

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 862**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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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, 2027, from the following funds:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0
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Full-time equated classified positions	2,499.9
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1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 597,918,100
2	Appropriated from:		
3	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
4	Total interdepartmental grants and		
5	intradepartmental transfers		208,300
6	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 597,709,800
7	Federal revenues:		
8	Total federal revenues		102,198,400
9	Special revenue funds:		
10	Total local revenues		0
11	Total private revenues		8,330,900
12	Total other state restricted revenues		425,493,600
13	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 61,686,900
14	Sec. 102. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND		
15	SUPPORT		
16	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	
17	Full-time equated classified positions	149.1	
18	Unclassified salaries--FTEs	6.0	\$ 1,023,100
19	Accounting service center		1,751,800
20	Executive direction--FTEs	11.6	2,380,000
21	Finance and operations--FTEs	112.5	19,986,200
22	Gifts and pass-through transactions		5,003,600
23	Legal services--FTEs	4.0	725,700
24	Minerals Management--FTEs	17.0	3,006,800
25	Natural resources commission		77,100
26	Office of public lands--FTEs	4.0	1,501,600
27	Property management		3,611,400
28	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 39,067,300



1	Appropriated from:	
2	Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
3	IDG, land acquisition services-to-work orders	208,300
4	Federal revenues:	
5	Federal funds	836,900
6	Special revenue funds:	
7	Private funds	5,003,600
8	Deer habitat reserve	170,000
9	Forest development fund	4,812,600
10	Forest land user charges	8,100
11	Forest recreation account	55,500
12	Game and fish protection account	8,758,000
13	Land exchange facilitation and management fund	4,565,400
14	Local public recreation facilities fund	231,400
15	Marine safety fund	915,900
16	Michigan natural resources trust fund	1,717,300
17	Michigan state parks endowment fund	4,471,500
18	Nongame wildlife fund	14,100
19	Off-road vehicle safety education fund	700
20	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	273,200
21	Public use and replacement deed fees	30,800
22	Recreation improvement account	90,200
23	Snowmobile registration fee revenue	51,400
24	Snowmobile trail improvement fund	134,600
25	Sportsmen against hunger fund	500
26	State park improvement account	2,276,300
27	Turkey permit fees	81,500
28	Waterfowl fees	3,400



1	Waterways account		956,000
2	Wildlife resource protection fund		44,900
3	State general fund/general purpose	\$	3,355,200
4	Sec. 103. DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES		
5	Full-time equated classified positions	21.0	
6	Great Lakes restoration initiative	\$	2,904,500
7	Invasive species prevention and control--FTEs	21.0	5,997,200
8	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	8,901,700
9	Appropriated from:		
10	Federal revenues:		
11	Federal funds		2,904,500
12	State general fund/general purpose	\$	5,997,200
13	Sec. 104. COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES		
14	Full-time equated classified positions	144.3	
15	Cultural resource management--FTEs	5.5	\$ 1,037,700
16	Marketing and outreach--FTEs	95.3	24,204,500
17	Michigan historical center--FTEs	43.5	7,328,300
18	Michigan wildlife council		2,803,400
19	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	35,373,900
20	Appropriated from:		
21	Federal revenues:		
22	Federal funds		3,419,600
23	State park improvement, federal		322,200
24	Special revenue funds:		
25	Forest development fund		179,500
26	Forest recreation account		19,100
27	Game and fish protection account		14,164,100
28	Land exchange facilitation and management fund		52,600



1	Marine safety fund		41,300
2	Michigan historical center operations fund		1,655,700
3	Michigan state parks endowment fund		123,900
4	Nongame wildlife fund		12,600
5	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		120,700
6	Recreation passport fees		674,200
7	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		21,700
8	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		107,800
9	Sportsmen against hunger fund		1,703,400
10	State park improvement account		4,416,500
11	Waterways account		169,800
12	Wildlife management public education fund		2,803,400
13	Youth hunting and fishing education and		
14	outreach fund		46,000
15	State general fund/general purpose	\$	5,319,800
16	Sec. 105. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT		
17	Full-time equated classified positions	210.5	
18	Natural resources heritage--FTEs	9.0	\$ 842,600
19	Wildlife management--FTEs	201.5	56,179,300
20	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 57,021,900
21	Appropriated from:		
22	Federal revenues:		
23	Federal funds		26,845,400
24	Special revenue funds:		
25	Private funds		465,700
26	Cervidae licensing and inspection fees		85,100
27	Deer habitat reserve		1,824,600
28	Forest development fund		280,800



