fiscal oversight, and ensuring accountability in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

Subd. 3. Historical Grants and Programs

12,634,000

18,875,000

(a) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants

\$4,822,000 the first year and \$7,640,000 the second year are for statewide historic and cultural grants to local, county, regional, or other historical or cultural organizations or for activities to preserve significant historic and cultural resources. Money must be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Historical Society must administer the money using established

grant mechanisms with assistance from the advisory committee created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item (ii).

(b) Statewide History Programs

\$5,140,000 the first year and \$7,640,000 the second year are for historic and cultural programs and purposes related to the heritage of the state.

(c) History Partnerships

\$1,812,000 the first year and \$2,935,000 the second year are for history partnerships involving multiple organizations, which may include the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

(d) Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites

\$330,000 the first year and \$330,000 the second year are for one or more contracts to be competitively awarded to conduct statewide surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites of historical, archeological, and cultural significance. Results of the surveys or investigations must be published in a searchable form and available to the public cost free. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the State Archeologist, the Indian Affairs Council, and the State Historic Preservation Office must each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys or investigations. The oversight board must consult with the Departments of Transportation and Natural Resources.

(e) Digital Library

\$330,000 the first year and \$330,000 the second year are for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents, and historical materials.

The Minnesota Historical Society must cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan system and must jointly share this appropriation for these purposes.

(f) 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

\$200,000 the first year is for Minnesota's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Minnesota America 250 Committee, and the Minnesota Humanities Center must work collaboratively to create public programs and activities and to support local efforts to commemorate this anniversary. A portion of this money may be used to support the work of the Minnesota America 250 Committee.

Subd. 4. Grants

1,443,000

125,000

(a) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the Minnesota Transportation Museum for exhibits, the purchase and restoration of historic train cars, and updates to the museum that allow persons of all ages and abilities to access the museum safely.

(b) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to Olmsted County Historical Society to rehabilitate the historic George Stoppel stone house and barn and to construct an accessible pathway to the farmstead. All work must follow the standards outlined in the United States Secretary of the Interior's Treatment of Historic Properties.

(c) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year are for a grant to Special Guerrilla Units Veterans and Families of USA, Inc. to collect, document, archive, and preserve the oral histories of Hmong veterans of the United States-sponsored Secret War in Laos and to create programming and educational resources to teach the public and future generations about the history, legacy, and cultural heritage of the Hmong in Minnesota.

(d) \$318,000 the first year is for a grant to the Dakota County Historical Society to design and build the Heroes and Heritage Interpretive Trail Loop along existing paved trails in South St. Paul, West St. Paul, and Inver Grove Heights.

Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

\$

1,923,000

\$

2,923,000

\$1,923,000 the first year and \$2,923,000 the second year are appropriated to the commissioner of education for grants to the 12 Minnesota regional library systems to provide educational opportunities in the arts, history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of Minnesota. When possible, funding under this section should be used to promote and share the work of Minnesota authors, including authors from diverse backgrounds. This money must be allocated using the formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355, subdivisions 3 to 5, with the remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all qualifying systems in an amount proportionate to the number of qualifying system entities in each system. For purposes of this section, "qualifying system entity" means a public library, a regional library system, a regional library system headquarters, a county, or an outreach service program. This money may be used to sponsor programs provided by regional libraries or to provide grants to local arts and cultural heritage programs for programs in partnership with regional libraries. This money must be distributed in ten equal payments per year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as grants or contracts in this section are available until June 30, 2029. Up to two percent of the amount in this section is for administering the grants in this section.

Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$

16,991,000

\$

12,269,000

The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Grant Agreements

(a) The amounts in this section are appropriated to the commissioner of administration for grants to the named organizations for the purposes specified in this section.

(b) Grant agreements entered into by the commissioner and recipients of appropriations under this section must ensure that money appropriated in this section is used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding.

(c) Up to five percent of the amounts in subdivision 3 are for administering the grants, providing fiscal oversight, and ensuring accountability in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

Subd. 3. Grants

16,991,000

12,269,000

(a) Minnesota Public Radio

\$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000 the second year are for Minnesota Public Radio to create programming and expand news service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and history.

(b) Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations

\$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000 the second year are to the Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations for production and acquisition grants in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.19.

(c) Public Television

\$3,686,000 the first year and \$4,686,000 the second year are to the Minnesota Public Television Association for production and

acquisition grants according to Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.18.

(d) Wilderness Inquiry

\$485,000 the first year and \$485,000 the second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture, and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth and families to natural resources.

(e) Como Park Zoo

\$1,520,000 the first year and \$1,520,000 the second year are to the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory for program development that features educational programs and habitat enhancement, special exhibits, music appreciation programs, and historical garden access and preservation.

(f) Science Museum of Minnesota

\$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the second year are to the Science Museum of Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts access and to preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage, including student and teacher outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and community-based exhibits that preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

(g) Lake Superior Zoo

\$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the second year are to the Lake Superior Zoo to develop educational exhibits and programs.

(h) State Band

\$50,000 the first year is to the Minnesota state band to provide free concerts throughout the state.

(i) Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

\$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year are to the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities to continue to preserve and raise awareness of the history

of Minnesotans with developmental disabilities.

(j) Forest Lake Veterans Memorial

\$275,000 the first year is to the Forest Lake Veterans Memorial Committee to construct a memorial to veterans of the United States armed forces at Lakeside Memorial Park in the city of Forest Lake.

(k) Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio

\$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are to Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) to expand arts programming to celebrate Latino cultural heritage; support local artists; and provide professional development, networking, and presentation opportunities.

(l) Somali Museum of Minnesota

\$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year are to the Somali Museum of Minnesota to preserve and celebrate Somali culture through classes, exhibits, and outreach.

(m) The Bakken Museum

\$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the second year are to The Bakken Museum for interactive exhibits and outreach programs on arts and cultural heritage.

(n) Minnesota Black Farmers Association

\$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are to the Neighborhood Development Center to preserve the cultural heritage of Black farmers in Minnesota by fostering a new generation of culturally aware farmers who enhance understanding of sustainable farm practices and to create community hubs for cultural and educational programming.

(o) History Theatre

\$100,000 the first year is to History Theatre to perform a play celebrating Hmong arts and culture.

(p) Walker West Music Academy

\$300,000 the first year is to Walker West Music Academy for a series of 12 free concerts, youth and adult music education, professional development for music educators, and community choir programs.

(q) Minnesota Fishing Museum and Hall of Fame

\$100,000 the first year is to the Minnesota Fishing Museum and Hall of Fame in Little Falls for programming and educational opportunities celebrating Minnesota's outdoor culture and heritage.

(r) Ice Sculpture at Lake Phalen

\$700,000 the first year is to the city of St. Paul for ice sculptures at Lake Phalen that celebrate the city's diverse communities of Minnesotans as part of the city's Winter Carnival.

(s) Minnesota Asian American Film and Music Festivals

\$250,000 the first year is to Asian Economic Development Association (AEDA) to plan and produce a Minnesota Asian American film festival and a music festival.

(t) Phyllis Wheatley Community Center

\$200,000 the first year is to the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center for programming in arts and cultural expansion support for the Mary T. Wellcome Child Development Center, artistic and cultural digital programming for marginalized youth, and services including arts and cultural heritage for adults and youth in the center's trauma and restorative programming.

(u) Sweet Potato Comfort Pie

\$200,000 the first year is to Sweet Potato Comfort Pie for programming that celebrates traditional food and uses culinary arts, storytelling, and other creative forms of culture-sharing to celebrate and educate communities on culture and history.

(v) Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts

\$200,000 the first year is to the Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts for after-school educational programming that includes instruction in dance, voice, and drama.

(w) Thoroughbred Racing Culture

\$200,000 this first year is to a class A racetrack that primarily conducts thoroughbred and quarter horse racing and is licensed by the Minnesota Racing Commission under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 240, to support Minnesota's cultural heritage of thoroughbred racing by expanding opportunities at the racetrack for Minnesota racehorses.

(x) Taste of Minnesota

\$1,847,000 the first year is to the Minneapolis Downtown Council to support the Taste of Minnesota event. This appropriation is for infrastructure and associated costs, including but not limited to event build-out, permits, waste management, staffing, security, equipment rentals, signs, and insurance.

(y) Siengkane Lao

\$275,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second year are to Siengkane Lao. Of this amount:

(1) \$200,000 the first year is for a Southeast Asian music festival on the east side of St. Paul; and

(2) \$75,000 each year is to create cultural arts projects and to preserve traditional dance performances.

(z) United Hmong Family

\$350,000 the first year is to the United Hmong Family to provide dance and other arts and cultural programming.

