

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 188**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; 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, 2024, from the following funds:

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**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**APPROPRIATION SUMMARY**

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Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0
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Full-time equated classified positions	2,531.5
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1	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 563,492,200</b>
2	Appropriated from:		
3	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
4	Total interdepartmental grants and		
5	intradepartmental transfers		202,600
6	<b>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 563,289,600</b>
7	Federal revenues:		
8	Total federal revenues		100,409,600
9	Special revenue funds:		
10	Total local revenues		0
11	Total private revenues		7,289,200
12	Total other state restricted revenues		356,907,300
13	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 98,683,500</b>
14	<b>Sec. 102. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND</b>		
15	<b>SUPPORT</b>		
16	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	
17	Full-time equated classified positions	149.1	
18	Unclassified salaries--FTEs	6.0	\$ 918,400
19	Accounting service center		1,501,900
20	Executive direction--FTEs	11.6	2,286,200
21	Finance and operations--FTEs	109.5	18,204,800
22	Gifts and pass-through transactions		5,003,600
23	Legal services--FTEs	4.0	690,600
24	Minerals Management--FTEs	20.0	3,023,100
25	Natural resources commission		77,100
26	Office of public lands--FTEs	4.0	1,459,200
27	Property management		4,541,200
28	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 37,706,100</b>



1	Appropriated from:	
2	Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
3	IDG, land acquisition services-to-work orders	202,600
4	Federal revenues:	
5	Federal funds	369,300
6	Special revenue funds:	
7	Private funds	5,003,600
8	Deer habitat reserve	162,700
9	Forest development fund	4,661,800
10	Forestland user charges	7,900
11	Forest recreation account	54,200
12	Game and fish protection fund	8,232,100
13	Land exchange facilitation and management fund	4,549,600
14	Local public recreation facilities fund	221,400
15	Marine safety fund	875,900
16	Michigan natural resources trust fund	1,634,600
17	Michigan state parks endowment fund	4,326,700
18	Michigan state waterways fund	905,100
19	Nongame wildlife fund	13,700
20	Off-road vehicle safety education fund	700
21	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	239,500
22	Park improvement fund	2,090,800
23	Public use and replacement deed fees	29,500
24	Recreation improvement account	85,600
25	Snowmobile registration fee revenue	50,400
26	Snowmobile trail improvement fund	128,100
27	Sportsmen against hunger fund	500
28	Turkey permit fees	79,600



1	Waterfowl fees		3,400
2	Wildlife resource protection fund		43,700
3	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,733,100</b>
4	<b>Sec. 103. DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES</b>		
5	Full-time equated classified positions	21.0	
6	Great Lakes restoration initiative	\$	2,904,200
7	Invasive species prevention and control--FTEs	21.0	7,097,000
8	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,001,200</b>
9	Appropriated from:		
10	Federal revenues:		
11	Federal funds		2,904,200
12	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,097,000</b>
13	<b>Sec. 104. COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES</b>		
14	Full-time equated classified positions	148.3	
15	Marketing and outreach--FTEs	88.8	\$ 17,152,000
16	Michigan historical center--FTEs	59.5	8,648,600
17	Michigan wildlife council		1,400,000
18	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27,200,600</b>
19	Appropriated from:		
20	Federal revenues:		
21	Federal funds		2,619,800
22	State park improvement, federal		322,200
23	Special revenue funds:		
24	Forest development fund		167,200
25	Forest recreation account		17,800
26	Game and fish protection fund		9,126,700
27	Land exchange facilitation and management fund		49,800
28	Marine safety fund		38,100



1	Michigan historical center operations fund		1,216,100
2	Michigan state parks endowment fund		115,700
3	Michigan state waterways fund		159,000
4	Nongame wildlife fund		11,500
5	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		115,300
6	Park improvement fund		5,072,800
7	Recreation passport fees		638,200
8	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		20,600
9	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		101,900
10	Sportsmen against hunger fund		250,000
11	Wildlife management public education fund		1,400,000
12	Youth hunting and fishing education and		
13	outreach fund		41,800
14	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,716,100</b>
15	<b>Sec. 105. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT</b>		
16	Full-time equated classified positions	230.5	
17	Natural resources heritage--FTEs	9.0	\$ 655,200
18	Wildlife management--FTEs	221.5	46,993,400
19	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 47,648,600</b>
20	Appropriated from:		
21	Federal revenues:		
22	Federal funds		26,171,000
23	Special revenue funds:		
24	Private funds		315,700
25	Cervidae licensing and inspection fees		85,100
26	Deer habitat reserve		1,793,800
27	Forest development fund		277,600
28	Game and fish protection fund		12,665,200



