

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 759**

A bill to make, supplement, adjust, and consolidate appropriations for the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, from the following funds:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

1	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	
2	Full-time equated classified positions	2,535.8	
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 562,855,900
4	Appropriated from:		
5	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
6	Total interdepartmental grants and		
7	intradepartmental transfers		207,000
8	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 562,648,900
9	Federal revenues:		
10	Total federal revenues		96,449,500
11	Special revenue funds:		
12	Total local revenues		0
13	Total private revenues		9,609,200
14	Total other state restricted revenues		372,233,200
15	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 84,357,000
16	Sec. 102. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND		
17	SUPPORT		
18	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	
19	Full-time equated classified positions	150.1	
20	Unclassified salaries--FTEs	6.0	\$ 964,400
21	Accounting service center		1,652,200
22	Executive direction--FTEs	11.6	2,326,600
23	Finance and operations--FTEs	110.5	18,701,600
24	Gifts and pass-through transactions		5,003,600
25	Legal services--FTEs	4.0	704,800
26	Minerals Management--FTEs	20.0	3,080,500
27	Natural resources commission		77,100
28	Office of public lands--FTEs	4.0	1,478,200

1	Property management	3,440,600
2	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 37,429,600
3	Appropriated from:	
4	Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
5	IDG, land acquisition services-to-work orders	207,000
6	Federal revenues:	
7	Federal funds	449,100
8	Special revenue funds:	
9	Private funds	5,003,600
10	Deer habitat reserve	168,100
11	Forest development fund	4,673,600
12	Forest land user charges	8,000
13	Forest recreation account	55,200
14	Game and fish protection fund	8,146,200
15	Land exchange facilitation and management fund	4,553,700
16	Local public recreation facilities fund	226,300
17	Marine safety fund	887,200
18	Michigan natural resources trust fund	1,679,100
19	Michigan state parks endowment fund	4,348,800
20	Michigan state waterways fund	933,500
21	Nongame wildlife fund	14,100
22	Off-road vehicle safety education fund	700
23	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	245,800
24	Park improvement fund	2,114,000
25	Public use and replacement deed fees	30,200
26	Recreation improvement account	89,800
27	Snowmobile registration fee revenue	51,100
28	Snowmobile trail improvement fund	133,100

1	Sportsmen against hunger fund		500
2	Turkey permit fees		81,000
3	Waterfowl fees		3,400
4	Wildlife resource protection fund		44,600
5	State general fund/general purpose	\$	3,281,900
6	Sec. 103. DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES		
7	Full-time equated classified positions	21.0	
8	Great Lakes restoration initiative		\$ 2,904,200
9	Invasive species prevention and control--FTEs	21.0	7,109,200
10	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 10,013,400
11	Appropriated from:		
12	Federal revenues:		
13	Federal funds		2,904,200
14	State general fund/general purpose	\$	7,109,200
15	Sec. 104. COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES		
16	Full-time equated classified positions	132.8	
17	Cultural resource management--FTEs	2.0	\$ 1,009,100
18	Marketing and outreach--FTEs	88.8	17,476,700
19	Michigan historical center--FTEs	42.0	6,446,400
20	Michigan wildlife council		1,400,000
21	Sportsmen Against Hunger donation matching		485,800
22	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 26,818,000
23	Appropriated from:		
24	Federal revenues:		
25	Federal funds		2,654,700
26	State park improvement, federal		322,200
27	Special revenue funds:		
28	Forest development fund		172,900

1	Forest recreation account		18,600
2	Game and fish protection fund		9,239,300
3	Land exchange facilitation and management fund		51,400
4	Marine safety fund		39,100
5	Michigan historical center operations fund		1,220,200
6	Michigan state parks endowment fund		119,600
7	Michigan state waterways fund		163,900
8	Nongame wildlife fund		11,900
9	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		118,400
10	Park improvement fund		4,395,300
11	Recreation passport fees		689,700
12	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		21,300
13	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		105,100
14	Sportsmen against hunger fund		250,000
15	Wildlife management public education fund		1,400,000
16	Youth hunting and fishing education and		
17	outreach fund		43,500
18	State general fund/general purpose	\$	5,780,900
19	Sec. 105. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT		
20	Full-time equated classified positions	230.5	
21	Natural resources heritage--FTEs	9.0	\$ 659,200
22	Wildlife management--FTEs	221.5	47,802,600
23	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 48,461,800
24	Appropriated from:		
25	Federal revenues:		
26	Federal funds		26,472,600
27	Special revenue funds:		
28	Private funds		315,700

1	Cervidae licensing and inspection fees		85,100
2	Deer habitat reserve		1,824,600
3	Forest development fund		277,600
4	Game and fish protection fund		12,984,400
5	Nongame wildlife fund		480,700
6	Pheasant hunting license fees		175,000
7	Turkey permit fees		1,098,000
8	Waterfowl fees		114,100
9	State general fund/general purpose	\$	4,634,000
10	Sec. 106. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT		
11	Full-time equated classified positions	227.5	
12	Aquatic resource mitigation--FTEs	2.0	\$ 737,200
13	Fish production--FTEs	63.0	11,016,400
14	Fisheries resource management--FTEs	162.5	23,718,100
15	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 35,471,700
16	Appropriated from:		
17	Federal revenues:		
18	Federal funds		12,127,700
19	Special revenue funds:		
20	Private funds		136,700
21	Fisheries settlement		737,100
22	Game and fish protection fund		21,255,200
23	Invasive species fund		100
24	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,214,900
25	Sec. 107. LAW ENFORCEMENT		
26	Full-time equated classified positions	298.0	
27	Body cameras for conservation officers--FTEs	5.0	\$ 857,500
28	General law enforcement--FTEs	293.0	54,037,500