(aa) Tou Ger Xiong Mural

\$300,000 the first year is to the city of St. Paul to design and construct a mural and statue honoring Tou Ger Xiong at Lake Phalen's Tou Ger Xiong Island in St. Paul.

(bb) AEDA Youth Outdoor Programs

\$250,000 the first year is to the Asian Economic Development Association (AEDA) for outdoor programs for youth.

(cc) Capri Theater

\$250,000 the first year is to PCYC for the Capri Theater to enrich and expand the Capri's youth and adult arts programming and to support the theater's position as a community builder and primary catalyst for economic development in North Minneapolis through powerful, effective arts and educational offerings for youth, families, emerging and accomplished artists, community and civic organizations, and the over 20,000 patrons who visit this Northside venue yearly.

(dd) Boxing for Youth

\$100,000 the first year is to SIR Boxing to preserve Minnesota's boxing culture through youth boxing programs.

(ee) Hmong Zej Zog

\$200,000 the first year is to MN Hmong Zej Zog for Hmong language and culture preservation.

(ff) City of Delano Sesquicentennial

\$150,000 the first year is to the city of Delano for the Delano Sesquicentennial to celebrate the city's 150th anniversary in 2026 and to provide art, music, and cultural heritage programming.

(gg) Stairstep Foundation

\$500,000 the first year is to the Stairstep Foundation for African American cultural festivals and events.

(hh) 2026 Special Olympics USA Games

\$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games to celebrate the arts and cultural heritage of Minnesota during Special Olympics events, including through design and construction of the Special Olympics Cauldron.

Sec. 7. MINNESOTA ZOO

\$	<u>1,490,000</u>	\$	<u>2,150,000</u>
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The amounts in this section are appropriated to the Minnesota Zoological Board for programs at and development of the Minnesota Zoological Garden and to provide access and education related to programs on the cultural heritage of Minnesota.

Sec. 8. MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$	<u>8,087,000</u>	\$	<u>11,174,000</u>
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The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Grant Agreements

(a) The amounts in this section are appropriated to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes specified in this section. The Minnesota Humanities Center may use up to 5.5 percent of the appropriations for the administration of these funds and to cover the cost of administering, planning, evaluating, and reporting these grants. The

Minnesota Humanities Center must develop a written plan to issue the grants under this section and must submit the plan for review and approval by the commissioner of administration. The written plan must require the Minnesota Humanities Center to create and adhere to grant policies that are similar to those established according to Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.97, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (1).

(b) No grants awarded under this section may be used for travel outside the state of Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify the repercussions for failing to comply with the grant agreement.

Subd. 3. Programs

1,762,000

1,762,000

\$1,762,000 the first year and \$1,762,000 the second year are for statewide humanities programs and to support and expand outreach, partnerships, and humanities programming with organizations and individuals throughout the state, including but not limited to programming related to veterans and the military experience; professional development opportunities for educators; and programming celebrating, representing, and reflecting upon the heritage of diverse Minnesota communities that have been historically underserved.

Subd. 4. Children's Museum Grants

2,025,000

2,025,000

\$2,025,000 the first year and \$2,025,000 the second year are for arts and cultural heritage grants to children's museums for arts and cultural exhibits and related educational outreach programs. Of this amount:

(1) \$500,000 each year is for the Minnesota Children's Museum, St. Paul;

(2) \$175,000 each year is for The Works, Bloomington;

(3) \$125,000 each year is for the WonderTrek Children's Museum, Brainerd-Baxter;

(4) \$100,000 each year is for the Children's
Discovery Center, Breckenridge;

(5) \$125,000 each year is for the Duluth
Children's Museum, Duluth;

(6) \$100,000 each year is for the Otter Cove
Children's Museum, Fergus Falls;

(7) \$100,000 each year is for the Children's
Discovery Museum, Grand Rapids;

(8) \$100,000 each year is for the Wheel and
Cog Children's Museum, Hutchinson;

(9) \$175,000 each year is for the Children's
Museum of Southern Minnesota, Mankato;

(10) \$175,000 each year is for the Great
River Children's Museum, St. Cloud;

(11) \$100,000 each year is for The Village
Children's Museum, Willmar;

(12) \$100,000 each year is for the Mini Sota
Ag Museum, Benson; and

(13) \$150,000 each year is for the SPARK
Children's Museum, Rochester.

**Subd. 5. Community Identity and Heritage Grant
Program**

2,858,000

6,945,000

\$2,858,000 the first year and \$6,945,000 the
second year are for a competitive grant
program to provide grants to organizations
or individuals working to create, celebrate,
and teach the art, culture, and heritage of
diverse Minnesota communities, including
but not limited to Asian and Pacific Island
communities, the Somali diaspora and other
African immigrant communities, Indigenous
communities with a focus on the 11 Tribes
in Minnesota, the African American
community, the Latinx community, the
LGBTQIA+ community, and other
underrepresented cultural groups, including
communities of Black, Indigenous, and
people of color, to celebrate the cultural
diversity of Minnesota. At least \$250,000

each year must be for grants to provide funding to ethnic media organizations creating video content in a language other than English. At least \$200,000 each year must be used to award emergency grants to organizations otherwise qualified to receive grants under this subdivision and must be awarded on a rolling basis based on emerging needs to assist communities responding to major events and to facilitate the process of grieving, encourage healing, create memorials, or assist in recovery of the community. Any amount described in the preceding sentence that is not expended by October 15 of the second year may be used for general programming costs or grants under this subdivision. An individual or organization that receives a grant under this subdivision must do at least one of the following:

(1) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of Minnesota;

(2) provide education and student outreach on cultural diversity;

(3) support the development of culturally diverse humanities programming, including arts programming, by individuals and organizations; or

(4) empower communities in building identity and culture, including preserving and honoring communities whose Indigenous cultures are endangered or disappearing.

Subd. 6. Underrepresented Groups Cultural Studies Materials

500,000

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\$500,000 the first year is for competitive grants to develop high-quality academic, cultural, and ethnic studies materials for communities that do not have adequate cultural and ethnic studies materials or who are underrepresented in those materials, including but not limited to the Hmong, Karen, Somali, and Oromo cultures and

cultures without a formal writing system that are largely oral-based. In developing these materials, a recipient of a grant under this subdivision must work with school districts that intend to use the materials.

Subd. 7. Gordon Parks Commemoration

500,000

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\$500,000 the first year is to work in collaboration with Soul Touch Productions to create an art installation and programming to celebrate the incredible life and rich legacy of Gordon Parks.

Subd. 8. Grants

442,000

442,000

(a) Urban Debate League

\$160,000 the first year and \$160,000 the second year are for a grant to the Minnesota Urban Debate League to offer improved professional development programming and expand services to youth in more geographic areas.

(b) Art from the Inside

\$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the second year are for a grant to Art from the Inside to use the arts, including but not limited to visual art, poetry, literature, theater, dance, and music, to address the supportive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative needs of incarcerated persons and persons on supervised release and promote a safer correctional facility and community environment.

(c) Hmong Cultural Center

\$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year are for a grant to the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota for museum-related programming, a library, and classes and educational outreach activities to teach the public about the historical, cultural, and folk arts heritage of Hmong Minnesotans.

Sec. 9. INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL

2,030,000

2,030,000

(a) \$750,000 each year is to provide grants to Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language and to foster education programs and services for Dakota and Ojibwe language.

(b) \$575,000 each year is for grants to Dakota and Ojibwe language-immersion educational institutions.

(c) \$525,000 each year is to provide grants to preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language through support of projects and services and to support educational programs and immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe language.

(d) \$50,000 each year is for a Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language working group coordinated by the Indian Affairs Council.

(e) \$130,000 each year is for the Indian Affairs Council to carry out responsibilities under Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to comply with Public Law 101-601, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

Sec. 10. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>602,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>602,000</u>
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The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. <u>County Fair Grants</u>		<u>352,000</u>		<u>352,000</u>
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\$352,000 the first year and \$352,000 the second year are for grants to county agricultural societies to enhance arts access and education and to preserve and promote Minnesota's history and cultural heritage as embodied in its county fairs. The grants may be distributed in equal amounts to each of the county fairs that submitted an application. The grants are in addition to the aid distribution to county agricultural societies under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02. The

commissioner of agriculture must develop grant-making criteria and guidance for expending money under this subdivision to provide funding for projects and events that provide access to the arts or the state's agricultural, historical, and cultural heritage. The commissioner must seek input from all interested parties. The commissioner may use up to two percent of the amounts in this subdivision for the administration and distribution of the grants. Money not used in the first year may be used in the second year.