1	Game and fish protection account		20,713,500
2	Nongame wildlife fund		483,300
3	Pheasant hunting license fees		245,800
4	Turkey permit fees		1,393,100
5	Waterfowl fees		152,800
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$	4,531,800
7	Sec. 106. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT		
8	Full-time equated classified positions	208.5	
9	Aquatic resource mitigation--FTEs	2.0	\$ 739,200
10	Fish production--FTEs	59.0	12,870,600
11	Fisheries resource management--FTEs	147.5	35,394,700
12	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 49,004,500
13	Appropriated from:		
14	Federal revenues:		
15	Federal funds		12,521,800
16	Special revenue funds:		
17	Private funds		136,700
18	Fisheries settlement		739,100
19	Game and fish protection account		34,359,300
20	Invasive species fund		100
21	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,247,500
22	Sec. 107. LAW ENFORCEMENT		
23	Full-time equated classified positions	298.0	
24	Body cameras for conservation officers--FTEs	5.0	\$ 872,300
25	General law enforcement--FTEs	293.0	57,303,800
26	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 58,176,100
27	Appropriated from:		
28	Federal revenues:		



1	Federal funds		8,482,000
2	Special revenue funds:		
3	Cervidae licensing and inspection fees		53,400
4	Forest development fund		45,400
5	Forest recreation account		72,800
6	Game and fish protection account		20,592,600
7	Marine safety fund		3,054,700
8	Michigan state parks endowment fund		71,400
9	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		175,400
10	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		3,415,100
11	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		726,200
12	State park improvement account		72,800
13	Waterways account		21,700
14	Wildlife resource protection fund		1,196,900
15	State general fund/general purpose	\$	20,195,700
16	Sec. 108. PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION		
17	Full-time equated classified positions	1,095.0	
18	Forest recreation and trails--FTEs	87.4	\$ 11,697,400
19	MacMullan Conference Center--FTEs	15.0	1,380,300
20	Michigan conservation corps		500,000
21	Recreational boating--FTEs	182.5	25,689,200
22	State parks--FTEs	810.1	105,777,300
23	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 145,044,200
24	Appropriated from:		
25	Federal revenues:		
26	Federal funds		144,200
27	Michigan state waterways fund, federal		2,172,300
28	Special revenue funds:		



1	Private funds		1,000,000
2	Forest recreation account		6,135,500
3	MacMullan Conference Center account		1,380,300
4	Michigan state parks endowment fund		11,531,700
5	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		8,100
6	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		3,107,600
7	Pure Michigan trails fund		100
8	Recreation improvement account		600,300
9	Recreation passport fees		220,300
10	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		17,400
11	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		2,083,800
12	State park improvement account		88,288,000
13	State park improvement account - Belle Isle		
14	subaccount		875,000
15	Waterways account		23,543,500
16	State general fund/general purpose	\$	3,936,100
17	Sec. 109. MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION		
18	Full-time equated classified positions	17.0	
19	Historical facilities system--FTEs	13.0	\$ 1,746,700
20	Mackinac Island State Park operations--FTEs	4.0	139,300
21	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	1,886,000
22	Appropriated from:		
23	Special revenue funds:		
24	Mackinac Island State Park fund		1,740,900
25	Mackinac Island State Park operation fund		139,300
26	State general fund/general purpose	\$	5,800
27	Sec. 110. FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION		
28	Full-time equated classified positions	356.5	



1	Forest management and timber market		
2	development--FTEs	219.5	\$ 51,175,500
3	Wildfire protection--FTEs	137.0	23,547,600
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 74,723,100
5	Appropriated from:		
6	Federal revenues:		
7	Federal funds		6,128,600
8	Federal national forest timber fund		9,147,600
9	Special revenue funds:		
10	Private funds		1,624,900
11	Commercial forest fund		26,000
12	Fire equipment fund		668,700
13	Forest development fund		43,196,300
14	Forest land user charges		252,000
15	Game and fish protection account		855,900
16	Waterways account		55,600
17	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 12,767,500
18	Sec. 111. GRANTS		
19	Dam management grant program		\$ 350,000
20	Deer habitat improvement partnership initiative		200,000
21	Federal - clean vessel act grants		400,000
22	Federal - forest stewardship grants		2,000,000
23	Federal - rural community fire protection		1,050,000
24	Federal - urban forestry grants		900,000
25	Grants to communities - federal oil, gas, and		
26	timber payments		3,450,000
27	Grants to counties - marine safety		3,074,700
28	National recreational trails		3,913,500