1	Nongame wildlife fund		449,900
2	Pheasant hunting license fees		175,000
3	Turkey permit fees		1,065,100
4	Waterfowl fees		114,100
5	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,536,100</b>
6	<b>Sec. 106. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT</b>		
7	Full-time equated classified positions	227.5	
8	Aquatic resource mitigation--FTEs	2.0	\$ 635,400
9	Fish production--FTEs	63.0	10,736,100
10	Fisheries resource management--FTEs	162.5	23,149,300
11	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 34,520,800</b>
12	Appropriated from:		
13	Federal revenues:		
14	Federal funds		11,849,600
15	Special revenue funds:		
16	Private funds		136,700
17	Fisheries settlement		635,300
18	Game and fish protection fund		20,697,900
19	Invasive species fund		100
20	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,201,200</b>
21	<b>Sec. 107. LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>		
22	Full-time equated classified positions	293.0	
23	General law enforcement--FTEs	293.0	\$ 50,639,100
24	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 50,639,100</b>
25	Appropriated from:		
26	Federal revenues:		
27	Federal funds		6,893,300
28	Special revenue funds:		



1	Cervidae licensing and inspection fees		53,400
2	Forest development fund		45,400
3	Forest recreation account		72,800
4	Game and fish protection fund		20,846,600
5	Marine safety fund		1,355,700
6	Michigan state parks endowment fund		71,400
7	Michigan state waterways fund		21,700
8	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		166,100
9	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		2,787,200
10	Park improvement fund		72,800
11	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		725,300
12	Wildlife resource protection fund		1,116,200
13	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,411,200</b>
14	<b>Sec. 108. PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION</b>		
15	Full-time equated classified positions	1,088.6	
16	Forest recreation and trails--FTEs	86.7	\$ 11,177,600
17	MacMullan Conference Center--FTEs	15.0	1,225,000
18	Michigan conservation corps		1,000,000
19	Recreational boating--FTEs	181.3	23,293,100
20	State parks--FTEs	805.6	99,720,800
21	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>136,416,500</b>
22	Appropriated from:		
23	Federal revenues:		
24	Federal funds		144,200
25	Michigan state waterways fund, federal		1,695,400
26	Special revenue funds:		
27	Private funds		428,300
28	Forest recreation account		5,888,200



1	Game and fish protection fund		1,600
2	MacMullan Conference Center account		1,225,000
3	Michigan state parks endowment fund		11,431,800
4	Michigan state waterways fund		21,627,500
5	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		7,600
6	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		2,193,600
7	Park improvement fund		83,376,200
8	Park improvement fund, Belle Isle subaccount		1,201,800
9	Pure Michigan trails fund		100
10	Recreation improvement account		576,200
11	Recreation passport fees		220,300
12	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		16,500
13	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		1,979,400
14	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,402,800</b>
15	<b>Sec. 109. MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION</b>		
16	Full-time equated classified positions	17.0	
17	Historical facilities system--FTEs	13.0	\$ 1,884,200
18	Mackinac Island State Park operations--FTEs	4.0	339,800
19	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 2,224,000</b>
20	Appropriated from:		
21	Special revenue funds:		
22	Mackinac Island State Park fund		1,672,000
23	Mackinac Island State Park operation fund		133,900
24	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>418,100</b>
25	<b>Sec. 110. FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION</b>		
26	Full-time equated classified positions	356.5	
27	Adopt-a-forest program		\$ 25,000
28	Cooperative resource programs--FTEs	11.0	1,627,800