Subd. 3. **Minnesota FFA**

250,000

250,000

(a) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are for grants to the Minnesota FFA to provide new and expanded access for Minnesota FFA members involved in art- and history-related FFA activities. Of this amount:

(1) up to \$100,000 each year may be used to document and commemorate 100 years of fostering leadership, agricultural education, and community service across the state by creating a history book, video storytelling series, and an in-person arts-focused event; and

(2) any amount not spent for the purposes described in clause (1) may be used for other activities that provide new and expanded access for Minnesota FFA members involved in art- and history-related FFA activities, including activities related to national and state FFA band and choir, state and national FFA talent competitions, FFA floriculture, and FFA state fair landscape booths.

(b) The commissioner of agriculture must develop grant-making criteria and guidance for grants under this subdivision to provide funding for projects and events and must seek input from the Minnesota FFA and Minnesota FFA Foundation. The commissioner may use up to five percent of the amounts in this subdivision to cover the

costs of administering, planning, evaluating,
and reporting these grants.

**Sec. 11. LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING
COMMISSION**

\$

5,000 \$

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The amount in this section is appropriated to
the Legislative Coordinating Commission to
maintain the website required under
Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303,
subdivision 10.

Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 3, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter 106, article 4, section 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board

47,421,000

44,796,000

(a) The amounts in this subdivision are appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts, arts education, arts preservation, and arts access. Grant agreements entered into by the Minnesota State Arts Board and other recipients of appropriations in this subdivision must ensure that these funds are used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Each grant program established in this appropriation must be separately administered from other state appropriations for program planning and outcome measurements, but may take into consideration other state resources awarded in the selection of applicants and grant award size.

(b) Arts and Arts Access Initiatives

\$35,737,000 the first year and \$36,437,000 the second year are to support Minnesota artists and arts organizations in creating, producing, and presenting high-quality arts activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret art forms and works of art so that they are accessible to Minnesota audiences; to overcome barriers to accessing high-quality arts activities; and to instill the arts into the community and public life in this state. Grants provided under this paragraph must prioritize artists and arts organizations that

plan to present art from communities that have been historically underrepresented in the arts or that improve access to the programs and projects for groups, including youth and historically underserved communities, that have struggled to access arts programming in the past.

(c) Arts Education

\$7,263,000 the first year and \$6,269,000 the second year are for high-quality, age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and understanding of the arts. Priority in the award of grants under this paragraph must be given to providing educational opportunities to underserved communities with grants for organizations or entities providing opportunities to K-12 students throughout the state for arts education, including access to arts instruction, arts programming, museums, and arts presentations.

(d) Arts and Cultural Heritage

\$2,421,000 the first year and \$2,090,000 the second year are for events and activities that represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse cultural arts traditions, including folk and traditional artists and art organizations, represented in this state.

(e) Significant Art Project St. Paul

\$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to the Minnesota United Foundation for the design, land development, land transfer fees, and production costs of a public art project in St. Paul ~~at the United Village site~~ celebrating Minnesota arts and cultural heritage and providing a unique public art experience through sculpture and design. The project funded by this paragraph must have a matching contribution from nonpublic funds and must include a public-private partnership agreement providing an agreement for the future ownership, maintenance, taxes, and

associated costs for the art project and project site. The project funded by this paragraph must have a permanent sign indicating the project was funded through the arts and cultural heritage fund. The project funded by this paragraph must be located in St. Paul at the Conway Recreation Center or, if that site is not practicable, at Lake Phalen at the platform containing the bust of Sunisa Lee. This appropriation is available until June 30, ~~2028~~ 2029. Nonpublic contributions made after January 1, 2024, are eligible matching expenditures for the purposes of this grant.

(f) Administrative Costs

Up to five percent of the totals in paragraphs (b) to (e) each year is for administering grant programs, delivering technical services, providing fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and ensuring accountability for fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 appropriations.

(g) Regional Arts Councils

Thirty percent of the remaining total appropriation to each of the categories listed in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regional arts council grants or other arts council grants for touring programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to tour in their own region as well as all other regions of the state.

(h) Any unencumbered balance remaining under this subdivision the first year does not cancel but is available the second year.

Sec. 13. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Department of Education	3,000,000	2,750,000
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(a) \$2,750,000 each year is appropriated to the commissioner of education for grants to the 12 Minnesota regional library systems to provide educational opportunities in the arts, history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of

Minnesota. When possible, funding under this subdivision should be used to promote and share the work of Minnesota authors, including authors from diverse backgrounds. This money must be allocated using the formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355, subdivisions 3 to 5, with the remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all qualifying systems in an amount proportionate to the number of qualifying system entities in each system. For purposes of this subdivision, "qualifying system entity" means a public library, a regional library system, a regional library system headquarters, a county, or an outreach service program. This money may be used to sponsor programs provided by regional libraries or to provide grants to local arts and cultural heritage programs for programs in partnership with regional libraries. This money must be distributed in ten equal payments per year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered on or before June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, as grants or contracts in this subdivision are available until June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

(b) \$250,000 the first year is appropriated to the commissioner of education for a water safety grant program. The commissioner of education must allocate grants to eligible applicants. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and city and county parks and recreation programs providing swimming lessons to youth. Eligible applicants are not required to partner with other entities. Grant funds must primarily be used to provide scholarships to low-income and at-risk children for swimming lessons. Up to 15 percent of the grant funds may also be used to hire water safety instructors or lifeguards or train water safety instructors or lifeguards in nationally recognized water safety practices and instruction.

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

Sec. 14. Laws 2024, chapter 106, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Minnesota Historical Society**

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1,201,000

(a) The amounts in this subdivision are appropriated to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and its cultural and historical resources. Grant agreements entered into by the Minnesota Historical Society and other recipients of appropriations in this subdivision must ensure that these funds are used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Funds directly appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society must be used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. The appropriations in this subdivision are onetime.

(b) **Grants**

(1) \$100,000 the second year is to facilitate negotiations for the purchase by the state of the Wizard of Oz ruby slippers through a combination of available state funds and nonstate sources of funding. Any remaining amount not used to facilitate the purchase of the slippers by the state may be used as a grant to the Judy Garland Children's Discovery Museum to create an exhibit highlighting the history and cultural relevance of the slippers;

(2) \$400,000 the second year is for statewide historic and cultural grants to cultural community organizations, historical organizations, and veterans organizations for activities to commemorate 50 years of Southeast Asians in Minnesota. Money under this paragraph must be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Historical Society must administer the grants using established grant mechanisms with assistance from the advisory committee created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item (ii).

(3) \$200,000 the second year is for activities to prepare and coordinate community commemoration programs celebrating 50 years of Hmong Americans in Minnesota. The Minnesota Historical Society must form an advisory task force consisting of members of the Hmong community to advise the society on the design and implementation of these activities and programs;

(4) \$200,000 the second year is for planning and outreach, in collaboration with the Minnesota Humanities Center, for Minnesota's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Minnesota Historical Society and Minnesota Humanities Center must enter into an agreement between the organizations on how best to maximize the impact of this grant and of collaboration with statewide partners;

(5) \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to the Greater Litchfield Opera House Association to repair and update the Litchfield Opera House; and

(6) \$251,000 the second year is for a grant to the Dakota County Historical Society to design and build exhibits at the Lawshe Memorial Museum.

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

Sec. 15. **CARRYFORWARD.**

The availability of the appropriation under Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, paragraph (ff), is extended to June 30, 2028.

Sec. 16. **EFFECT OF DIRECT APPROPRIATION ON ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE COMPETITIVE GRANT.**

An entity that administers a competitive grant program established in this article must not prohibit a named recipient of an appropriation in this article from applying for a grant under a competitive grant program established in this article."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money from outdoor heritage, clean water, parks and trails, and arts and cultural heritage funds; modifying and extending prior appropriations; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.056, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivisions 3, as amended, 5; Laws 2024, chapter 106, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 2068: A bill for an act relating to public safety; extending the length of driver's license revocations related to certain offenses; modifying the length of time certain individuals must participate in the ignition interlock program; requiring all ignition interlock participants to complete a treatment or rehabilitation program before reinstatement of full driving privileges; imposing criminal penalties for ignition interlock program participants who operate vehicles not equipped with an interlock device; making criminal vehicular homicide offenders eligible for the ignition interlock program; providing for judicial review of an extension of a person's driver's license revocation for a violation of the ignition interlock program; modifying how license plates are impounded and reissued under the DWI law; expanding the time period that a temporary driver's license issued after a DWI is valid; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 169A.37, subdivision 1; 169A.52, subdivisions 3, 4, 7; 169A.54, subdivision 1; 169A.60, subdivisions 4, 5, 6; 171.177, subdivisions 4, 5; 171.187, subdivision 3; 171.19; 171.306, subdivisions 1, 4, 5, 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 169A.54, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 169A.55, subdivisions 4, 5; 171.17, subdivision 4.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 7, after line 3, insert:

"Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169A.63, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **Exception.** (a) A forfeiture proceeding is stayed and the vehicle must be returned if the driver becomes a program participant in the ignition interlock program under section 171.306, in any motor vehicle eligible to be equipped with the ignition interlock device, at any time before the seized motor vehicle is forfeited and any of the following apply:

(1) the ~~driver committed~~ motor vehicle has been seized for a designated offense other than a violation of section 169A.20 under the circumstances described in section 169A.24; or

(2) the driver is accepted into a treatment court dedicated to changing the behavior of alcohol- and other drug-dependent offenders arrested for driving while impaired.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the vehicle whose forfeiture was stayed in paragraph (a) may be seized and the forfeiture action may proceed under this section if the program participant described in paragraph (a):

(1) subsequently operates a motor vehicle:

(i) to commit a violation of section 169A.20 (driving while impaired);

(ii) in a manner that results in a license revocation under section 169A.52 (license revocation for test failure or refusal) or 171.177 (revocation; search warrant) or a license disqualification under section 171.165 (commercial driver's license disqualification) resulting from a violation of section 169A.52 or 171.177;

(iii) after tampering with, circumventing, or bypassing an ignition interlock device; or

(iv) without an ignition interlock device at any time when the driver's license requires such device;

(2) either voluntarily or involuntarily ceases to participate in the program for more than 30 days, or fails to successfully complete it as required by the Department of Public Safety due to:

(i) two or more occasions of the participant's driving privileges being withdrawn for violating the terms of the program, unless the withdrawal is determined to be caused by an error of the department or the interlock provider; or

(ii) violating the terms of the contract with the provider as determined by the provider; or

(3) was the driver, forfeiture was stayed after the driver entered a treatment court, and the driver ceases to be a participant in the treatment court for any reason.

(c) Paragraph (b) applies only if the described conduct occurs before the participant has been restored to full driving privileges or within three years of the original designated offense or designated license revocation, whichever occurs latest.

(d) The requirement in subdivision 2, paragraph (b), that device manufacturers provide a discounted rate to indigent program participants applies also to device installation under this subdivision.

(e) An impound or law enforcement storage lot operator must allow an ignition interlock manufacturer sufficient access to the lot to install an ignition interlock device under this subdivision.

(f) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an entity in possession of the vehicle is not required to release it until the reasonable costs of the towing, seizure, and storage of the vehicle have been paid by the vehicle owner.

(g) At any time prior to the vehicle being forfeited, the appropriate agency may require that the owner or driver of the vehicle surrender the title of the seized vehicle.

(h) If an event described in paragraph (b) occurs in a jurisdiction other than the one in which the original forfeitable event occurred, and the vehicle is subsequently forfeited, the proceeds shall be divided equally, after payment of seizure, towing, storage, forfeiture, and sale expenses and satisfaction of valid liens against the vehicle, among the appropriate agencies and prosecuting authorities in each jurisdiction.

(i) Upon successful completion of the program, the stayed forfeiture proceeding is terminated or dismissed and any vehicle, security, or bond held by an agency must be returned to the owner of the vehicle.

(j) A claimant of a vehicle for which a forfeiture action was stayed under paragraph (a) but which later proceeds under paragraph (b), may file a demand for judicial forfeiture as provided in subdivision 8, in which case the forfeiture proceedings must be conducted as provided in subdivision 9."

Page 14, line 15, after "revocation" insert ", suspension, or cancellation"

Page 14, line 23, delete the new language and before "and" insert "or whether the commissioner's extension determination is valid or should be modified,"

Page 14, line 25, delete the new language

Page 14, line 26, after "license" insert ", or of the commissioner's extension determination,"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 12, after the first semicolon, insert "modifying the exception to the DWI vehicle forfeiture law relating to drivers who become ignition interlock device program participants;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1492: A bill for an act relating to the attorney general; establishing a Civil Commitment Coordinating Division; establishing various grant programs; requiring reports; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 8.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 3, line 26, delete "and"

Page 3, line 27, delete "five" and insert "four" and delete the period and insert "; and"

Page 3, after line 27, insert:

"(17) the Minnesota Competency Attainment Board Program administrator or a designee."

Page 4, delete subdivision 4

Page 5, delete section 4 and insert:

"Sec. 4. **TRANSPORT HOLD WORK GROUP.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment and membership.** (a) The Transport Hold Work Group is comprised of the following members:

(1) the commissioner of human services or the commissioner's designee;

(2) a representative of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;

(3) the state public defender or a designee of the state public defender;

(4) a commitment defense attorney;

(5) at least two mental health professionals with experience in crisis response, one of whom must work primarily outside the seven-county metropolitan area, appointed by the commissioner of human services;

(6) at least two mental health professionals from underrepresented communities as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 148E.010, subdivision 20;

(7) a representative of the Minnesota Sheriffs Association;

(8) a representative of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;

(9) a representative of the Association of Minnesota Counties;

(10) a representative of the Minnesota Ambulance Association;

(11) a representative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota;

(12) a representative of Mental Health Minnesota; and

(13) the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities or the ombudsman's designee.

(b) Members listed in clauses (2), (4), (5), and (6) to (12) are appointed by the commissioner of human services, with recommendation from the named organizations.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The duties of the work group are to:

(1) determine best practices when a person must be taken into custody and transported for emergency admission under Minnesota Statutes, section 253B.051;

(2) determine best practices when a peace officer may use authorized force to take a person into custody and transport the person under Minnesota Statutes, section 253B.051; and

(3) develop recommendations for policy changes and funding needs to safely transport people in mental health crises, including alternatives to law enforcement.

(b) By February 1, 2026, the work group must submit a written report to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over human services and public safety on the work group's activities and recommendations.

Subd. 3. **Administration.** The Department of Human Services must provide administrative support to the work group and must assist in creation of the report under subdivision 2.

Subd. 4. **Compensation.** Members of the task force serve without compensation.

Subd. 5. **Appointment deadline.** Members must be appointed by the authorities under subdivision 1 by July 31, 2025.

Subd. 6. **Meeting; chair.** The commissioner of health must convene the first meeting by September 15, 2025. The work group must elect a chair at its first meeting. The chair must convene meetings of the work group at least monthly.

Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The work group expires February 1, 2026."

Page 6, delete section 6

Page 7, delete section 7

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after "programs;" insert "creating a transport hold work group;"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2200: A bill for an act relating to witnesses; establishing confidentiality for restorative justice practices participants; classifying data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.6905, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 595.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[13.891] RESTORATIVE PRACTICE PARTICIPANT DATA.**

(a) For purposes of this section, "restorative practice participant" has the meaning given in section 595.02, subdivision 1b, paragraph (a), clause (2).

(b) Data collected, created, or maintained by a government entity that identifies an individual as a restorative practice participant is private data on individuals but may be disclosed for the purposes described in section 595.02, subdivision 1b, paragraph (b), clauses (1) to (3), or paragraph (c). This section does not apply to personnel data, as defined in section 13.43, subdivision 1, or to

an individual who receives payment to facilitate a restorative practice, as defined in section 142A.76, subdivision 1.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142A.76, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Report.** By February 15 of each year, the director shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over public safety, human services, and education, on the work of the Office of Restorative Practices, any grants issued pursuant to this section, and the status of local restorative practices initiatives in the state that were reviewed in the previous year. The report on the status of local restorative practices initiatives must incorporate data on recidivism, public safety impacts, and financial investments in restorative practices.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 595.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1b. **Inadmissibility; exceptions.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision:

(1) "restorative practice" has the meaning given in section 142A.76, subdivision 1; and

(2) "restorative practice participant" means a facilitator, a person who has caused harm, a person who has been harmed, a community member, and any other person attending a restorative practice.

(b) Statements made or documents offered in the course of a restorative practice are not subject to discovery or admissible as evidence in a civil or criminal proceeding. This paragraph does not apply:

(1) to statements or documents that are the subject of a report made pursuant to section 626.557 or chapter 260E;

(2) if a restorative practice participant reasonably believed that disclosure of a statement or document was necessary to prevent reasonably certain death, great bodily harm, or commission of a crime; or

(3) if the statement or document constitutes evidence of professional misconduct by a restorative practice participant acting in the capacity of their professional or occupational license.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), if a court orders a person who caused harm to participate in a restorative practice, a person overseeing the restorative practice may disclose information necessary to demonstrate whether the person who caused harm participated as ordered.

