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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2957

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The bill was referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money to provide state incentives for
1.3 conservation reserve program.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM STATE INCENTIVES;
1.6 APPROPRIATION.

1.7 \$1,750,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of
1.8 Water and Soil Resources to provide onetime state incentive payments to enrollees in the
1.9 federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) during the continuous enrollment period. The
1.10 board may establish payment rates based on land valuation and on environmental benefit
1.11 criteria, including but not limited to surface or ground water nutrient reduction, drinking
1.12 water protection, soil health, and pollinator and wildlife habitat enhancements. The board
1.13 may use state funds to implement the program and to provide technical assistance to
1.14 landowners or their agents to fulfill enrollment and contract provisions. The board must
1.15 consult with the commissioners of agriculture, health, natural resources, and the Pollution
1.16 Control Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture in establishing program
1.17 criteria. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2023.