1	Forest fire equipment		931,500
2	Forest management and timber market		
3	development--FTEs	200.0	45,200,400
4	Forest management initiatives--FTEs	8.5	925,300
5	Wildfire protection--FTEs	137.0	20,918,100
6	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 69,628,100</b>
7	Appropriated from:		
8	Federal revenues:		
9	Federal funds		5,083,900
10	Federal national forest timber fund		9,082,100
11	Special revenue funds:		
12	Private funds		1,054,900
13	Commercial forest fund		26,000
14	Fire equipment fund		668,700
15	Forest development fund		41,255,300
16	Forestland user charges		241,200
17	Game and fish protection fund		811,700
18	Michigan state waterways fund		54,200
19	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 11,350,100</b>
20	<b>Sec. 111. GRANTS</b>		
21	Dam management grant program		\$ 350,000
22	Deer habitat improvement partnership initiative		200,000
23	Federal - clean vessel act grants		400,000
24	Federal - forest stewardship grants		2,000,000
25	Federal - rural community fire protection		1,050,000
26	Federal - urban forestry grants		900,000
27	Fisheries habitat improvement grants		1,250,000



1	Grants to communities - federal oil, gas, and	
2	timber payments	3,450,000
3	Grants to counties - marine safety	3,074,700
4	National recreational trails	3,907,200
5	Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance	
6	grants	200,000
7	Off-road vehicle safety training grants	60,000
8	Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants	5,415,500
9	Recreation improvement fund grants	916,800
10	Recreation passport local grants	2,000,000
11	Snowmobile law enforcement grants	380,100
12	Snowmobile local grants program	7,090,400
13	Trail easements	700,000
14	Wildlife habitat improvement grants	1,502,500
15	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 34,847,200</b>
16	Appropriated from:	
17	Federal revenues:	
18	Federal funds	13,274,600
19	Special revenue funds:	
20	Private funds	100,000
21	Deer habitat reserve	200,000
22	Game and fish protection fund	2,752,500
23	Local public recreation facilities fund	2,000,000
24	Marine safety fund	1,407,300
25	Off-road vehicle safety education fund	60,000
26	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	5,415,500
27	Permanent snowmobile trail easement fund	700,000
28	Recreation improvement account	916,800



1	Snowmobile registration fee revenue	380,100
2	Snowmobile trail improvement fund	7,090,400
3	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>
4	<b>Sec. 112. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	
5	Information technology services and projects	\$ 10,684,900
6	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 10,684,900</b>
7	Appropriated from:	
8	Federal revenues:	
9	Special revenue funds:	
10	Commercial forest fund	2,100
11	Deer habitat reserve	61,600
12	Forest development fund	1,552,300
13	Forestland user charges	23,900
14	Forest recreation account	43,800
15	Game and fish protection fund	3,878,100
16	Land exchange facilitation and management fund	30,600
17	Marine safety fund	163,600
18	Michigan natural resources trust fund	24,600
19	Michigan state parks endowment fund	1,344,300
20	Michigan state waterways fund	506,400
21	Nongame wildlife fund	30,500
22	Off-road vehicle safety education fund	10,400
23	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	24,300
24	Park improvement fund	1,502,500
25	Pure Michigan trails fund	100
26	Recreation improvement account	49,200
27	Snowmobile registration fee revenue	11,600
28	Snowmobile trail improvement fund	75,500



1	Sportsmen against hunger fund	600
2	Turkey permit fees	33,800
3	Waterfowl fees	3,300
4	Wildlife resource protection fund	42,100
5	Youth hunting and fishing education and	
6	outreach fund	2,000
7	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$ 1,267,700</b>
8	<b>Sec. 113. CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	
9	<b>(1) RECREATIONAL LANDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
10	Federal - land and water conservation fund	
11	payments	\$ 12,900,000
12	Forest development infrastructure	3,250,000
13	Off-road vehicle trail development and	
14	maintenance	1,000,000
15	Shooting range development, enhancement, and	
16	restoration	5,000,000
17	Snowmobile trail development and maintenance	1,000,000
18	State game and wildlife area infrastructure	1,500,000
19	State parks repair and maintenance	22,850,000
20	Wetland restoration, enhancement and	
21	acquisition	2,000,000
22	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 49,500,000</b>
23	Appropriated from:	
24	Federal revenues:	
25	Federal funds	18,525,000
26	Special revenue funds:	
27	Private funds	250,000
28	Forest development fund	3,250,000