1	Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance		
2	grants		200,000
3	Off-road vehicle safety training grants		60,000
4	Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants		6,216,800
5	Recreation improvement fund grants		916,800
6	Recreation passport local grants		4,000,000
7	Snowmobile law enforcement grants		380,100
8	Snowmobile local grants program		9,590,400
9	Trail easements		700,000
10	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	37,402,300
11	Appropriated from:		
12	Federal revenues:		
13	Federal funds		13,280,900
14	Special revenue funds:		
15	Private funds		100,000
16	Deer habitat reserve		200,000
17	Local public recreation facilities fund		4,000,000
18	Marine safety fund		1,407,300
19	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		60,000
20	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		6,216,800
21	Permanent snowmobile trail easement fund		700,000
22	Recreation improvement account		916,800
23	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		380,100
24	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		9,590,400
25	State general fund/general purpose	\$	550,000
26	Sec. 112. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
27	Information technology services and projects	\$	10,874,500
28	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	10,874,500



1	Appropriated from:	
2	Federal revenues:	
3	Special revenue funds:	
4	Commercial forest fund	2,100
5	Deer habitat reserve	62,000
6	Forest development fund	1,577,600
7	Forest land user charges	24,100
8	Forest recreation account	44,300
9	Game and fish protection account	3,966,000
10	Land exchange facilitation and management fund	30,800
11	Marine safety fund	166,200
12	Michigan natural resources trust fund	24,800
13	Michigan state parks endowment fund	1,366,200
14	Nongame wildlife fund	30,700
15	Off-road vehicle safety education fund	10,500
16	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	29,200
17	Pure Michigan trails fund	100
18	Recreation improvement account	49,500
19	Snowmobile registration fee revenue	11,700
20	Snowmobile trail improvement fund	76,000
21	Sportsmen against hunger fund	600
22	State park improvement account	1,528,500
23	Turkey permit fees	34,000
24	Waterfowl fees	3,300
25	Waterways account	511,800
26	Wildlife resource protection fund	42,300
27	Youth hunting and fishing education and	
28	outreach fund	2,000



1	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,280,200
2	Sec. 113. CAPITAL OUTLAY		
3	(1) RECREATIONAL LANDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE		
4	Federal - land and water conservation fund		
5	payments	\$	12,900,000
6	Fisheries infrastructure		1,326,900
7	Off-road vehicle trail development and		
8	maintenance		1,000,000
9	Snowmobile trail development and maintenance		2,800,000
10	State game and wildlife area infrastructure		3,864,500
11	State parks repair and maintenance		30,450,000
12	Wetland restoration, enhancement, and		
13	acquisition		1,933,700
14	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	55,375,100
15	Appropriated from:		
16	Federal revenues:		
17	Federal funds		14,025,000
18	Special revenue funds:		
19	Private funds		
20	Game and fish protection account		4,066,400
21	Michigan state parks endowment fund		12,600,000
22	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		1,000,000
23	Recreation improvement account		1,100,000
24	Recreation passport fees		16,350,000
25	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		2,800,000
26	Waterfowl hunt stamp		933,700
27	State general fund/general purpose	\$	2,500,000
28	(2) WATERWAYS BOATING PROGRAM		



1	Local boating infrastructure maintenance and		
2	improvements	\$	5,000,000
3	State boating infrastructure maintenance		20,067,400
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	25,067,400
5	Appropriated from:		
6	Federal revenues:		
7	Federal funds		1,667,400
8	Michigan state waterways fund, federal		300,000
9	Special revenue funds:		
10	Waterways account		23,100,000
11	State general fund/general purpose	\$	0
12	Sec. 114. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
13	Whitefish recovery	\$	100
14	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	100
15	Appropriated from:		
16	Special revenue funds:		
17	Private funds		0
18	State general fund/general purpose	\$	100

