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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money to develop mitigation strategies
1.3 for rising water levels in legacy mine complexes; authorizing the sale and issuance
1.4 of state bonds.

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

1.6 Section 1. **LEGACY MINE COMPLEXES; STUDIES.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Appropriations. (a) \$442,500 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from
1.8 the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources to conduct and complete necessary
1.9 monitoring, modeling, testing, studies of pit wall stability, surveys, planning, and design
1.10 work for projects to mitigate the threat to property, public safety, and water quality from
1.11 rising water levels at the Canisteo and Hill Annex legacy mine complexes. The commissioner
1.12 must give priority to work that addresses the most immediate risks to public safety. Any
1.13 money in this appropriation not needed for the work described may only be used by the
1.14 commissioner in the taconite assistance area to make similar studies for mitigation of rising
1.15 water levels in other legacy mine complexes. This is a onetime appropriation and is available
1.16 until June 30, 2023.

1.17 (b) \$442,500 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the Minnesota 21st century fund
1.18 in the special revenue fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development
1.19 for transfer to the commissioner of natural resources to conduct and complete necessary
1.20 monitoring, modeling, testing, studies of pit wall stability, surveys, planning, and design
1.21 work for projects to mitigate the threat to property, public safety, and water quality from
1.22 rising water levels at the Canisteo and Hill Annex legacy mine complexes. The commissioner
1.23 must give priority to work that addresses the most immediate risks to public safety. Any

2.1 money in this appropriation not needed for the work described may only be used by the
2.2 commissioner in the taconite assistance area to make similar studies for mitigation of rising
2.3 water levels in other legacy mine complexes. This is a onetime appropriation and is available
2.4 until June 30, 2023.

2.5 (c) \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of
2.6 natural resources for predesign, design, and engineering necessary to construct projects to
2.7 mitigate the threat to property, public safety, and water quality from rising water levels at
2.8 the Canisteo and Hill Annex legacy mine complexes. The commissioner must give priority
2.9 to work that addresses the most immediate risks to public safety. Any money in this
2.10 appropriation not needed for the work described must first be used to implement mitigation
2.11 measures at the Canisteo and Hill Annex legacy mine complexes and, if those are completed,
2.12 may then only be used by the commissioner in the taconite assistance area to address issues
2.13 related to rising water levels in other legacy mine complexes.

2.14 Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond
2.15 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
2.16 the state in an amount up to \$2,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
2.17 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
2.18 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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