1	Game and fish protection fund		375,000
2	Michigan state parks endowment fund		4,500,000
3	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		1,000,000
4	Other state restricted revenues		250,000
5	Recreation passport fees		16,850,000
6	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		1,000,000
7	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,500,000</b>
8	<b>(2) WATERWAYS BOATING PROGRAM</b>		
9	Local boating infrastructure maintenance and		
10	improvements	\$	3,322,500
11	State boating infrastructure maintenance		8,152,500
12	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,475,000</b>
13	Appropriated from:		
14	Federal revenues:		
15	Federal funds		1,275,000
16	Michigan state waterways fund, federal		200,000
17	Special revenue funds:		
18	Michigan state waterways fund		10,000,000
19	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>
20	<b>Sec. 114. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
21	Civilian conservation corps	\$	1,000,000
22	Forestland management equipment		2,500,000
23	Invasive species prevention and control		1,000,000
24	Michigan Technological University Mass Timber -		
25	Trailhead Lodge		100
26	State designated water trails		900,000
27	State parks projects		35,000,000
28	Wetland restoration in urban areas		600,000



1	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 41,000,100</b>
2	Appropriated from:	
3	Special revenue funds:	
4	Forest development fund	2,500,000
5	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$ 38,500,100</b>

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

**GENERAL SECTIONS**

Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources under part 1 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 is \$476,262,500.00 and state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2024 is \$10,892,100.00. The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

20	Dam management grant program	\$ 175,000
21	Fisheries habitat improvement grants	125,000
22	Grants to counties - marine safety	1,407,300
23	Invasive species prevention and control	2,200,000
24	Local boating infrastructure maintenance and	3,322,500
25	improvements	
26	Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance	100,000
27	grants	
28	Off-road vehicle safety training grants	60,000
29	Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants	880,200



1	Recreation improvement fund grants	91,700
2	Recreation passport local grants	2,000,000
3	Snowmobile law enforcement grants	380,100
4	Wildlife habitat improvement grants	150,300
5	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,892,100</b>

6           Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this part and  
7 part 1 are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,  
8 MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

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

- 10           (a) "Department" means the department of natural resources.
- 11           (b) "Director" means the director of the department.
- 12           (c) "FTE" means full-time equated.
- 13           (d) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

14           Sec. 204. The departments and agencies receiving  
15 appropriations in part 1 shall use the internet to fulfill the  
16 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement shall include  
17 transmission of reports via email to the recipients identified for  
18 each reporting requirement, and it shall include placement of  
19 reports on an internet site.

20           Sec. 205. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the  
21 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the  
22 following apply:

23           (a) The funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used for the  
24 purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if competitively  
25 priced and of comparable quality American goods or services, or  
26 both, are available.

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



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

5 Sec. 206. The department shall not take disciplinary action  
6 against an employee of the department or departmental agency in the  
7 state classified civil service because the employee communicates  
8 with a member of the senate or house or his or her staff, unless  
9 the communication is prohibited by law and the department or agency  
10 taking disciplinary action is exercising its authority as provided  
11 by law.

12 Sec. 207. The department shall prepare a report on out-of-  
13 state travel expenses not later than January 1 of each year. The  
14 travel report shall be a listing of all travel by classified and  
15 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately  
16 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with  
17 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be  
18 submitted to the senate and house appropriations committees, the  
19 senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director.  
20 The report shall include the following information:

21 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

22 (b) The total transportation and related costs of each travel  
23 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general  
24 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state  
25 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,  
26 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

27 Sec. 208. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by  
28 the department to hire a person to provide legal services that are  
29 the responsibility of the attorney general. This prohibition does



1 not apply to legal services for bonding activities and for those  
2 outside services that the attorney general authorizes.

3       Sec. 209. Not later than December 31, the state budget office  
4 shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of  
5 the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the  
6 close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the  
7 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation  
8 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report  
9 shall be transmitted to the chairs of the senate and house  
10 appropriations committees, and the senate and house fiscal  
11 agencies.

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

18       (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is  
19 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for state  
20 restricted contingency authorization. These funds are not available  
21 for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line  
22 item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget  
23 act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

24       (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is  
25 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for private  
26 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure  
27 until they have been transferred to another line item in this  
28 article under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984  
29 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.



1           Sec. 211. The department shall provide to the department of  
2 technology, management, and budget information sufficient to  
3 maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost  
4 that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following for the  
5 department:

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

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

8           (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,  
9 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and  
10 payment description.

11           (d) The number of active department employees by job  
12 classification.

13           (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

14           Sec. 212. Within 14 days after the release of the executive  
15 budget recommendation, the department shall provide to the state  
16 budget office information sufficient to provide the chairpersons of  
17 the senate and house appropriations committees, the chairpersons of  
18 the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural  
19 resources, and the senate and house fiscal agencies with an annual  
20 report on estimated state restricted fund balances, state  
21 restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund  
22 expenditures for the prior 2 fiscal years.