1	State employees retirement system		
2	implementation costs		800,000
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 55,695,000
4	Appropriated from:		
5	Federal revenues:		
6	Federal funds		7,242,000
7	Special revenue funds:		
8	Cervidae licensing and inspection fees		55,300
9	Forest development fund		47,000
10	Forest recreation account		75,500
11	Game and fish protection fund		22,243,900
12	Marine safety fund		1,447,600
13	Michigan state parks endowment fund		73,900
14	Michigan state waterways fund		22,500
15	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		177,700
16	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		2,966,900
17	Park improvement fund		75,500
18	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		752,900
19	Wildlife resource protection fund		1,202,300
20	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 19,312,000
21	Sec. 108. PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION		
22	Full-time equated classified positions	1,102.4	
23	Forest recreation and trails--FTEs	86.7	\$ 12,587,800
24	MacMullan Conference Center--FTEs	15.0	1,252,200
25	Michigan conservation corps		935,000
26	Nature awaits--FTEs	13.8	3,045,300
27	Recreational boating--FTEs	181.3	23,830,400
28	State parks--FTEs	805.6	106,948,500

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 148,599,200
2	Appropriated from:		
3	Federal revenues:		
4	Federal funds		144,200
5	Michigan state waterways fund, federal		1,747,800
6	Special revenue funds:		
7	Private funds		428,300
8	Forest recreation account		7,192,600
9	Game and fish protection fund		0
10	MacMullan Conference Center account		1,252,200
11	Michigan state parks endowment fund		11,470,900
12	Michigan state waterways fund		22,109,200
13	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		7,700
14	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		2,229,100
15	Park improvement fund		90,815,400
16	Park improvement fund, Belle Isle subaccount		875,000
17	Pure Michigan trails fund		100
18	Recreation improvement account		585,500
19	Recreation passport fees		220,300
20	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		16,800
21	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		2,019,500
22	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 7,484,600
23	Sec. 109. MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION		
24	Full-time equated classified positions	17.0	
25	Historical facilities system--FTEs	13.0	\$ 1,913,300
26	Mackinac Island State Park operations--FTEs	4.0	342,300
27	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 2,255,600
28	Appropriated from:		

1	Special revenue funds:		
2	Mackinac Island State Park fund		1,697,500
3	Mackinac Island State Park operation fund		136,400
4	State general fund/general purpose	\$	421,700
5	Sec. 110. FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION		
6	Full-time equated classified positions	356.5	
7	Adopt-a-forest program	\$	25,000
8	Cooperative resource programs--FTEs	11.0	1,650,600
9	Forest fire equipment		931,500
10	Forest management and timber market		
11	development--FTEs	200.0	46,586,100
12	Forest management initiatives--FTEs	8.5	944,200
13	Wildfire protection--FTEs	137.0	22,019,000
14	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	72,156,400
15	Appropriated from:		
16	Federal revenues:		
17	Federal funds		5,307,400
18	Federal national forest timber fund		9,101,000
19	Special revenue funds:		
20	Private funds		1,624,900
21	Commercial forest fund		26,000
22	Fire equipment fund		675,800
23	Forest development fund		42,291,800
24	Forest land user charges		246,000
25	Game and fish protection fund		832,800
26	Michigan state waterways fund		55,000
27	State general fund/general purpose	\$	11,995,700
28	Sec. 111. GRANTS		

1	Dam management grant program	\$	350,000
2	Deer habitat improvement partnership initiative		200,000
3	Federal - clean vessel act grants		400,000
4	Federal - forest stewardship grants		2,000,000
5	Federal - rural community fire protection		1,050,000
6	Federal - urban forestry grants		900,000
7	Fisheries habitat improvement grants		1,250,000
8	Grants to communities - federal oil, gas, and		
9	timber payments		3,450,000
10	Grants to counties - marine safety		3,074,700
11	National recreational trails		3,909,200
12	Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance		
13	grants		200,000
14	Off-road vehicle safety training grants		60,000
15	Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants		5,415,500
16	Recreation improvement fund grants		916,800
17	Recreation passport local grants		3,719,000
18	Snowmobile law enforcement grants		380,100
19	Snowmobile local grants program		7,090,400
20	Trail easements		700,000
21	Wildlife habitat improvement grants		1,502,500
22	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	36,568,200
23	Appropriated from:		
24	Federal revenues:		
25	Federal funds		13,276,600
26	Special revenue funds:		
27	Private funds		100,000
28	Deer habitat reserve		200,000