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

GENERAL SECTIONS

24 Sec. 201. In accordance with section 30 of article IX of the
 25 state constitution of 1963, for the fiscal year ending September
 26 30, 2027, total state spending from state sources under part 1 is
 27 \$487,680,400.00 and total state spending under part 1 from state
 28 sources to be paid to local units of government is \$15,262,100.00.
 29 The following itemized statement identifies appropriations from



1 which spending to local units of government will occur:

2 **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

3	Dam management grant program	\$	175,000
4	Fisheries habitat improvement grants		125,000
5	Grants to counties - marine safety		1,407,300
6	Invasive species prevention and control		2,179,200
7	Local boating infrastructure maintenance and		5,000,000
8	improvements		
9	Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance		100,000
10	grants		
11	Off-road vehicle safety training grants		60,000
12	Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants		1,067,600
13	Recreation improvement fund grants		91,700
14	Recreation passport local grants		4,525,900
15	Snowmobile law enforcement grants		380,100
16	Wildlife habitat improvement grants		150,300
17	TOTAL	\$	15,262,100

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

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

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

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

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

25 (d) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

26 (e) "Standard report recipients" means the senate
 27 appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources,
 28 the house appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and rural
 29 development and natural resources, the senate and house fiscal



1 agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget
2 office.

3 Sec. 204. The department shall use the internet to fulfill the
4 reporting requirements of this part and shall make each report
5 readily accessible to the public and conspicuously post each
6 required report in a single archivable location on the department's
7 or agency's Michigan.gov website not later than the due date
8 required for each report. In addition to placing all reports
9 required in the current fiscal year on the department's or agency's
10 website, the department or agency shall maintain on its website all
11 reports placed on the website from previous fiscal years posted by
12 fiscal year in the same single archivable location. The department
13 or agency shall also transmit all required reports for the current
14 fiscal year to the standard recipients and any other required
15 recipients by email.

16 Sec. 205. If the state administrative board, acting under
17 section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount
18 appropriated under this part, the legislature may, by a concurrent
19 resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and
20 serving in each house, intertransfer funds within part 1 for the
21 particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.

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

25 (a) The funds must not be used for the purchase of foreign
26 goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of
27 comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are
28 available.

29 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,



1 manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are
2 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

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

7 Sec. 207. The department shall not take disciplinary action
8 against an employee of the department for communicating with a
9 member of the legislature or legislative staff unless the
10 communication is prohibited by law and the department is exercising
11 its authority as provided by law.

12 Sec. 208. Consistent with section 217 of the management and
13 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, each department and agency
14 receiving appropriations in part 1 shall prepare a report on out-
15 of-state travel expenses not later than January 1. The report must
16 list all travel outside this state by classified and unclassified
17 employees in the previous fiscal year that was funded in whole or
18 in part with funds appropriated in the department's or agency's
19 budget. The department shall submit the report to the standard
20 report recipients and to the senate and house appropriations
21 committees. The report must include all of the following
22 information:

23 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

24 (b) The total transportation and related costs of each travel
25 occurrence and the proportions funded with state general fund or
26 general purpose revenues, state restricted revenues, federal
27 revenues, local revenues, and private revenues, including specific
28 sources of state restricted, federal, local, and private revenues.

29 Sec. 209. Not later than December 15, the state budget office



1 shall prepare and submit a report that provides estimates of the
 2 total general fund or general purpose appropriation lapses at the
 3 close of the previous fiscal year. The report must summarize the
 4 projected year-end general fund or general purpose appropriation
 5 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The state
 6 budget office shall submit the report to the standard report
 7 recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house of
 8 representatives appropriations committees.

9 Sec. 210. In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
 10 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for
 11 state restricted contingency authorization. These funds are not
 12 available for expenditure until they have been transferred to
 13 another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management
 14 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

15 Sec. 211. (1) The department shall cooperate with the
 16 department of technology, management, and budget to maintain a
 17 searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that
 18 includes, but is not limited to, all of the following for the
 19 department:

- 20 (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.
- 21 (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.
- 22 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
 23 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
 24 payment description.

25 (2) The department shall cooperate with the department of
 26 technology, management, and budget to update the searchable website
 27 on a quarterly basis.

