

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to capital investment; modifying appropriations for a steel plant in
1.3 Itasca County; amending Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 21, subdivision 14, as
1.4 amended; Laws 2008, chapter 179, section 21, subdivision 9.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 21, subdivision 14, as amended by Laws
1.7 2008, chapter 179, section 66, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 14. **Itasca County - infrastructure** 12,000,000

1.9 For a grant to Itasca County for public
1.10 infrastructure needed to support a steel plant
1.11 in Itasca County and economic development
1.12 projects in the surrounding area. Grant
1.13 money may be used by Itasca County and the
1.14 Itasca County Regional Railroad Authority
1.15 to acquire right-of-way and mitigate loss
1.16 of wetlands and runoff of storm water; and
1.17 to predesign, design, construct, and equip
1.18 roads and rail lines; and, ~~in cooperation~~
1.19 ~~with Nashwauk Municipal Utility,~~ may be
1.20 used by the Public Utilities Commission
1.21 to acquire right-of-way and mitigate loss
1.22 of wetlands and runoff of storm water and
1.23 to predesign, design, construct, and equip
1.24 natural gas pipelines, electric infrastructure,

2.1 water supply systems, and wastewater
2.2 collection and treatment systems. If the
2.3 county determines that any of the listed uses
2.4 are not needed, then the grant may be used
2.5 for the remaining listed uses.

2.6 The public ownership requirement contained
2.7 in article XI, section 5, paragraph (a),
2.8 of the Minnesota Constitution may be
2.9 satisfied by way of Itasca County, the Itasca
2.10 County Regional Railroad Authority, or
2.11 the Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission
2.12 possessing the required ownership interest
2.13 even though the grant is only to Itasca
2.14 County.

2.15 Up to \$4,000,000 of this appropriation may
2.16 be spent before the full financing for either
2.17 project has been closed.

2.18 Sec. 2. Laws 2008, chapter 179, section 21, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

2.19	Subd. 9. Itasca County - Steel Plant	
2.20	Infrastructure	28,000,000

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2.29 to predesign, design, construct, and equip
2.30 roads and rail lines; and ~~in cooperation with~~
2.31 may be used by the Nashwauk Municipal
2.32 Utility, Public Utilities Commission to
2.33 acquire right-of-way and mitigate loss of
2.34 wetlands and runoff of storm water and
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