(d) Evidence that is otherwise admissible or subject to discovery does not become inadmissible or protected from discovery solely because it was discussed or used in a restorative practice."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to evidence; making restorative practices statements and documents inadmissible in civil and criminal proceedings; classifying data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 142A.76, subdivision 8; 595.02, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13."

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2985: A bill for an act relating to retirement; requiring the commissioner of employment and economic development to disclose information; making administrative and technical changes to the Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116J.401, by adding a subdivision; 187.03, subdivisions 5, 7, by adding a subdivision; 187.05, subdivisions 4, 6, by adding a subdivision; 187.07, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 6; 187.08, subdivisions 3, 7; 187.11.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 20, delete "120" and insert "180"

Page 5, line 14, after "(a)" insert "As described under section 187.012," and after "impose" insert ":(1)"

Page 5, line 15, strike ", 2," and before the period, insert "; and (2) statutory civil or criminal penalties against any covered employer that fails to comply with subdivision 2"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2212: A bill for an act relating to public safety; making it a crime to obstruct certain first responders by approaching or remaining too closely after being warned; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.50, subdivision 1.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, after line 5, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.2231, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Firefighters and emergency medical personnel.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), whoever physically assaults any of the following persons and inflicts demonstrable bodily harm is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$4,000, or both gross misdemeanor:

(1) either:

(i) a member of a municipal or volunteer fire department in the performance of the member's duties; or

(ii) a member of an emergency medical services personnel unit in the performance of the member's duties; or

(2) a physician, nurse, or other person providing health care services in a hospital emergency department.

(b) Whoever physically assaults a person described in paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2), is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both, if the assault inflicts demonstrable bodily harm.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon, insert "increasing the criminal penalty for assaulting a firefighter, EMS personnel, or certain health care providers;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2984: A bill for an act relating to retirement; Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program; adding penalties for noncompliance; providing criminal penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 187.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 8, delete "must" and insert "may"

Page 1, line 12, delete "must" and insert "may"

Page 3, line 12, delete "misdemeanor of not remitting" and insert "willful and intentional failure to remit"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1119: A bill for an act relating to commerce; prohibiting access to nudification technology; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[325E.91] PROHIBITION ON NUDIFICATION TECHNOLOGY.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Intimate part" has the meaning given in section 609.341, subdivision 5.

(c) "Nudify" or "nudified" means the process by which:

(1) an image or video is altered or generated to depict an intimate part not depicted in an original unaltered image or video of an identifiable individual; and

(2) the altered or generated image or video is so realistic that a reasonable person would believe that the intimate part belongs to the identifiable individual.

Subd. 2. **Nudification prohibited.** A person who owns or controls a website, application, software, program, or other service that creates, generates, or edits images or videos must not:

(1) allow a user to access, download, or use the website, application, software, program, or other service to nudify an image or video; or

(2) nudify an image on behalf of a user.

Subd. 3. **Civil action; damages.** An individual depicted in an image or video that was nudified in violation of this section may bring a civil action in district court against the person who violated this section for:

(1) compensatory damages, including mental anguish or suffering, in an amount up to three times the actual damages sustained;

(2) punitive damages;

(3) injunctive relief;

(4) reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements; and

(5) other relief the court deems just and equitable.

Subd. 4. **Penalties.** (a) The attorney general may enforce this section under section 8.31. In addition to other remedies or penalties, a person that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty not in excess of \$500,000 for each unlawful access, download, or use under subdivision 2.

(b) Notwithstanding any contrary provision in law, including but not limited to section 16A.151, any civil penalty recovered under this subdivision must be deposited into the general fund. On July 1 of each year, the accumulated balance of civil penalties collected in the previous year is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for the Office of Justice Programs to provide grants to organizations to provide direct services and advocacy for victims of sexual assault, general crime, domestic violence, and child abuse. Funding must support the direct needs of organizations serving victims of crime by providing: direct client assistance to crime victims; competitive wages for direct service staff; hotel stays and other housing-related supports and services; culturally responsive programming; prevention programming, including domestic abuse transformation and restorative justice programming; and for other needs of organizations and crime victim survivors. Services

funded must include services for victims of crime in underserved communities most impacted by violence and reflect the ethnic, racial, economic, cultural, and geographic diversity of the state. Up to ten percent of the appropriation is available for grant administration.

Subd. 5. **Jurisdiction; venue.** (a) A court has jurisdiction over a civil action filed pursuant to this section if the plaintiff or defendant resides in this state.

(b) A civil action arising under this section may be filed in the county where the plaintiff resides.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to causes of action accruing on or after that date."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after the second semicolon, insert "imposing civil penalties;"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1918: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying consent to electronic monitoring requirements; modifying provisions related to retaliation in nursing homes and assisted living facilities; expanding membership and duties of the home care and assisted living program advisory council; modifying the hospice bill of rights; prohibiting required binding arbitration agreements in assisted living contracts; modifying medication management requirements; modifying authority of health care agents to restrict visitation and communication; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 144.6502, subdivision 3; 144.6512, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 144A.04, by adding a subdivision; 144A.474, subdivision 11; 144A.4799; 144A.751, subdivision 1; 144G.08, by adding a subdivision; 144G.31, subdivision 8; 144G.51; 144G.71, subdivisions 3, 5; 144G.92, by adding a subdivision; 145C.07, by adding a subdivision; 145C.10.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 3, line 22, delete everything after "action" and insert "in district court against a nursing home that retaliates against the resident in violation of this section. The court may award damages, injunctive relief, and any other relief the court deems just and equitable."

Page 3, delete line 23 and insert:

"**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to causes of action accruing on or after that date."

Page 13, after line 4, insert:

"Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144G.92, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Retaliation against a resident. A resident has the right to be free from retaliation. For purposes of this section, to retaliate against a resident includes but is not limited to any of the

following actions taken or threatened by a facility or an agent of the facility against a resident, or any person with a familial, personal, legal, or professional relationship with the resident:

- (1) termination of a contract;
- (2) any form of discrimination;
- (3) restriction or prohibition of access:
 - (i) of the resident to the facility or visitors; or
 - (ii) of a family member or a person with a personal, legal, or professional relationship with the resident, to the resident, unless the restriction is the result of a court order;
- (4) the imposition of involuntary seclusion or the withholding of food, care, or services;
- (5) restriction of any of the rights granted to residents under state or federal law;
- (6) restriction or reduction of access to or use of amenities, care, services, privileges, or living arrangements; or
- (7) unauthorized removal, tampering with, or deprivation of technology, communication, or electronic monitoring devices."

Page 13, line 8, delete everything after "action" and insert "in district court against a facility that retaliates against the resident in violation of this section. The court may award damages, injunctive relief, and any other relief the court deems just and equitable."

Page 13, delete line 9 and insert:

"**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to causes of action accruing on or after that date."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Murphy, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 1014 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found identical and recommends the House File be given its second reading and substituted for its companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS

H.F. No.	S.F. No.
1014	1758

CONSENT CALENDAR

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CALENDAR

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and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Report adopted.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 476, 2847, 1812, 2200, and 2212 were read the second time.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

H.F. Nos. 286 and 1014 were read the second time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senator Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 3104: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a pedestrian and bicycle bridge in the city of Little Canada; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 3105: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for local road intersection improvements in the city of Little Canada; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Rasmusson introduced--

S.F. No. 3106: A bill for an act relating to human services; extending the availability of the appropriation for an engagement services pilot grant; amending Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 53, section 2, subdivision 15.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Koran and Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 3107: A bill for an act relating to public safety; regulating charitable bail organizations; requiring equity between cash bail and surety amounts; requiring reports; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 629.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 3108: A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money for the University of Minnesota to perform research in promising industry sectors.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senator Kreun introduced--

S.F. No. 3109: A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for certain legal fees and expenses.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Hauschild introduced--

S.F. No. 3110: A bill for an act relating to energy; appropriating money for study on feedstock for next generation iron ore industry.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 3111: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; requiring a report; appropriating money for a grant to the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers for a program for Black Minnesota undergraduates exploring law school and legal careers.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 3112: A bill for an act relating to civil law; amending the statute of limitations for actions under the Minnesota Human Rights Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 363A.28, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Oumou Verbeten, Housley, Frentz, Murphy, and Johnson introduced--

S.F. No. 3113: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for event venue capital improvements; authorizing the sale and issuance of state appropriation bonds; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 3114: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; providing a refundable exemption for construction projects in Independent School District No. 186, Pequot Lakes.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 3115: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a medical assistance capitation payment withhold related to verification of coverage; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.69, subdivision 5a.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 3116: A bill for an act relating to human services; providing for human services forecast adjustments; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senator Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 3117: A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring the commissioner of human services to revalidate providers enrolled in Minnesota health care programs every three years; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.04, subdivision 21.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Jasinski and Pratt introduced--

