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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Capital Investment

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a nine-county regional  
1.3 waste management system in northwest Minnesota; authorizing the sale and  
1.4 issuance of state bonds.

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

1.6 Section 1. NORTHWEST REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Appropriation; bond proceeds. (a) \$26,840,000 is appropriated from  
1.8 the bond proceeds fund to the Pollution Control Agency for grants to nine counties to fund  
1.9 specified aspects of a regional waste management system that will include two new lined  
1.10 regional debris disposal facilities located in Hubbard and Polk Counties; 12 mixed-use  
1.11 collection and processing facilities, one each located in the counties of Beltrami, Cass,  
1.12 Clearwater, Hubbard, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Polk, and Red Lake, that coordinate  
1.13 with the two regional debris disposal facilities; upgrades to a regional organics composting  
1.14 facility in Polk County; and the acquisition and installation of robots in a regional recycling  
1.15 facility in Polk County. Of this appropriation:

1.16 (1) \$3,935,000 is for a grant to Beltrami County to design and construct new buildings  
1.17 and site improvements at the existing solid waste processing facility in Beltrami County  
1.18 and to acquire and install capital equipment;

1.19 (2) \$5,103,000 is for a grant to Cass County to design and construct new buildings and  
1.20 make site improvements at the existing solid waste processing facility in Cass County, and  
1.21 to acquire and install capital equipment;

2.1 (3) \$982,000 is for a grant to Clearwater County to design and construct a new building,  
2.2 renovate an existing building, and implement site improvements at the existing solid waste  
2.3 processing facility in Clearwater County and to acquire and install capital equipment;

2.4 (4) \$6,485,000 is for a grant to Hubbard County to design and construct a lined regional  
2.5 construction and demolition debris landfill facility that includes construction of new buildings  
2.6 and site improvements and acquisition and installation of capital equipment for processing  
2.7 solid waste;

2.8 (5) \$3,663,000 is for a grant to Hubbard County to design and construct the expansion  
2.9 of and renovations to a building to construct a new building, make site improvements, and  
2.10 to acquire and install capital equipment;

2.11 (6) \$620,000 is for a grant to Mahnommen County to design and construct new buildings,  
2.12 make site improvements, and to acquire and install capital equipment;

2.13 (7) \$780,000 is for a grant to Marshall County to design and construct a new building,  
2.14 site improvements, and to acquire and install capital equipment;

2.15 (8) \$920,000 is for a grant to Norman County to design and construct a new building  
2.16 and site improvements in Norman County and to acquire and install capital equipment;

2.17 (9) \$531,000 is for a grant to Polk County to design and construct a lined regional  
2.18 construction and demolition debris landfill, including construction of new buildings and  
2.19 site improvements and to acquire and install capital equipment;

2.20 (10) \$664,000 is for a grant to Polk County to design and construct expansion of two  
2.21 buildings and site improvements and to acquire and install capital equipment;

2.22 (11) \$2,237,000 is for a grant to Polk County to design and construct a building  
2.23 expansion, site improvements, and to acquire and install capital equipment;

2.24 (12) \$552,000 is for a grant to Polk County to design, engineer, and construct  
2.25 improvements to the compost pad, compost sump, and to purchase an aerated static pile  
2.26 compost system; and

2.27 (13) \$350,000 is for a grant to Red Lake County to design and construct new buildings,  
2.28 site improvements, and to acquire and install capital equipment.

2.29 (b) "Capital equipment" as used in this subdivision means fixed equipment with a useful  
2.30 life of at least ten years that is used to manage, alter, classify, sort, or process solid waste,  
2.31 including conveyor systems, balers, compactors, compressors, robots to manipulate waste,  
2.32 fire suppression systems, and scales.

3.1 (c) "Site improvements" as used in this subdivision means infrastructure necessary to  
3.2 access, secure, use, or operate a solid waste processing facility.

3.3 (d) "Building" as used in this subdivision means a building used primarily for reducing  
3.4 exposure of materials contained within to the elements, to allow for aggregation, processing  
3.5 or storage of those materials, and for ancillary purposes to support those activities.

3.6 Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond  
3.7 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of  
3.8 the state in an amount up to \$26,840,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect  
3.9 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota  
3.10 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

3.11 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; GENERAL FUND.**

3.12 (a) \$34,901,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the Pollution  
3.13 Control Agency for grants to nine counties for heavy equipment, containers, or trailers for  
3.14 spoke facilities for a nine-county regional waste management system as follows:

3.15 (1) \$1,660,000 is for a grant to Beltrami County to acquire heavy equipment and  
3.16 containers for the spoke located in Beltrami County;

3.17 (2) \$2,397,000 is for a grant to Cass County to acquire material-hauling trucks, heavy  
3.18 equipment, mobile processing equipment, and containers for the spoke located in Cass  
3.19 County;

3.20 (3) \$825,000 is for a grant to Clearwater County to acquire heavy equipment and  
3.21 containers for the spoke located in Clearwater County;

3.22 (4) \$9,324,000 is for a grant to Hubbard County to purchase material-hauling trucks,  
3.23 heavy equipment, mobile processing equipment, and containers to move and manage  
3.24 materials at the new lined regional debris disposal facility in Hubbard County;

3.25 (5) \$840,000 is for a grant to Hubbard County to purchase heavy equipment, mobile  
3.26 processing equipment, and containers for the spoke located in Hubbard County and trailers  
3.27 to expand the current multicounty hauling services;

3.28 (6) \$280,000 is for a grant to Mahnommen County to purchase heavy equipment and  
3.29 containers for the spoke located in Mahnommen County;

3.30 (7) \$730,000 is for a grant to Marshall County to purchase heavy equipment and  
3.31 containers for the spoke located in Marshall County;

4.1 (8) \$580,000 is for a grant to Norman County to purchase heavy equipment and containers  
4.2 for the spoke located in Norman County;

4.3 (9) \$13,095,000 is for a grant to Polk County to purchase material-hauling trucks, heavy  
4.4 equipment, mobile processing equipment, and containers to move and manage materials at  
4.5 the new lined regional debris disposal facility in Polk County;

4.6 (10) \$3,837,000 is for a grant to Polk County to purchase heavy equipment and containers  
4.7 for the spoke located in Polk County and for trailers to expand the current multicounty  
4.8 hauling services;

4.9 (11) \$211,000 is for a grant to Polk County to purchase heavy equipment and portable  
4.10 equipment for the materials recovery facility in Polk County;

4.11 (12) \$212,000 is for a grant to Polk County to purchase heavy equipment and portable  
4.12 equipment for the materials recovery facility; and

4.13 (13) \$910,000 is for a grant to Red Lake County to purchase heavy equipment and  
4.14 containers for the spoke located in Red Lake County.

4.15 (b) Appropriations in this section are onetime and are available until encumbered or  
4.16 expended, subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.

4.17 (c) As used in this section, "spoke" means a mixed-use collection and processing facility.

4.18 (d) As used in this section, "heavy equipment" means machinery that is self-propelled  
4.19 and used primarily for moving, sorting, altering material size or shape, or aggregating  
4.20 materials.