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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4214

02/22/2024 Authored by Hansen, R., and Lee, F., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring water quality monitoring at state fish
1.3 hatcheries; modifying previous appropriations; amending Laws 2023, chapter 60,
1.4 article 1, section 3, subdivision 10; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.5 Statutes, chapter 97C.

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

1.7 Section 1. 97C.202] WATER-QUALITY MONITORING AT STATE FISH
1.8 HATCHERIES.

1.9 The commissioner must install continuous water-quality monitoring devices at all state
1.10 fish hatcheries to monitor incoming and outgoing water.

1.11 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

1.12 Subd. 10. **Get Out MORE (Modernizing Outdoor**
1.13 **Recreation Experiences)** 110,000,000 -0-

1.14 (a) \$110,000,000 the first year is for
1.15 modernizing Minnesota's state-managed
1.16 outdoor recreation experiences. Of this
1.17 amount:

1.18 (1) \$25,000,000 is for enhancing access and
1.19 welcoming new users to public lands and
1.20 outdoor recreation facilities, including
1.21 improvements to improve climate resiliency;

2.1 (2) \$5,000,000 is for modernizing camping
2.2 and related infrastructure, including
2.3 improvements to improve climate resiliency;

2.4 (3) \$35,000,000 is for modernizing fish
2.5 hatcheries and fishing infrastructure. Of this
2.6 amount, up to \$..... is for installing
2.7 continuous water-quality monitoring devices;

2.8 (4) \$10,000,000 is for restoring streams and
2.9 modernizing water-related infrastructure with
2.10 priority given to fish habitat improvements,
2.11 dam removal, and improvements to improve
2.12 climate resiliency; and

2.13 (5) \$35,000,000 is for modernizing boating
2.14 access.

2.15 (b) Priority for money allocated under
2.16 paragraph (a), clauses (1), (3), (4), and (5),
2.17 must be given to projects where communities
2.18 are currently underserved.

2.19 (c) The commissioner may reallocate money
2.20 appropriated in paragraph (a) across those
2.21 purposes based on project readiness and
2.22 priority. The appropriations in paragraph (a)
2.23 are available until June 30, 2029.

2.24 (d) No later than November 30 each year, the
2.25 commissioner must provide a progress report
2.26 on the expenditure of money appropriated
2.27 under this subdivision to the chairs of the
2.28 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
2.29 environment and natural resources finance.

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