28 Sec. 212. Not later than 14 days after the release of the
 29 executive budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate



1 with the state budget office to provide an annual report on the
2 estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund
3 projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the
4 previous 2 fiscal years. The report must be submitted to the
5 standard report recipients and the chairpersons of the senate and
6 house appropriations committees.

7 Sec. 213. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used to
8 restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government
9 resources, programs, or facilities.

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

13 Sec. 214. To the extent permissible under the management and
14 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the director of
15 each department or agency receiving appropriations in part 1 shall
16 take all reasonable steps to ensure geographically disadvantaged
17 business enterprises compete for and perform contracts to provide
18 services or supplies, or both. The director shall strongly
19 encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract
20 with certified geographically disadvantaged business enterprises
21 for services, supplies, or both. As used in this section,
22 "geographically disadvantaged business enterprises" means that term
23 as defined in Executive Directive No. 2023-1.

24 Sec. 215. On a quarterly basis, the department or agency
25 receiving appropriations in part 1 shall report on the number of
26 full-time equated positions in pay status by civil service
27 classification, including a comparison by line item of the number
28 of full-time equated positions authorized from funds appropriated
29 in part 1 to the actual number of full-time equated positions



1 employed by the department at the end of the reporting period. The
2 report must be submitted to the senate and house appropriations
3 committees and the standard report recipients.

4 Sec. 216. (1) The department shall maximize utilization of its
5 in-person state workforce. The department shall prioritize
6 occupancy utilization of office space for each division within the
7 department. Employees with job responsibilities that require the
8 employees to serve in their capacities outside of an office shall
9 be monitored each pay period to ensure all work hours reported on
10 the timesheet were actually worked.

11 (2) The department shall comply with requirements set forth by
12 the office of the state employer on in-person work and utilization
13 and occupancy rates of state buildings to ensure in-person work is
14 optimized and occupancy rates are 80% or higher, subject to market
15 conditions.

16 (3) The department shall adhere to civil service rules and
17 regulations that state the standard biweekly work period for a
18 full-time employee in the classified service of this state is the
19 equivalent of 80 hours of work. The department shall establish
20 policies and processes to ensure all employees are working their
21 jobs during agreed-upon business hours.

22 Sec. 217. The department shall receive and retain copies of
23 all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. The department
24 shall follow federal and state law and guidelines for short-term
25 and long-term retention of records. The department may
26 electronically retain copies of reports unless otherwise required
27 by federal and state guidelines.

28 Sec. 218. Not later than April 1, the department shall report
29 on each specific policy change made to implement a public act



1 affecting the department that took effect during the previous
2 calendar year. The report must include reference to the public act
3 number. The department shall submit the report to the standard
4 report recipients, the senate and house appropriations committees,
5 and the joint committee on administrative rules.

6 Sec. 219. The state budget director shall take steps to ensure
7 that all state fiscal recovery funds allocated to this state under
8 the American rescue plan act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, are
9 expended by December 31, 2026, as required by law. Any state fiscal
10 recovery funds that would otherwise lapse after September 30, 2026,
11 are automatically reappropriated for the same purpose as originally
12 authorized and available for expenditure through December 31, 2026,
13 and any subsequent financial close out period.

14 Sec. 220. To the extent possible, the department shall not
15 expend appropriations under part 1 until all existing authorized
16 work project funds available for the same purposes are exhausted.

17 Sec. 221. (1) The state budget director shall take steps to
18 ensure that all state fiscal recovery funds allocated to this state
19 under the American rescue plan act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, are
20 expended by December 31, 2026, as required by law. The state budget
21 director may reallocate appropriated funds for the purpose of fully
22 utilizing state fiscal recovery funds that are in jeopardy of not
23 meeting the expenditure deadline for reasons that may include, but
24 are not limited to, completed projects coming in under budget or
25 funds unable to be fully used by subrecipients. The state budget
26 director shall reallocate any of the funds reallocated under this
27 subsection to the programs or purposes specified in this section.
28 Any funds reallocated are unappropriated and immediately
29 reappropriated for the following purposes:



1 (a) To reclassify general fund or general purpose
2 appropriations for payroll and covered benefits for eligible public
3 health and safety employees at the department of corrections.

4 (b) To reclassify general fund or general purpose
5 appropriations for payroll and covered benefits for eligible public
6 health and safety employees at the department of state police.

