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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 1945

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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; appropriating money for reinvest in Minnesota (RIM)
1.3 reserve program.

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

1.5 Section 1. REINVEST IN MINNESOTA (RIM) RESERVE PROGRAM;
1.6 APPROPRIATION.

1.7 \$9,900,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of
1.8 Water and Soil Resources to acquire conservation easements from landowners to preserve,
1.9 restore, create, and enhance wetlands and associated uplands of prairie and grasslands and
1.10 to restore and enhance rivers and streams, riparian lands, and associated uplands of prairie
1.11 and grasslands in order to protect soil and water quality, support fish and wildlife habitat,
1.12 reduce flood damage, and provide other public benefits. Minnesota Statutes, section
1.13 103F.515, applies to this program. The board must give priority to leveraging federal money
1.14 by enrolling targeted new lands or enrolling environmentally sensitive lands that have
1.15 expiring federal conservation agreements. The board may enter into new agreements and
1.16 amend past agreements with landowners according to Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515,
1.17 subdivision 5, to allow for restoration. Up to \$564,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and
1.18 enforcement account. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028.