1	Game and fish protection fund		2,752,500
2	Local public recreation facilities fund		3,719,000
3	Marine safety fund		1,407,300
4	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		60,000
5	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		5,415,500
6	Permanent snowmobile trail easement fund		700,000
7	Recreation improvement account		916,800
8	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		380,100
9	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		7,090,400
10	State general fund/general purpose	\$	550,000
11	Sec. 112. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
12	Information technology services and projects	\$	10,769,100
13	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	10,769,100
14	Appropriated from:		
15	Federal revenues:		
16	Special revenue funds:		
17	Commercial forest fund		2,100
18	Deer habitat reserve		61,600
19	Forest development fund		1,567,700
20	Forest land user charges		23,900
21	Forest recreation account		43,800
22	Game and fish protection fund		3,916,600
23	Land exchange facilitation and management fund		30,600
24	Marine safety fund		165,200
25	Michigan natural resources trust fund		24,600
26	Michigan state parks endowment fund		1,357,600
27	Michigan state waterways fund		506,400
28	Nongame wildlife fund		30,500

1	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		10,400
2	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		24,300
3	Park improvement fund		1,513,500
4	Pure Michigan trails fund		100
5	Recreation improvement account		49,200
6	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		11,600
7	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		75,500
8	Sportsmen against hunger fund		600
9	Turkey permit fees		33,800
10	Waterfowl fees		3,300
11	Wildlife resource protection fund		42,100
12	Youth hunting and fishing education and		
13	outreach fund		2,000
14	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,272,100
15	Sec. 113. CAPITAL OUTLAY		
16	(1) RECREATIONAL LANDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE		
17	Federal - land and water conservation fund		
18	payments	\$	12,900,000
19	Off-road vehicle trail development and		
20	maintenance		1,000,000
21	Snowmobile trail development and maintenance		1,000,000
22	State parks repair and maintenance		29,117,900
23	Wetland restoration, enhancement and		
24	acquisition		5,000,000
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	49,017,900
26	Appropriated from:		
27	Federal revenues:		
28	Federal funds		12,900,000

1	Special revenue funds:		
2	Private funds		
3	Michigan state parks endowment fund		4,600,000
4	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		1,000,000
5	Recreation passport fees		23,017,900
6	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		1,000,000
7	Waterfowl hunt stamp		1,000,000
8	State general fund/general purpose	\$	5,500,000
9	(2) WATERWAYS BOATING PROGRAM		
10	Local boating infrastructure maintenance and		
11	improvements	\$	3,500,000
12	State boating infrastructure maintenance		8,300,000
13	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	11,800,000
14	Appropriated from:		
15	Federal revenues:		
16	Federal funds		1,500,000
17	Michigan state waterways fund, federal		300,000
18	Special revenue funds:		
19	Michigan state waterways fund		10,000,000
20	State general fund/general purpose	\$	0
21	Sec. 114. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
22	America 250 Commission grants		5,000,000
23	American chestnut restoration initiative		500,000
24	Flood insurance pilot initiative		4,000,000
25	Mass timber market development		2,000,000
26	Michigan History Center - America 250		
27	initiatives		5,000,000
28	Phragmites management equipment		499,700

1	Sportsmen Against Hunger disease testing	250,000
2	Sportsmen Against Hunger refrigeration units	550,000
3	ADA park accessibility grants	100
4	Mackinac Island State Park	100
5	Washtenaw Border-to-Border Trail	100
6	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 17,800,000
7	Appropriated from:	
8	Special revenue funds:	
9	Private funds	2,000,000
10	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 15,800,000

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. In accordance with section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, total state spending under part 1 from state sources is \$456,590,200.00 and state spending under part 1 from state sources to be paid to local units of government is \$17,971,900.00. The following itemized statement identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

24	America 250 Commission grants	\$ 5,000,000
25	Dam management grant program	175,000
26	Fisheries habitat improvement grants	125,000
27	Grants to counties - marine safety	1,407,300
28	Invasive species prevention and control	2,360,000

1	Local boating infrastructure maintenance and	3,500,000
2	improvements	
3	Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance	100,000
4	grants	
5	Off-road vehicle safety training grants	60,000
6	Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants	903,500
7	Recreation improvement fund grants	91,700
8	Recreation passport local grants	3,719,000
9	Snowmobile law enforcement grants	380,100
10	Wildlife habitat improvement grants	150,300
11	TOTAL	\$ 17,971,900

12 Sec. 202. The appropriations under this part and part 1 are
13 subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101
14 to 18.1594.

15 Sec. 203. As used in this part and part 1:

16 (a) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

17 (b) "Director" means the director of the department.

18 (c) "FTE" means full-time equated.

19 (d) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

20 (e) "Standard report recipients" means the senate
21 appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources,
22 the house appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and rural
23 development and natural resources, the senate and house fiscal
24 agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget
25 office.

26 Sec. 204. The department shall use the internet to fulfill the
27 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement includes
28 transmitting reports to the standard report recipients and any
29 other required recipients by email and posting the reports on an

1 internet site.

2 Sec. 206. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the
3 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the
4 following apply to the expenditure of funds appropriated in part 1:

5 (a) The funds must not be used for the purchase of foreign
6 goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of
7 comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are
8 available.

9 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
10 manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are
11 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

12 (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
13 that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and
14 operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of
15 comparable quality.