S.F. No. 3118: A bill for an act relating to public safety; authorizing expanded use of tracking devices for fleeing motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626A.35, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 3119: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for the Center for Rural Policy and Development.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Putnam and Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 3120: A bill for an act relating to higher education; establishing a statewide children's savings account program for higher education; establishing local partner design and implementation grants; requiring a report; requiring rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136G.03, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136G.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Kupec and Mann introduced--

S.F. No. 3121: A bill for an act relating to health occupations; modifying pharmacy intern provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 151.01, subdivision 15; 151.065, subdivisions 1, 3, 6; 151.101; repealing Minnesota Rules, parts 6800.5100, subpart 5; 6800.5400, subparts 5, 6.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Abeler and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 3122: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a grant to fund pretraining program for direct support professionals; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senator Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 3123: A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing a state employee group insurance program utilization review pilot program; requiring reports.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 3124: A bill for an act relating to health care; redirecting a hospital surcharge to the health care access fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256.9657, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Johnson Stewart introduced--

S.F. No. 3125: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for street and utility improvements in the city of Long Lake; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Johnson Stewart introduced--

S.F. No. 3126: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for public infrastructure improvements in the city of Tonka Bay; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 3127: A bill for an act relating to legacy; appropriating money for river watch program.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Kunesch introduced--

S.F. No. 3128: A bill for an act relating to education; strengthening the Increase Teachers of Color Act; making permanent a pilot scholarship program for aspiring teachers of color; establishing a special revenue fund account; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 122A.635, subdivision 3; Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 45.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Kunesch introduced--

S.F. No. 3129: A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for Native American culture, arts, and history programs.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 3130: A bill for an act relating to taxation; lawful gambling; reduce combined net receipts tax rates and expand the brackets; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 297E.02, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 3131: A bill for an act relating to human services; directing commissioner of human services to establish a prescription drug purchasing program; specifying program authority and eligibility requirements; requiring recommendations; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Kunesch, Boldon, Maye Quade, Xiong, and Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 3132: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; modifying income tax rates and brackets; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 290.06, subdivisions 2c, 2d.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 3133: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a bill of rights for people utilizing shelter; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256K.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Mitchell, Carlson, Boldon, Maye Quade, and McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 3134: A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying the allocation of proceeds from the regional transportation sales and use tax; providing funding for suicide prevention barriers on the Washington Avenue Pedestrian Bridge.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 3135: A bill for an act relating to housing; appropriating money for Open Access Connections voice mail services.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Johnson Stewart introduced--

S.F. No. 3136: A bill for an act relating to transportation; transferring administration of the Environmental Standards Procurement Task Force grant program to the Department of Transportation; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 16B.312, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 3137: A bill for an act relating to child care; correcting cross-references in the definition of child care background study subject; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 245C.02, subdivision 6a.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 3138: A bill for an act relating to health; establishing the MinnesotaCare public option; expanding eligibility for MinnesotaCare; establishing a premium scale for public option enrollees; requiring the commissioner of commerce to seek a section 1332 waiver; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 62V.02, by adding subdivisions; 62V.03, subdivisions 1, 3; 62V.05, subdivisions 3, 4, 6, 11, by adding a subdivision; 62V.051; 62V.06, subdivision 4; 62V.13, subdivision 3; 256L.01, by adding subdivisions; 256L.03, subdivision 5; 256L.04, subdivisions 1c, 7a, by adding a subdivision; 256L.07, subdivision 1; 256L.12, subdivision 7; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 62V; 256L.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 3139: A bill for an act relating to education; codifying the framework for MTSS and COMPASS from session law to statutes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.201.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senators Draheim, Lucero, Boldon, Mohamed, and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 3140: A bill for an act relating to housing; requiring a report on the first-generation homebuyers down payment assistance fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.41, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Frentz, Rasmusson, and Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 3141: A bill for an act relating to economic development; modifying the paid leave program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 268B.01, subdivisions 17, 18, 23, 35, by adding a subdivision; 268B.04, subdivisions 3, 5; 268B.10, subdivisions 2, 3; 268B.11; 268B.14, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Hawj, Klein, Oumou Verbeten, and Murphy introduced--

S.F. No. 3142: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; appropriating money to Fight for Your Dreams.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 3143: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; transferring money to the agricultural research, education, extension, and technology transfer account.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 3144: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying and extending an appropriation for replacement seedlings; amending Laws 2022, chapter 95, article 3, section 6.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Hawj, Pha, Pappas, Klein, and Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 3145: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a grant to Saint Paul Urban Tennis.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Pha, Klein, Oumou Verbeten, Xiong, and Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 3146: A bill for an act relating to legacy; appropriating money for a grant to the Hmong American Mediation Center.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 3147: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for Phase 2 of a multiuse trail to connect Itasca State Park to the Heartland Trail; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 3148: A bill for an act relating to Metropolitan Council; modifying procedures and review period for certain metropolitan programs; modifying certain reporting requirements for expenditures; eliminating a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 473.173, subdivision 6; 473.254, subdivisions 2, 6; 473.351, subdivision 3; 473H.08, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Hoffman, Utke, and Mann introduced--

S.F. No. 3149: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a county-administered rural medical assistance program; establishing payment, coverage, and eligibility requirements for the CARMA program; directing the commissioner of human services to seek federal waivers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.69, subdivision 3a; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 3150: A bill for an act relating to state government; making changes to provisions in state agencies to address financial crimes and fraud; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.46, subdivisions 2, 3; 13.82, subdivision 1; 43A.17, subdivision 13; 45.0135, subdivisions 2b, 6, 7, 8, 9, by adding a subdivision; 60A.951, subdivision 2; 60A.952, subdivisions 2, 4, 5; 60A.954, subdivision 2; 60A.956; 65B.84; 124D.111, subdivision 2a; 124E.02; 124E.16, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 124E.26, subdivisions 4, 5, by adding a subdivision; 127A.21, subdivisions 1, 1a, 4, 5, 6, 7, by adding subdivisions; 142E.16, subdivision 7; 142E.51, subdivisions 5, 6; 245.095, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision; 245A.04, subdivision 1; 245A.05; 245A.07, subdivision 2; 245C.13, subdivision 2; 245C.14, by adding subdivisions; 245C.15, subdivisions 1, 4a; 245C.16, subdivision 1; 245G.01, by adding subdivisions; 245G.02, subdivision 2; 245G.07, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, by adding subdivisions; 245G.11, subdivisions 6, 7, by adding a subdivision; 245G.22, subdivisions 11, 15; 254B.01, subdivisions 10, 11; 254B.05, subdivisions 1, 1a; 254B.06, by adding

a subdivision; 254B.181, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, by adding subdivisions; 254B.19, subdivision 1; 256.98, subdivision 1; 256.983, subdivision 4; 256B.04, subdivision 21; 256B.0625, subdivision 5m; 256B.0659, subdivision 21; 256B.0757, subdivision 4c; 256B.0949, subdivisions 2, 15, 16, by adding a subdivision; 256B.12; 256B.85, subdivision 12; 256I.04, subdivision 2a; 260E.14, subdivision 1; 268.19, subdivision 1; 268B.30; 270C.445, subdivision 3; 297I.11, subdivision 2; 299C.40, subdivision 1; 325F.725; 609.531, subdivision 1; 626.05, subdivision 2; 626.5572, subdivision 13; 626.84, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 13; 245A; 254B; 299C; 609; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 45.0135, subdivisions 2a, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 3, 4, 5; 245G.01, subdivision 20d; 245G.07, subdivision 2; 254B.01, subdivision 5; 254B.04, subdivision 2a; 325E.21, subdivision 2b.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Mann and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 3151: A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing the Healthy Aging Subcabinet and Citizens' Engagement Council; requiring a Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan; describing duties and membership; requiring reports; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Frentz, Miller, Klein, and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 3152: A bill for an act relating to taxation; charitable gambling; appropriating money to the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority contingent on certain revenues from the conduct of electronic pull-tabs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 297E.02, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 3153: A resolution memorializing Congress that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota reaffirms its ratification of the Child Labor Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Kunesh and Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 3154: A bill for an act relating to children; establishing a foster youth bill of rights; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 260C.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Hoffman, Abeler, Dibble, Utke, and Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 3155: A bill for an act relating to higher education; requiring a report; canceling an appropriation; appropriating money for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis research; repealing Laws 2022, chapter 42, section 2, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Duckworth, Coleman, Nelson, Housley, and Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 3156: A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing funding for the Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Oumou Verbeten and Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 3157: A bill for an act relating to education; clarifying parental curriculum review provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 120B.20.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 3158: A bill for an act relating to education finance; appropriating money for Read Act training.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senators Oumou Verbeten and Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 3159: A bill for an act relating to higher education; establishing a Student Basic Needs Advisory Council; requiring a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Maye Quade and Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 3160: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring the commemoration of John Francis Wheaton on the Capitol complex; requiring community and educational initiatives and annual reports; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Kupec and Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 3161: A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying allocation of railroad and pipeline company assessments for emergency preparedness activities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299A.55, subdivisions 2, 4.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Lieske, Utke, Wesenberg, Coleman, and Koran introduced--