7 (2) All applicable guidance, implementation, and reporting
8 provisions of the American rescue plan act of 2021, Public Law 117-
9 2 must be followed for state fiscal recovery funds reallocated and
10 reappropriated under subsection (1).

11 (3) The state budget director shall notify the senate and
12 house appropriations committees not later than 1 business day after
13 making any reallocations under subsection (1). The notification
14 must include the authorized program under which funds were
15 originally appropriated, the amount of the reallocation, the
16 program, or programs, or purpose, and the department to which the
17 funds are being reallocated under subsection (1), and the amount
18 reallocated to each program or purpose.

19 Sec. 222. Not later than 6 months after the state budget
20 office issues work project letters, the department shall submit an
21 annual report that summarizes all work project accounts. The report
22 must include all of the following:

23 (a) A list of all work project accounts.

24 (b) The status of all work project accounts, including amounts
25 expended, amounts encumbered, and available balances for each
26 account.

27 (c) The amount of funds that lapsed from any previously
28 designated work project accounts, the name and description of the
29 work project account, and the funds that received the lapsed



1 amounts.

2 Sec. 223. The department must provide an annual report to the
3 standard report recipients detailing significant federal policy
4 changes that do, or are expected to, significantly impact the
5 operations of the department, including reductions in federal
6 revenue and changes that are likely to lead to a reduction in the
7 department's ability to safeguard the health or welfare of the
8 public.

9 Sec. 224. Total authorized appropriations from all sources
10 under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September
11 30, 2027 are estimated at \$23,478,400.00. From this amount, total
12 department appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are
13 estimated at \$23,478,400.00. Total department appropriations for
14 retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at \$0.00.

15 Sec. 225. Not later than April 1, the department shall provide
16 to the standard report recipients a copy of its annual strategic
17 plan prepared in compliance with section 363 of the management and
18 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1363. The plan must include the
19 mission, vision, goals, strategies, and performance measures of the
20 department.

21 Sec. 227. The department shall report on any court settlement
22 that may require further legislative review of state statutory
23 programs or regulations.

24 Sec. 228. Not later than November 15, the department must
25 disclose on a publicly accessible website private and other third-
26 party funds received by the department in the previous fiscal year.
27 The report must include the amount and source of funding received,
28 the purpose for which funding was expended, and the amount of any
29 remaining funds, if any. The report must be submitted to the



1 standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate
2 and house appropriations committees.

3 Sec. 229. (1) Within 30 days of enactment of this act, the
4 house of representatives and senate shall provide to the state
5 budget office a jointly agreed-upon list of legislatively directed
6 spending items funded in part 1 as defined in section 364 of the
7 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1364. The list must
8 include all information and documents pertaining to the funded
9 items as publicly disclosed under section 364 of the management and
10 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1364.

11 (2) In accordance with section 364(4) of the management and
12 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1364, the department or agency
13 administering the grant shall post a report in a publicly
14 accessible location on its website beginning March 15 of the
15 current fiscal year. The department or agency shall update the
16 report and shall post an updated report not later than June 15 of
17 the current fiscal year and again not later than September 15 of
18 the current fiscal year. The department shall include in the report
19 the most comprehensive information the department has available at
20 the time of posting for grants awarded.

21 Sec. 230. (1) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1,
22 there is appropriated, from the following state restricted funds
23 and accounts of the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy
24 fund, the following amounts to the following departments and
25 officers:

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

27 Game and fish protection account	\$	659,600
28 Waterways account		177,200
29 State park improvement account		158,300



1	Forest development fund		354,600
2	(b) Department of attorney general:		
3	Game and fish protection account	\$	693,300
4	Waterways account		156,300
5	(c) Legislative auditor general:		
6	Game and fish protection account	\$	39,100
7	Waterways account		14,100
8	(d) Department of treasury:		
9	Game and fish protection account	\$	4,812,400
10	Waterways account		495,000
11	Michigan natural resources trust fund		3,289,700

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

- 16 (a) Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund.
- 17 (b) Forest development fund.
- 18 (c) Michigan natural resources trust fund.
- 19 (d) Michigan state parks endowment fund.
- 20 (e) Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund.

21 Sec. 231. Pursuant to section 43703(3) of the natural
 22 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL
 23 324.43703, there is appropriated from the Michigan game and fish
 24 protection trust fund to the game and fish protection account of
 25 the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund, \$6,000,000.00
 26 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027.