16 Sec. 207. The department shall not take disciplinary action
17 against an employee of the department for communicating with a
18 member of the legislature or legislative staff, unless the
19 communication is prohibited by law and the department is exercising
20 its authority as provided by law.

21 Sec. 208. Consistent with section 217 of the management and
22 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the department shall prepare
23 a report on out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1.
24 The report must list all travel by classified and unclassified
25 employees outside this state in the previous fiscal year that was
26 funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the
27 department's budget. The department shall submit the report to the
28 standard report recipients and to the senate and house
29 appropriations committees. The report must include all of the

1 following information:

2 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

3 (b) The total transportation and related expenses of each
4 travel occurrence and the proportions funded with state general
5 fund/general purpose revenues, state restricted revenues, federal
6 revenues, and other revenues.

7 Sec. 209. (1) The department shall not use funds appropriated
8 in part 1 to hire a person to provide legal services that are the
9 responsibility of the attorney general. This section does not apply
10 to legal services for bonding activities or to outside services
11 that the attorney general authorizes.

12 (2) The department shall make timely reimbursement to the
13 department of the attorney general for legal services provided by
14 the department of the attorney general to the department. If the
15 department fails to make timely reimbursement, the department of
16 the attorney general may increase the amount billed to include a
17 penalty for late reimbursement. As used in this section, "timely
18 reimbursement" means reimbursement not later than 60 days after the
19 department receives a bill for the legal services from the
20 department of the attorney general.

21 Sec. 210. Not later than December 15, the state budget office
22 shall prepare and submit a report that provides estimates of the
23 total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the
24 close of the previous fiscal year. The report must summarize the
25 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation
26 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The state
27 budget office shall submit the report to the standard report
28 recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house
29 appropriations committees.

1 Sec. 211. In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
2 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for
3 state restricted contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated
4 under this section are not available for expenditure until they
5 have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section
6 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

7 Sec. 212. The department shall cooperate with the department
8 of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable
9 website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is
10 not limited to, all of the following for the department:

11 (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.

12 (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.

13 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
14 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
15 payment description.

16 (d) The number of active department employees by job
17 classification.

18 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

19 Sec. 213. Not later than 14 days after the release of the
20 executive budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate
21 with the state budget office to provide an annual report on
22 estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund
23 projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the
24 previous 2 fiscal years. The report must be submitted to the
25 standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate
26 and house appropriations committees.

27 Sec. 216. To the extent permissible under the management and
28 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the director shall
29 take all reasonable steps to ensure geographically-disadvantaged

1 business enterprises compete for and perform contracts to provide
2 services or supplies, or both. The director shall strongly
3 encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract
4 with certified geographically-disadvantaged business enterprises
5 for services, supplies, or both. As used in this section,
6 "geographically-disadvantaged business enterprises" means that term
7 as defined in Executive Directive No. 2019-08.

8 Sec. 217. On a quarterly basis, the department shall report on
9 the number of full-time equated positions in pay status by civil
10 service classification, including a comparison by line item of the
11 number of full-time equated positions authorized from funds
12 appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of full-time equated
13 positions employed by the department at the end of the reporting
14 period. The report must be submitted to the senate and house
15 appropriations committees and to the standard report recipients.

16 Sec. 221. The department shall receive and retain copies of
17 all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. The department
18 shall follow federal and state guidelines for short-term and long-
19 term retention of records. The department may electronically retain
20 copies of reports unless otherwise required by federal and state
21 guidelines.

22 Sec. 222. Not later than April 1, the department shall report
23 on each specific policy change made to implement a public act
24 affecting the department that took effect during the previous
25 calendar year. The department shall submit the report to the
26 standard report recipients, to the senate and house appropriations
27 committees, and to the joint committee on administrative rules.

28 Sec. 223. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
29 department shall do the following:

1 (a) Report any amounts of severance pay for a department
2 director, deputy director, or other high-ranking department
3 official not later than 14 days after a severance agreement with
4 the director or official is signed. The name of the director or
5 official and the amount of severance pay must be included in the
6 report required by this subdivision.

7 (b) Not later than February 1, report on the total amount of
8 severance pay remitted to former department employees during the
9 previous fiscal year and the total number of former department
10 employees that were remitted severance pay during the previous
11 fiscal year.

12 (2) Reports required by this section must be submitted to the
13 standard report recipients and to the senate and house
14 appropriations committees.

15 (3) As used in this section, "severance pay" means
16 compensation that is both payable or paid on the termination of
17 employment and in addition to either wages or benefits earned
18 during the course of employment or generally applicable retirement
19 benefits.

20 Sec. 224. To the extent possible, the department shall not
21 expend appropriations under part 1 until all existing authorized
22 work project funds available for the same purposes are exhausted.

23 Sec 225. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used to
24 restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government
25 resources, programs, or facilities.

26 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments
27 shall report any action or policy that attempts to restrict or
28 interfere with the duties of the local health officer.

