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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for wildlife area land  
1.3 acquisition and improvement and for publicly owned dams; authorizing the sale  
1.4 and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 (a) \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the Board of Water  
1.8 and Soil Resources to acquire conservation easements from landowners to preserve,  
1.9 restore, create, and enhance wetlands, restore and enhance rivers and streams, riparian  
1.10 lands, and associated uplands in order to protect soil and water quality, support fish and  
1.11 wildlife habitat, reduce flood damages, and other public benefits. The provisions of  
1.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515, apply to this appropriation, except that the board  
1.13 may establish alternative payment rates for easements and practices to establish restored  
1.14 native prairies, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 84.02, subdivision 7, and to  
1.15 protect uplands. Of this appropriation, up to ten percent may be used to implement the  
1.16 program.

1.17 (b) \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner  
1.18 of natural resources for capital improvements to publicly owned dams under Minnesota  
1.19 Statutes, sections 103G.511 and 103G.515. Of this appropriation:

1.20 (1) \$2,500,000 is for design, predesign, and engineering for projects on the  
1.21 commissioner's priority list; and

1.22 (2) \$2,500,000 is for renovation or removal.

1.23 Sec. 2. **BOND SALE.**

2.1 To provide the money appropriated in section 1 from the bond proceeds fund,  
2.2 the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to  
2.3 \$10,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota  
2.4 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,  
2.5 sections 4 to 7.

2.6 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.7 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.