27 Sec. 232. The department may contract with or provide grants
 28 to local units of government, institutions of higher education, or
 29 nonprofit organizations to support activities authorized by



1 appropriations in part 1. As used in this section, contracts and
 2 grants include, but are not limited to, contracts and grants for
 3 research, wildlife and fisheries management, forest management,
 4 invasive species monitoring and control, and natural-resource-
 5 related programs.

6 Sec. 233. (1) The department may accept monetary and
 7 nonmonetary gifts, bequests, donations, contributions, or grants
 8 from any private or public source to support, in whole or in part,
 9 a departmental function or program. The department shall expend or
 10 use such gifts, bequests, donations, contributions, or grants for
 11 the purposes designated by the private or public source, if the
 12 purpose is specified.

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

17 Sec. 234. (1) In addition to any other requirements under this
 18 part, if the department is authorized under this part to expend
 19 funds in addition to those appropriated in part 1, the department
 20 must do all of the following:

21 (a) Not later than November 1, provide a report to the
 22 chairpersons of the house and senate appropriations committees, the
 23 house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget office that
 24 details all of the following:

25 (i) The type of funding received during the previous fiscal
 26 year that was authorized in part 2 of the article that made
 27 appropriations for the department in the previous fiscal year.

28 (ii) When the funding was received.

29 (iii) The amount of funding received.



1 (iv) How much of the funding was spent and for what purpose or
2 purposes.

3 (b) Not later than 60 days after receipt of funds authorized
4 under this part, provide a report to the chairpersons of the house
5 and senate appropriations committees, the house and senate fiscal
6 agencies, and the state budget office that details all of the
7 following:

8 (i) The type of funding received.

9 (ii) When the funding was received.

10 (iii) The amount of funding received.

11 (iv) The anticipated or actual amount to be spent and the
12 specified purpose or purposes.

13 (c) Not later than February 15, provide a report to the
14 chairpersons of the house and senate appropriations committees, the
15 house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget office with
16 an estimate of funding authorized by this part that the department
17 anticipates it will receive in the subsequent fiscal year,
18 identifying all of the following:

19 (i) The type or types of funding anticipated.

20 (ii) The amount or amounts of funding anticipated.

21 (iii) The purpose or purposes of the funding.

22 (2) If another reporting requirement under this part would
23 provide substantially similar information on a substantially
24 similar time frame as would be reported under subsection (1),
25 subsection (1) does not apply.

26
27 **COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

28 Sec. 240. (1) In addition to supporting the existing
29 archeological responsibilities of the department within the



1 Michigan History Center, the funds appropriated in part 1 for
 2 cultural resource management and cultural resource management one-
 3 time must be utilized to establish an ongoing process of increased
 4 consultation with known lineal descendants and officials of Native
 5 American tribes on whose aboriginal lands a planned archeological
 6 activity will occur or an inadvertent discovery has been made. The
 7 consultation must address the identification, treatment, and
 8 disposition of Native American cultural items.

9 (2) The department is encouraged to, whenever possible,
 10 repatriate or transfer from its collections Native American
 11 cultural items, including human remains, funerary objects, sacred
 12 objects, and objects of cultural patrimony, to the lineal
 13 descendants and to Native American tribes described in subsection
 14 (1).

15

16 **DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES**

17 Sec. 251. From the amounts appropriated in part 1 for invasive
 18 species prevention and control, the department shall allocate not
 19 less than \$2,400,000.00 for grants for the prevention, detection,
 20 eradication, and control of invasive species.

21 Sec. 252. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
 22 revenue deposited in the invasive species fund created in section
 23 41311 of the natural resources and environmental protection act,
 24 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.41311, is appropriated and may be expended for
 25 invasive species immediate response efforts.

26 (2) The department shall annually notify the house and senate
 27 appropriations subcommittees on natural resources and the house and
 28 senate fiscal agencies of any expenditure of funds appropriated
 29 under subsection (1).