29 Sec. 226. (1) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1,

1 there is appropriated, from the following state restricted funds
 2 and accounts of the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy
 3 fund, the following amounts to the following departments and
 4 officers:

5 (a) Department of technology, management, and budget:

6	Game and fish protection account	\$	505,600
7	Waterways account		124,000
8	State park improvement account		135,600
9	Forest development fund		265,600

10 (b) Department of attorney general:

11	Game and fish protection account	\$	682,400
12	Waterways account		151,900

13 (c) Legislative auditor general:

14	Game and fish protection account	\$	38,000
15	Waterways account		13,700

16 (d) Department of treasury:

17	Game and fish protection account	\$	3,621,700
18	Waterways account		429,800
19	Michigan natural resources trust fund		3,354,500

20 (2) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, there is
 21 appropriated from the following state restricted funds to the civil
 22 service commission the amount calculated for each fund pursuant to
 23 section 5 of article XI of the state constitution of 1963:

24 (a) Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund.

25 (b) Forest development fund.

26 (c) Michigan natural resources trust fund.

27 (d) Michigan state parks endowment fund.

28 (e) Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund.

29 Sec. 227. Pursuant to section 43703(3) of the natural

1 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL
2 324.43703, there is appropriated from the Michigan game and fish
3 protection trust fund to the game and fish protection account of
4 the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund, \$6,000,000.00
5 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.

6 Sec. 228. The department may contract with or provide grants
7 to local units of government, institutions of higher education, or
8 nonprofit organizations to support activities authorized by
9 appropriations in part 1. As used in this section, contracts and
10 grants include, but are not limited to, contracts and grants for
11 research, wildlife and fisheries management, forest management,
12 invasive species monitoring and control, and natural resource-
13 related programs.

14 Sec. 230. (1) For any grant program or project funded in part
15 1 intended for a single recipient organization or unit of local
16 government, the grant program or project is for a public purpose
17 and the department shall follow procurement statutes of this state,
18 including any bidding requirements, unless the department can fully
19 validate, through information detailed in this part or public
20 supporting documents, both of the following:

21 (a) The specific organization or unit of local government that
22 will receive or administer the funds.

23 (b) How the funds will be administered and expended.

24 (2) Notwithstanding any other conditions or requirements for
25 direct appropriation grants, the department shall perform at least
26 all of the following activities to administer the grants described
27 in subsection (1):

28 (a) Develop a standard application process, grantee reporting
29 requirements, and any other necessary documentation, including

1 sponsorship information as specified under subsection (3).

2 (b) Establish a process to review, complete, and execute a
3 grant agreement with a grant recipient. The department shall not
4 execute a grant agreement unless all necessary documentation has
5 been submitted and reviewed.

6 (c) Verify to the extent possible that a grant recipient will
7 use funds for a public purpose that serves the economic prosperity,
8 health, safety, or general welfare of the residents of this state.

9 (d) Review and verify all necessary information to ensure the
10 grant recipient is reasonably able to execute the grant agreement,
11 perform its fiduciary duty, and comply with all applicable state
12 and federal statutes. The department may deduct the cost of
13 background checks performed as part of this verification from the
14 amount of the designated grant award.

15 (e) Establish a standard timeline to review all documents
16 submitted by grant recipients and provide a response within 45
17 business days stating whether submitted documents by a grant
18 recipient are sufficient or in need of additional information.

19 (3) A sponsor of a grant described in subsection (1) must be a
20 legislator or the department. A legislative sponsor must be
21 identified through a letter submitted by that legislator's office
22 to the department and state budget director containing the name of
23 the grant recipient, the intended amount of the grant, a
24 certification from that legislator that the grant is for a public
25 purpose, and specific citation of the section and subsection of the
26 public act that authorizes the grant, as applicable. If a
27 legislative sponsor is not identified before January 15, 2025, the
28 department shall do 1 of the following:

29 (a) Identify the department as the sponsor.

1 (b) Decline to execute the grant agreement.

2 (4) An executed grant agreement under this section between the
3 department and a grant recipient must include at least all of the
4 following:

5 (a) All necessary identifying information for the grant
6 recipient, including any tax and financial information for the
7 department to administer funds under this section.

8 (b) A description of the project for which the grant funds
9 will be expended, including tentative timelines and the estimated
10 budget. The department shall not reimburse expenditures that are
11 outside of the project purpose, as stated in the executed grant
12 agreement, from appropriations in part 1.

13 (c) Unless otherwise specified in department policy, a
14 requirement that funds appropriated for the grants described in
15 subsection (1) may be used only for expenditures that occur on or
16 after the effective date of this act.

17 (d) At the discretion of the department, a provision for an
18 initial disbursement of 50% to the grant recipient on execution of
19 the grant agreement consistent with part II, chapter 10, section
20 200 of the Financial Management Guide.

21 (e) A requirement that after an initial 50% disbursement under
22 subdivision (d), additional funds will be disbursed only after
23 verification that the initial payment has been fully expended in
24 accordance with the project purpose. The department shall disburse
25 the remaining funds after the grantee has provided sufficient
26 documentation, as determined by the department, to verify that all
27 expenditures were made in accordance with the project purpose.

28 (f) A requirement for reporting by the grant recipient to the
29 department that provides the status of the project and an

1 accounting of all funds expended by the grant recipient, as
2 determined by the department.