S.F. No. 3162: A bill for an act relating to insurance; clarifying that direct primary care agreements are not insurance; defining direct primary care agreement; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Farnsworth introduced--

S.F. No. 3163: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing the board of a consolidated school district to renew an expiring referendum established pursuant to the consolidation; clarifying the requirements for school board renewal of an expiring referendum; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 123A.73, subdivisions 4, 5; 126C.17, subdivision 9b.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 3164: A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money to implement the University of Minnesota's Health Sciences Strategic Plan.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Kunesh, Boldon, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 3165: A bill for an act relating to manufactured housing; modifying notice of offer requirements for unsolicited manufactured home park sales; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.097, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Draheim, Kunesh, Boldon, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 3166: A bill for an act relating to manufactured housing; creating additional requirements for contents of notice letters; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 327C.095, subdivision 12.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Kunesch introduced--

S.F. No. 3167: A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing for the payment of the costs of evidentiary examinations of victims in cases involving domestic assault by strangulation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.2247, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Duckworth introduced--

S.F. No. 3168: A bill for an act relating to education; modifying teacher licensure requirements; addressing teacher shortages; requiring rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 122A.06, subdivision 6; 122A.09, subdivision 9; 122A.091, subdivision 5; 122A.181, subdivisions 1, 1a, 3, 4, 5; 122A.182, subdivisions 1, 2b, 3, 4.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator Rasmusson introduced--

S.F. No. 3169: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Redpath impoundment flood hazard mitigation project; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Utke, Hoffman, and Gruenhagen introduced--

S.F. No. 3170: A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring Tribally licensed residential substance use disorder treatment providers to enroll in the substance use disorder demonstration project; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0759, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senator Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 3171: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring state employees to report evidence of violation of laws governing grants and state contracts; authorizing discipline for a failure to report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 16B.98, subdivision 4; 16C.045.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 3172: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring a comprehensive substance use and addiction plan; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 4.046, subdivision 3; 254A.03, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Boldon, Clark, and Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 3173: A bill for an act relating to housing; restricting ownership of single-family homes for corporate entities; providing for increased deed tax rates on conveyances of single-family homes to corporate owners; dedicating the state portion of revenues from the increased deed tax rates for the workforce and affordable homeownership program; creating a statewide landlord database; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 287.21, subdivision 1; 287.29, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462A; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 80H.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 3174: A bill for an act relating to economic development; requiring a report; appropriating money for a grant to Fortis Capital for a revolving loan fund.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Boldon and Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 3175: A bill for an act relating to housing; creating a statewide landlord database; creating a civil penalty for a failure to register with the statewide landlord database; providing civil remedies; providing attorney general enforcement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 8.31, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462A.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 3176: A bill for an act relating to education; requiring water safety instruction in health curriculum; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 120B.021, subdivision 1; 142D.091, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 3177: A bill for an act relating to Explore Minnesota; modifying duties and missions; modifying promotional authority contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116U.05; 116U.06; 116U.15; 116U.30; 116U.35.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 3178: A bill for an act relating to education finance; appropriating money for a grant to St. Paul Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senators Dibble, Boldon, and Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 3179: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring issuance of grants by the commissioner of health to support education and outreach for myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome; requiring the commissioner of health to establish a ME/CFS program; requiring issuance of grants by the commissioner of human services to establish and improve access to social services for myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome; requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 3180: A bill for an act relating to education; requiring annual reporting on school resource officer contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 123B.02, subdivision 25.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 3181: A bill for an act relating to cannabis; establishing a registration process for visiting patients; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 342.52, subdivisions 4, 6, 7, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 3182: A bill for an act relating to education; establishing microcredentials for teachers and administrators of English learner programs; modifying the English learner revenue formula to provide additional revenue for a student with limited or interrupted formal education; creating English learner staff ratio reporting; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 122A.14, by adding a subdivision; 122A.187, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 122A.19, by adding a subdivision; 124D.65, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision; 127A.47, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 3183: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for water infrastructure in the city of Mendota; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 3184: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a county and Tribe housing support administrative rate; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256I.05, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 3185: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Hmong Community Center.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 3186: A bill for an act relating to education finance; modifying the literacy incentive aid program; establishing new eligible uses for literacy aid; appropriating money for literacy aid; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 124D.98.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 3187: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for the Minnesota Youth Poet Laureate.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Dornink introduced--

S.F. No. 3188: A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing the minimum share of general education funding transferred to an area learning center; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 123A.05, subdivision 2; 127A.47, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senators Nelson and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 3189: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; increasing the subtraction for volunteer drivers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 290.0132, subdivision 30.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Drazkowski and Bahr introduced--

S.F. No. 3190: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a medical assistance capitation payment withhold related to verification of coverage; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.69, subdivision 5a.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 3191: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; appropriating money to Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities for workforce development services.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Frentz, Limmer, Dahms, Jasinski, and Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 3192: A bill for an act relating to retirement; Public Employees Retirement Association; general employees retirement plan; modifying the circumstances under which the additional employer contribution is repealed; increasing postretirement adjustments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 353.27, subdivision 3a; 356.415, subdivision 1b.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Hoffman and Port introduced--

S.F. No. 3193: A bill for an act relating to children, youth, and families; appropriating money for a grant to Community Mediation Minnesota to administer a statewide family mediation pilot program.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 3194: A bill for an act relating to taxation; establishing a tax on certain growth of certain assets of colleges and universities; establishing an account in the special revenue fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.121, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Wesenberg, Green, and Bahr introduced--

S.F. No. 3195: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; lowering the minimum age to take big game from ten to eight years of age; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 97A.451, subdivision 4; 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 3.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Latz and Limmer introduced--

S.F. No. 3196: A bill for an act relating to corrections; appropriating money for deficiencies in the budget of the Department of Corrections; amending Laws 2023, chapter 52, article 2, section 6, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Rest introduced--

S.F. No. 3197: A bill for an act relating to taxation; establishing an excise tax on certain social media platform businesses; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 295.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Pha introduced--

S.F. No. 3198: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; requiring a report; appropriating money for a grant to the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office for a child care pilot program to assist with retention of law enforcement and first responders.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Pha introduced--

S.F. No. 3199: A bill for an act relating to local government; restricting local government regulations of certain residential developments by religious organizations; providing civil remedies; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Pha introduced--

S.F. No. 3200: A bill for an act relating to housing; requiring plain-language explanations for condo associations and homeowners associations; appropriating money for the creation of a guide to explain the laws governing common interest communities and homeowners associations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 515B.4-102; 515B.4-1021; 515B.4-107; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 515B.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 3201: A bill for an act relating to energy; appropriating money for energy efficiency improvements to the former St. Paul Athletic Club building.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 3202: A bill for an act relating to employment; establishing a rebuttable presumption that an individual is an employee; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 181.722, subdivision 3; 268.035, subdivision 25b.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 3203: A bill for an act relating to taxation; local government aid; establishing state fairgrounds public safety and municipal services aid with an annual inflation adjustment; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 477A.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 3204: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; creating the State Agricultural Society public safety account in the agricultural fund; instituting a 30 cent surcharge on State Agricultural Society admission tickets; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 37.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 3205: A bill for an act relating to the state agriculture society; modifying special peace officer provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 37.20.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 3206: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Rondo Community Land Trust.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 3207: A bill for an act relating to public safety; modifying definitions related to controlled substances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 152.01, subdivisions 12a, 14a, 19.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 3208: A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing a reimbursement program for law enforcement agencies that respond to protests and demonstrations at the Capitol complex and the governor's residence; requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 3209: A bill for an act relating to energy; requiring additional information in a public utility's resource plan; directing public utilities to file a virtual power plant tariff and program with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission; providing for cost recovery; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 216B.2422, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senators Maye Quade, Kunesh, and Cwodzinski introduced--

S.F. No. 3210: A bill for an act relating to human rights; prohibiting discrimination based on disability status; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 363A.19.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 3211: A bill for an act relating to energy; appropriating money for a geothermal energy system at Macalester College.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Xiong moved that the name of Senator Coleman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 373. The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson moved that the name of Senator Eichorn be stricken as chief author and the name of Senator Bahr be added as chief author to S.F. No. 411. The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson moved that the name of Senator Eichorn be stricken as chief author and the name of Senator Bahr be added as chief author to S.F. No. 412. The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson moved that the name of Senator Eichorn be stricken as chief author and the name of Senator Bahr be added as chief author to S.F. No. 413. The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson moved that the name of Senator Eichorn be stricken as chief author and the name of Senator Mathews be shown as chief author to S.F. No. 426. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lang moved that the names of Senators Bahr and Hoffman be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 821. The motion prevailed.