1 Sec. 257. The department shall prioritize right-of-way permits
 2 or easements for construction or maintenance of broadband
 3 facilities on state land and shall not require a centerline survey
 4 as a condition of the road right-of-way permit or easement if the
 5 applicant can provide detailed engineering plans and if the
 6 broadband facilities are contained completely in the right-of-way.
 7 If the broadband provider secures a road right-of-way permit to
 8 construct or maintain broadband facilities required by the
 9 municipal, county, or state entity that owns or controls the public
 10 road, the department shall not require the broadband provider to
 11 obtain a permit or easement if the broadband facility is contained
 12 completely within the road right-of-way. If installation of
 13 broadband facilities cannot be contained completely within the
 14 right-of-way and requires placement of the infrastructure on public
 15 lands, an easement will be required, and a certified survey may be
 16 required. If installation of broadband facilities being placed in
 17 the road right-of-way requires utilization of public lands, a
 18 permit may be required.

19

20 **DEPARTMENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

21 Sec. 302. The department may charge land acquisition projects
 22 appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for
 23 prior fiscal years, a standard percentage fee to recover actual
 24 costs, and may use the revenue derived to fund the land acquisition
 25 service charges provided for in part 1.

26 Sec. 303. As appropriated in part 1, the department may charge
 27 both application fees and transaction fees related to the exchange
 28 or sale of state-owned land or rights in land authorized by part 21
 29 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA



1 451, MCL 324.2101 to 324.2165. To the extent consistent with part
 2 21 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994
 3 PA 451, MCL 324.2101 to 324.2165, fees must be set by the director
 4 at a rate that allows the department to recover its costs for
 5 providing these services.

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

10

11 **COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

12 Sec. 408. By December 1, the department shall submit to the
 13 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources
 14 a report on all land transactions completed by the department in
 15 the prior fiscal year. For each land transaction, the report must
 16 include the size of the parcel, or for subdivided parcels, the
 17 number of parcels, the county and municipality in which the parcel
 18 is located, the dollar amount of the transaction, the fund source
 19 affected by the transaction, and the transaction type.

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21 **FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION**

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

29 (a) The number of acres of state forestland prepared for



1 timber harvesting in the prior fiscal year.

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

4 (c) The amount of revenue generated from state forest timber
5 sale receipts in the prior fiscal year.

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

17 Sec. 807. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
18 there is appropriated from the disaster and emergency contingency
19 fund up to \$800,000.00 to cover department costs related to any
20 disaster as defined in section 2 of the emergency management act,
21 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.402.

22 (2) Funds appropriated under subsection (1) must not be
23 expended unless the state budget director recommends the
24 expenditure and the department notifies the house and senate
25 committees on appropriations. By December 1 each year, the
26 department shall provide a report to the senate and house fiscal
27 agencies and the state budget office on the use of the disaster and
28 emergency contingency fund during the prior fiscal year.

29 (3) If Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)



1 reimbursement is approved for costs paid from the disaster and
 2 emergency contingency fund, the federal revenue must be deposited
 3 into the disaster and emergency contingency fund.

4
 5 **GRANTS**

6 Sec. 1001. Federal pass-through funds to local institutions
 7 and governments that are received in amounts in addition to those
 8 included in part 1 for grants to communities - federal oil, gas,
 9 and timber payments and that do not require additional state
 10 matching funds are appropriated for the purposes intended. By
 11 November 30, the department shall report to the senate
 12 appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources,
 13 the house appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and rural
 14 development and natural resources, the senate and house fiscal
 15 agencies, and the state budget director on all amounts appropriated
 16 under this section during the prior fiscal year.

17
 18 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

19 Sec. 1103. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay
 20 must be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent
 21 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
 22 18.1248.

23
 24 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

25 Sec. 1201. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 for whitefish
 26 recovery must be used by the department to support efforts to
 27 recover and monitor not more than 3 lake whitefish stocks.

28 (2) Funds appropriated under this section must be used for
 29 activities that include, but are not limited to, spawning and



1 rearing activities and post-stocking assessment and evaluation
2 necessary to support lake whitefish stock recovery.

3 (3) The department may contract with or enter into agreements
4 with qualified nonprofit, research-based organizations to implement
5 a lake whitefish stock recovery plan developed by the department.

6 (4) Activities under this section must be conducted using
7 department-owned hatchery facilities or facilities owned or
8 operated by partners contracted under subsection (3).

9 (5) Funds appropriated under this section must not be used for
10 operational expenses or for the support of full-time equated
11 positions or permanent state positions. The department may utilize
12 limited-term employees as necessary to carry out the purposes of
13 this section.