3 (g) A claw-back provision that allows the department of
4 treasury to recoup or otherwise collect any funds that are
5 declined, unspent, or otherwise misused.

6 (5) If appropriate to improve the administration or oversight
7 of a grant described in subsection (1), the department may adopt a
8 memorandum of understanding with another state department to
9 perform the required duties under this section.

10 (6) A grant recipient shall respond to all reasonable
11 information requests from the department related to grant
12 expenditures and retain grant records for not less than 7 years,
13 and the grant may be subject to monitoring, site visits, and audits
14 as determined by the department. The grant agreement required under
15 this section must include signed assurance by the chief executive
16 officer or other executive officer of the grant recipient that the
17 requirements of this subsection will be met.

18 (7) The grant recipient shall expend all funds awarded and
19 complete all projects not later than September 30, 2029. If at that
20 time any unexpended funds remain, the grant recipient shall return
21 those funds to the state treasury. If a grant recipient does not
22 provide information sufficient to execute a grant agreement by June
23 1, 2025, the department shall return funds associated with the
24 grant to the state treasury.

25 (8) The state budget director may, on a case-by-case basis,
26 extend the deadline in subsection (7) on request by a grant
27 recipient. The state budget director shall notify the chairs of the
28 house and senate appropriations committees not later than 5 days
29 after an extension is granted.

1 (9) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (10), beginning
2 March 15, 2025, the department shall post a report in a publicly
3 accessible location on its website. The report must list the grant
4 recipient, project purpose, and location of the project for each
5 grant described in subsection (1), the status of funds allocated
6 and disbursed under the grant agreement, and the legislative
7 sponsor, if applicable. The department shall make updates to the
8 report not later than June 15, 2025 and again not later than
9 September 15, 2025. At each posting of the report, the department
10 shall include the most comprehensive information it has available
11 at the time of posting for grants awarded.

12 (10) If the state budget office determines that it is more
13 efficient for the state budget office to compile all affected
14 departments' information and post the report required under
15 subsection (9) rather than that report being posted by individual
16 departments, the state budget office may compile that information
17 across all affected departments and post the report required under
18 subsection (9) on the same time schedule as identified in that
19 subdivision.

20 (11) As applicable, the legislative sponsor of a grant
21 described in subsection (1) shall comply with all applicable laws
22 concerning conflicts of interest in seeking a direct grant. A
23 legislative sponsor shall not seek a grant for a recipient if a
24 conflict of interest exists.

25 (12) If the department reasonably determines that the funds
26 allocated for an executed grant agreement under this section were
27 misused or that use of the funds was misrepresented by the grant
28 recipient, the department shall not award any additional funds
29 under the executed grant agreement and shall refer the grant for

1 review following internal audit protocols.

2 Sec. 231. (1) The department may accept monetary and
3 nonmonetary gifts, bequests, donations, contributions, or grants
4 from any private or public source to support, in whole or in part,
5 a departmental function or program. The department shall expend or
6 use such gifts, bequests, donations, contributions, or grants for
7 the purposes designated by the private or public source, if the
8 purpose is specified.

9 (2) Amounts remaining from revenue collected by the department
10 under this section that are unexpended and unencumbered must not
11 lapse to the general fund but must be carried forward to the
12 subsequent fiscal year.

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14 **COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

15 Sec. 240. (1) In addition to supporting the existing
16 archeological responsibilities of the department within the
17 Michigan History Center, the funds appropriated in part 1 for
18 cultural resource management and cultural resource management one-
19 time shall be utilized to establish an ongoing process of increased
20 consultation with known lineal descendants and officials of Native
21 American tribes on whose aboriginal lands a planned archeological
22 activity will occur or an inadvertent discovery has been made. The
23 consultation shall address the identification, treatment, and
24 disposition of Native American cultural items.

25 (2) The department is encouraged to, whenever possible,
26 repatriate or transfer from its collections Native American
27 cultural items, including human remains, funerary objects, sacred
28 objects, and objects of cultural patrimony, to the lineal
29 descendants and to Native American tribes described in subsection

1 (1).

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3 **DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES**

4 Sec. 251. From the amounts appropriated in part 1 for invasive
5 species prevention and control, the department shall allocate not
6 less than \$3,600,000.00 for grants for the prevention, detection,
7 eradication, and control of invasive species.

8 Sec. 252. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
9 revenue deposited in the invasive species fund created in section
10 41311 of the natural resources and environmental protection act,
11 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.41311, is appropriated and may be expended for
12 invasive species immediate response efforts.

13 (2) The department shall annually notify the house and senate
14 appropriations subcommittees on natural resources and the house and
15 senate fiscal agencies of any expenditure of funds appropriated
16 under subsection (1).

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18 **DEPARTMENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

19 Sec. 302. The department may charge land acquisition projects
20 appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for
21 prior fiscal years, a standard percentage fee to recover actual
22 costs, and may use the revenue derived to fund the land acquisition
23 service charges provided for in part 1.

24 Sec. 303. As appropriated in part 1, the department may charge
25 both application fees and transaction fees related to the exchange
26 or sale of state-owned land or rights in land authorized by part 21
27 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA
28 451, MCL 324.2101 to 324.2165. To the extent consistent with part
29 21, fees shall be set by the director at a rate that allows the

1 department to recover its costs for providing these services.