Senator Nelson moved that the name of Senator Rasmusson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 877. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Oumou Verbeten be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 983. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hauschild moved that the name of Senator Farnsworth be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1050. The motion prevailed.

Senator Putnam moved that the name of Senator Howe be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1076. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that her name be stricken as chief author, shown as a co-author, and the name of Senator Howe be added as chief author to S.F. No. 1109. The motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that the name of Senator Carlson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1118. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mathews moved that the name of Senator Rarick be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1393. The motion prevailed.

Senator Bahr moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 1464. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappas moved that the name of Senator Fateh be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1481. The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1598. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappas moved that the name of Senator Fateh be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1853. The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson Stewart moved that the name of Senator Howe be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2092. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kunesh moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2117. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2121. The motion prevailed.

Senator Westlin moved that the name of Senator Latz be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2146. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappas moved that the name of Senator Carlson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2200. The motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that the name of Senator Carlson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2435. The motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that the name of Senator Carlson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2436. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappas moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2480. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that the name of Senator Carlson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2523. The motion prevailed.

Senator Seeberger moved that the name of Senator Oumou Verbeten be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2546. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Fateh be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2554. The motion prevailed.

Senator Westlin moved that the name of Senator Latz be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2568. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Oumou Verbeten be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2630. The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson Stewart moved that the name of Senator Carlson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2689. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mohamed moved that the name of Senator Maye Quade be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2733. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kupec moved that the name of Senator Duckworth be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2753. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that the name of Senator Clark be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2909. The motion prevailed.

Senator Seeberger moved that the name of Senator Kupec be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2931. The motion prevailed.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that the name of Senator Draheim be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2932. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that the name of Senator Carlson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2970. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dibble moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2972. The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen moved that the name of Senator Johnson Stewart be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3015. The motion prevailed.

Senator Nelson moved that the name of Senator Lang be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3036. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that the names of Senators Klein, Putnam, and Hauschild be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 3065. The motion prevailed.

Senator Westrom moved that the names of Senators Abeler, Draheim, Gruenhagen, and Housley be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 3071. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lieske moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 3077. The motion prevailed.

Senator Draheim moved that the name of Senator Utke be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3085. The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen moved that the name of Senator Pha be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3101. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kupec moved that S.F. No. 756 be withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kupec moved that S.F. No. 2653 be withdrawn from the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that S.F. No. 3065 be withdrawn from the Committee on Taxes and returned to its author. The motion prevailed.

Senator Howe introduced --

Senate Resolution No. 22: A Senate resolution honoring the life and memory of Thomas Zabinski.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Murphy moved that Senate Resolution No. 15 be taken from the table. The motion prevailed.

Senate Resolution No. 15: A Senate resolution expressing the Minnesota Senate's condemnation of President Trump's pardon of criminal participants of the January 6 insurrection who had been found guilty of violent crimes.

Senator Gruenhagen moved to amend Senate Resolution No. 15 as follows (A34):

Page 1, delete lines 5 to 24 and insert:

"WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2023, United States Customs and Border Protection reported more than 3.2 million migrant encounters nationwide, of which over 2.4 million were recorded at the southern border; and

WHEREAS, the total number of apprehensions in fiscal year 2023 was almost equal to the number of births registered in the United States in 2022, at over 3.6 million; and

WHEREAS, by July 2023, United States Customs and Border Protection reported that it experienced more than seven million encounters with migrants crossing the border since President Biden took office, the approximate population of Massachusetts, the 16th most populous state; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the United States has a constitutional duty to enforce federal laws protecting the states, including the immigration laws that are currently in place; and

WHEREAS, illegal immigration affects all Americans, including the people of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, lax illegal immigration policies, such as open borders and catch-and-release, do not deter the flow of illegal immigration and endanger the public interest; and

WHEREAS, past presidential administrations, including the Biden administration, embraced open borders and other immigration policies detrimental to public safety; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it condemns immigration policies, such as open borders, that exacerbate illegal immigration into the United States and undermine public safety."

Page 2, delete lines 1 to 15

Amend the title accordingly

Senator Klein questioned whether the amendment was germane.

The President ruled that the amendment was not germane.

Senator Rasmusson appealed the decision of the President.

The question was taken on "Shall the decision of the President be the judgment of the Senate?"

The roll was called, and there were yeas 34 and nays 24, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Boldon	Frentz	Kunesh	Mitchell	Putnam
Carlson	Gustafson	Kupec	Mohamed	Rest
Champion	Hauschild	Latz	Murphy	Seeberger
Clark	Hawj	Mann	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hoffman	Marty	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Pha	Xiong
Fateh	Klein	McEwen	Port	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Fateh and McEwen.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anderson	Dahms	Draheim	Farnsworth	Gruenhagen
Bahr	Dornink	Drazkowski	Green	Howe

Jasinski
Johnson
Koran

Kreun
Lang
Lucero

Mathews
Miller
Pratt

Rarick
Rasmusson
Utke

Weber
Westrom

So the decision of the President was sustained.

Senator Weber moved to amend Senate Resolution No. 15 as follows (A17):

Page 1, delete lines 5 to 24 and insert:

"WHEREAS, Governor Tim Walz was recorded claiming "On the iPhone, they've got that little stock app. I added Tesla to it to give me a little boost during the day. Two-hundred-twenty-five and dropping!"; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Board of Investment shows the Minnesota holds 1,600,000 shares of Tesla stock in its pension funds; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tim Walz serves as Chair of the State Board of Investment; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the State Board of Investment is to monitor and evaluate the investment programs as a fiduciary with the goal of making sound investment decisions; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tim Walz's public language regularly attacking Tesla and its CEO inspires opposition to the company and discourages the public from purchasing its products serves to threaten the company's performance on the stock exchange; and NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it is the position of the body that Governor Tim Walz's rhetoric threatens the retirement of hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans represented in one of Minnesota's public pensions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare a copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by his signature and that of the Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to Governor Tim Walz. "

Page 2, delete lines 1 to 17

Amend the title accordingly

Senator Latz questioned whether the amendment was germane.

The President ruled that the amendment was not germane.

Senator Rasmusson appealed the decision of the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Latz imposed a call of the Senate for the balance of the proceedings on Senate Resolution No. 15. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

The question was taken on "Shall the decision of the President be the judgment of the Senate?"

The roll was called, and there were yeas 34 and nays 24, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Boldon	Frentz	Kunesh	Mitchell	Putnam
Carlson	Gustafson	Kupec	Mohamed	Rest
Champion	Hauschild	Latz	Murphy	Seeberger
Clark	Hawj	Mann	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hoffman	Marty	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Pha	Xiong
Fateh	Klein	McEwen	Port	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Frentz cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Fateh and McEwen.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anderson	Drazkowski	Jasinski	Lucero	Rasmusson
Bahr	Farnsworth	Johnson	Mathews	Utke
Dahms	Green	Koran	Miller	Weber
Dornink	Gruenhagen	Kreun	Pratt	Westrom
Draheim	Howe	Lang	Rarick	

So the decision of the President was sustained.

Senator Latz moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 15, as amended.

The question was taken on the adoption of the resolution, as amended.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 34 and nays 22, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Boldon	Frentz	Kunesh	Mitchell	Putnam
Carlson	Gustafson	Kupec	Mohamed	Rest
Champion	Hauschild	Latz	Murphy	Seeberger
Clark	Hawj	Mann	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hoffman	Marty	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Pha	Xiong
Fateh	Klein	McEwen	Port	

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Those who voted in the negative were:

Anderson	Drazkowski	Jasinski	Mathews	Weber
Bahr	Farnsworth	Johnson	Miller	Westrom
Dahms	Green	Koran	Rarick	
Dornink	Gruenhagen	Kreun	Rasmusson	
Draheim	Howe	Lucero	Utke	

The motion prevailed. So the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Abeler, Coleman, Duckworth, Housley, Lieske, Limmer, Nelson, and Wesenberg were excused from the Session of today. Senator Pratt was excused from the Session of today at 11:35 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Murphy moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2025. The motion prevailed.

Thomas S. Bottern, Secretary of the Senate

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