

# 2022 Legislative Session Report

## ENRTF Bill and Session Summary

The LCCMR did not receive the 12 votes needed to make a recommendation to the 2022 Minnesota Legislature for ENRTF funding in 2022. Therefore, the House author moved an ENRTF (FY 2023) appropriations bill [HF 3765](#) through the legislative process that largely reflected one option the LCCMR had considered (the “Hansen Amendment”). The Senate author introduced an appropriations bill [SF 4043](#) that was reflective of another option the LCCMR had considered (the “Young Option”). The Senate bill was modified significantly through the legislative process whereas the house bill largely stayed the same.

A conference committee was requested by the House on May 18, 2022 and acceded to by the Senate on May 20, 2022. This bill was passed, as amended by Conference, by the House and Senate and signed into law as [ML 2022 Chapter 94](#) by the governor on June 3, 2022.

Following is a summary of ENRTF appropriations, additional ENRTF- related components of the bill, and outcomes of other bills of interest.

## ENRTF Appropriations

- Eighty total appropriations
- Sixty-eight of these projects had been in either of the two LCCMR options (Hansen or Young)
- Seventeen projects that had been in both the Hansen and the Young options were removed
- Twelve projects not reviewed by LCCMR were added
- Of the sixty-eight projects reviewed by the LCCMR, the final bill included:
  - Nineteen projects at the same amount as in both the Hansen and Young options
  - Seventeen projects at the same amount as in the Hansen Amendment
  - Ten projects at the same amount as in the Young Option
  - Twenty-two projects at an amount that was different from both the Hansen and Young Options
- The bill also includes 1- year global COVID-related extensions for projects otherwise expiring June 30, 2022. Ten additional extensions and corrections to end dates were made
- Appropriation language containing funding for land acquisitions was removed
- The bill includes appropriation of \$70,881,000 FY23 and added \$2,463,000 recaptured from prior fiscal years, for \$73,344,000 in total appropriations.

## Additional ENRTF Policy and Statute Changes

[HF 3675](#) also included the following:

- An additional clause was added to MS 116P.08 Subdiv.2 that prohibits use of ENRTF for acquiring property by eminent domain unless by owner’s requests
- The bill also requires LCCMR to submit a report the chairs of the house and senate environment committees by October 15, 2022 related to capital project proposals:

**Sec. 4. INFORMATION SUBMITTED WITH CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSALS.**

The Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources must consider whether statutorily requiring additional information to accompany proposals for capital projects would help the commission better evaluate those proposals. By October 15, 2022, the commission must submit its report and recommendations, along with any proposed statutory changes, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources.

## Other Bills of Interest:

### Not signed into law

[HF 3047](#) (Sandstede) / [SF 4022](#) (Tomassoni)

- *Description:* Buhl; land parcel sale facilitated.

[HF 4428](#) (Jordan; Hansen) / [SF 4161](#) (Eaton; Dziedzic)

- *Description:* Natural resources; per diems increased for boards, councils, and commissions.

[HF 4616](#) (Heintzeman; et al.) / [SF 4289](#) (Eichorn; et al.)

- *Description:* Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources member terms modification; environment and natural resources trust fund expenditure modification.

[HF 4649](#) (Hollins; et al.) / [SF 4131](#) (Ruud; Hawj)

- *Description:* Constitutional amendment providing for the renewal of the environment and natural resources trust fund.

[HF 4850](#) (Hansen; Morrison; Acomb)

- *Description:* Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources membership and terms modified, fund disbursement availability modified, requirements established for capital projects, and appointments provided