2 Sec. 304. In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, the
3 department may receive and expend money from state restricted
4 sources to pay vendor costs associated with administering sales of
5 carbon offset credits.

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7 **COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

8 Sec. 408. By December 1, the department shall submit to the
9 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources
10 a report on all land transactions approved by the natural resources
11 commission in the prior fiscal year. For each land transaction, the
12 report shall include the size of the parcel, the county and
13 municipality in which the parcel is located, the dollar amount of
14 the transaction, the fund source affected by the transaction, and
15 whether the transaction is by purchase, public auction, transfer,
16 exchange, or conveyance.

17 Sec. 409. From the funds in part 1 for Sportsmen Against
18 Hunger donation matching, the department shall utilize \$2.00 in
19 matching funding for every \$1.00 donated to the Sportsmen Against
20 Hunger program.

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22 **LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

23 Sec. 701. The funds appropriated in part 1 for state employees
24 retirement system implementation costs must be remitted to the
25 state employees retirement system for implementation costs if the
26 following bills of the 102nd Legislature are enacted into law:

27 (a) Senate Bill No. 165.

28 (b) Senate Bill No. 166.

29 (c) Senate Bill No. 167.

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FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION

Sec. 802. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall, by January 1, prepare and submit to the senate appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, the house appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and rural development and natural resources, and the standing committees of the senate and house with primary responsibility for natural resources issues a report on all of the following:

(a) The number of acres of state forestland prepared for timber harvesting in the prior fiscal year.

(b) The number of acres of state forestland timber sold in the prior fiscal year.

(c) The amount of revenue generated by the timber sale and harvesting of state land in the prior fiscal year.

Sec. 803. In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, the department may receive and expend money from federal sources to provide response to wildfires and hazard incidents as required by a compact with the federal government. If additional expenditure authorization is required, the department shall so notify the state budget office. The department shall notify the senate appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, the house appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and rural development and natural resources, and the house and senate fiscal agencies by November 15 of the expenditures under this section during the prior fiscal year.

Sec. 807. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated from the disaster and emergency contingency fund up to \$800,000.00 to cover department costs related to any

1 disaster as defined in section 2 of the emergency management act,
2 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.402.

3 (2) Funds appropriated under subsection (1) shall not be
4 expended unless the state budget director recommends the
5 expenditure and the department notifies the house and senate
6 committees on appropriations. By December 1 each year, the
7 department shall provide a report to the senate and house fiscal
8 agencies and the state budget office on the use of the disaster and
9 emergency contingency fund during the prior fiscal year.

10 (3) If Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
11 reimbursement is approved for costs paid from the disaster and
12 emergency contingency fund, the federal revenue shall be deposited
13 into the disaster and emergency contingency fund.

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15 **GRANTS**

16 Sec. 1001. Federal pass-through funds to local institutions
17 and governments that are received in amounts in addition to those
18 included in part 1 for grants to communities - federal oil, gas,
19 and timber payments and that do not require additional state
20 matching funds are appropriated for the purposes intended. By
21 November 30, the department shall report to the senate
22 appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources,
23 the house appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and rural
24 development and natural resources, the senate and house fiscal
25 agencies, and the state budget director on all amounts appropriated
26 under this section during the prior fiscal year.

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28 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

29 Sec. 1103. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay

1 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent
2 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
3 18.1248.

4 Sec. 1104. From the funds in part 1 for wetlands restoration,
5 enhancement and acquisition, \$1,000,000.00 shall be used to support
6 wetland restoration in urban areas and \$1,000,000.00 shall be used
7 to support wetland maintenance and restoration for managed
8 waterfowl areas and wetlands on state lands.

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10 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

11 Sec. 1201. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 shall be used to
12 support the America 250 committee and initiatives identified in
13 this section. The committee is established to plan, encourage,
14 develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary
15 of the founding of the United States, the American Revolution's
16 role in Michigan's history, and the impact of these and other
17 historic events on the people of Michigan's past, present, and
18 future. The committee shall seek to generate collaboration across
19 the state through municipalities, cultural and civic organizations,
20 libraries, schools, community groups, and the public.

21 (2) The committee shall be comprised of individuals appointed
22 by the governor or governor's designees and at least 4 individuals
23 appointed by the legislature. The speaker of house of
24 representatives and the senate majority leader shall each appoint 2
25 individuals to serve on the committee. Appointments shall be made
26 not later than November 1, 2024.

27 (3) As necessary, the committee shall adopt rules, procedures,
28 or perform administrative duties to implement this section.

29 (4) The committee shall seek private donations, sponsorships,

1 or local contributions to leverage the funds appropriated in Part
2 1.

3 (5) The committee shall utilize funding for state and local
4 initiatives to commemorate the semiquincentennial and promote the
5 history and culture of this state.

6 (6) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the committee shall
7 utilize \$5,000,000.00 for grants to support local initiatives that
8 include any of the following:

9 (a) Semiquincentennial commemoration activities through local
10 America 250 committees, local governments, or nonprofits.

11 (b) Programming, infrastructure, curricular materials, or
12 preservation activities for local museums, cultural institutions,
13 historical associations, or community nonprofits that promote or
14 preserve Michigan history and civic engagement.

15 (7) At least semiannually until funds from part 1 have been
16 fully expended, the committee shall submit a report to the chairs
17 of the house and senate appropriations committees on the status of
18 activities and funds awarded under this section.

19 (8) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for America
20 250 Committee grants are designated as a work project
21 appropriation. Unencumbered or unallocated funds shall not lapse at
22 the end of this fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures
23 under this section until the project has been completed. All of the
24 following are in compliance with section 451a of the management and
25 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

26 (a) The purpose of the work project is to provide grants to
27 state and local entities to commemorate America's
28 semiquincentennial.

29 (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state

1 employees, contracting with vendors, and local partners.

2 (c) The estimated cost of the work project is \$5,000,000.00.

3 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2029.

4 Sec. 1202. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for
5 American chestnut restoration initiative are designated as a work
6 project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds
7 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be
8 available for expenditure for the project under this section until
9 the project has been completed. The following is in compliance with
10 section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
11 18.1451a:

12 (a) The purpose of the project is to study and implement
13 American chestnut restoration and assisted migration of American
14 chestnut or other species for the purpose of helping adapt the
15 state's forests to climate change.

16 (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state
17 employees, contracts, or both.

18 (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$500,000.00.

19 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2029.

20 Sec. 1203. (1) The funding in part 1 for flood insurance pilot
21 initiatives shall be used to reduce flood insurance costs through
22 wetland restoration. The department shall expend this funding in
23 conjunction with matching private funds.

24 (2) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for flood
25 insurance pilot initiatives are designated as a work project
26 appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not
27 lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for
28 expenditure for the project under this section until the project
29 has been completed. The following is in compliance with section

1 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

2 (a) The purpose of the project is to find ways to reduce the
3 cost of flood insurance by utilizing wetlands and wetland
4 restoration activities.

5 (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state
6 resources, grants, or contracts.

7 (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,000,000.00.

8 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2029.

9 Sec. 1204. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for
10 mass timber market development are designated as a work project
11 appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not
12 lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for
13 expenditure for the project under this section until the project
14 has been completed. The following is in compliance with section
15 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

16 (a) The purpose of the project is to aid in the development of
17 a mass timber market in this state.

18 (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state
19 employees, contracts, or both.

20 (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,000,000.00.

21 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2029.

22 Sec. 1205. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
23 Michigan History Center America 250 initiatives, the Michigan
24 History Center shall utilize \$2,500,000.00 for upgrading the
25 Michigan History Center facilities.

26 (2) The Michigan History Center may utilize \$2,000,000.00 for
27 state initiatives at the Michigan History Center. State initiatives
28 may include capital improvements, educational programming,
29 modernizing and upgrading exhibits or displays, visitor experience

1 improvements, or family history services. The Michigan History
2 Center may utilize up to \$500,000.00 for educational programming
3 for any of the following:

4 (a) Partnerships with public television or radio nonprofit
5 organizations to provide free educational or cultural history
6 programming, featuring unique Michigan and American history with an
7 emphasis on stories of individual Michigan citizens.

8 (b) Partnerships with school districts or nonprofit civic
9 organizations to promote greater civics engagement and
10 understanding of Michigan's unique history. Partnerships may
11 include, but are not limited to, student competitions that may
12 provide scholarships or other education incentive to participating
13 students.

14 (c) Efforts to enhance access to unique Michigan history that
15 is aligned to state-approved curriculum standards.

16 (3) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan
17 History Center America 250 initiatives are designated as a work
18 project appropriation. Unencumbered or unallocated funds shall not
19 lapse at the end of this fiscal year and shall be available for
20 expenditure under this section until the project has been
21 completed. All of the following are in compliance with section 451a
22 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

23 (a) The purpose of the work project is to update and modernize
24 facilities, historical exhibits, and educational materials.

25 (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state
26 employees, contracting with vendors, and local partners.

27 (c) The estimated cost of the work project is \$5,000,000.00.

28 (d) The tentative complete date is September 30, 2029.

29 Sec. 1206. The funds appropriated in part 1 for phragmites

1 management equipment shall be used to purchase heavy equipment for
2 managing phragmites. The department shall lend this equipment to
3 localities or organizations that require aid in managing
4 phragmites.

5 Sec. 1207. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for
6 Sportsmen Against Hunger disease testing are designated as a work
7 project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds
8 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be
9 available for expenditure for the project under this section until
10 the project has been completed. The following is in compliance with
11 section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
12 18.1451a:

13 (a) The purpose of the project is to provide disease and lead
14 testing for donated meat.

15 (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state
16 employees, contracts, or both.

17 (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$250,000.00.

18 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2029.

19 Sec. 1208. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for
20 Sportsmen Against Hunger refrigeration units are designated as a
21 work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted
22 funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be
23 available for expenditure for the project under this section until
24 the project has been completed. The following is in compliance with
25 section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
26 18.1451a:

27 (a) The purpose of the project is to acquire refrigerated
28 trailers that processors can use to store deer and processed
29 venison.

1 (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state
2 employees, contracts, or both.

3 (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$550,000.00.

4 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2029.