23           Sec. 213. The department shall maintain, on a publicly  
24 accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks,  
25 and regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and  
26 improve the department's performance.

27           Sec. 215. 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 businesses in depressed and deprived communities for  
 5 services or supplies, or both.

6 Sec. 216. (1) On a quarterly basis, the department shall  
 7 report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the  
 8 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources,  
 9 and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:

10 (a) The number of FTEs in pay status by type of staff and  
 11 civil service classification.

12 (b) A comparison by line item of the number of FTEs authorized  
 13 from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs  
 14 employed by the department at the end of the reporting period.

15 (2) By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department  
 16 shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the  
 17 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources,  
 18 and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:

19 (a) Number of employees that were engaged in remote work in  
 20 2023.

21 (b) Number of employees authorized to work remotely and the  
 22 actual number of those working remotely in the current reporting  
 23 period.

24 (c) Estimated net cost savings achieved by remote work.

25 (d) Reduced use of office space associated with remote work.

26 Sec. 217. Appropriations in part 1 shall, to the extent  
 27 possible for the department, not be expended until all existing  
 28 work project authorization available for the same purpose is  
 29 exhausted.



1           Sec. 219. The departments and agencies receiving  
2 appropriations in part 1 shall receive and retain copies of all  
3 reports funded from appropriations in part 1. Federal and state  
4 guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records must  
5 be followed. The department may electronically retain copies of  
6 reports unless otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.

7           Sec. 220. The department shall report no later than April 1 on  
8 each specific policy change made to implement a public act  
9 affecting the department that took effect during the prior calendar  
10 year to the senate and house appropriations committees, the senate  
11 and house subcommittees on natural resources, the joint committee  
12 on administrative rules, and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

13           Sec. 222. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the  
14 department shall do all of the following:

15           (a) Report to the house and senate appropriations committees,  
16 the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy  
17 offices, and the state budget office any amount of severance pay  
18 for a department director, deputy director, or other high-ranking  
19 department official not later than 14 days after a severance  
20 agreement with the director or official is signed. The name of the  
21 director or official and the amount of severance pay must be  
22 included in the report required by this subdivision.

23           (b) Maintain an internet site that posts any severance pay in  
24 excess of 6 weeks of wages, regardless of the position held by the  
25 former department employee receiving severance pay.

26           (c) By February 1, report to the house and senate  
27 appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house  
28 and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices,  
29 and the state budget office on the total amount of severance pay



1 remitted to former department employees during the prior fiscal  
 2 year and the total number of former department employees that were  
 3 remitted severance pay during the prior fiscal year.

4 (2) As used in this section, "severance pay" means  
 5 compensation that is both payable or paid upon the termination of  
 6 employment and in addition to either wages or benefits earned  
 7 during the course of employment or generally applicable retirement  
 8 benefits.

9 Sec. 223. It is the intent of the legislature that departments  
 10 maximize the efficiency of the state workforce and, where possible,  
 11 prioritize in-person work. Each executive branch department,  
 12 agency, board, or commission that receives funding under part 1  
 13 must post its in-person, remote, or hybrid work policy on its  
 14 website.

15 Sec. 224. (1) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1,  
 16 there is appropriated from the following state restricted funds up  
 17 to the following amounts to the department of technology,  
 18 management, and budget:

19	Game and fish protection fund	\$	588,400
20	Michigan state waterways fund		140,600
21	Park improvement fund		447,300
22	Forest development fund		307,800

23 (2) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, there is  
 24 appropriated from the following state restricted funds up to the  
 25 following amounts to the department of attorney general:

26	Game and fish protection fund	\$	670,900
27	Michigan state waterways fund		148,700

28 (3) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, there is  
 29 appropriated from the following state restricted funds up to the



1 following amounts to the legislative auditor general:

2	Game and fish protection fund	\$	34,800
3	Michigan state waterways fund		12,600

4 (4) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, there is  
 5 appropriated from the following state restricted funds up to the  
 6 following amounts to the department of treasury:

7	Game and fish protection fund	\$	621,700
8	Michigan state waterways fund		429,800
9	Michigan natural resources trust fund		3,354,500

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

- 14 (a) Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund.
- 15 (b) Forest development fund.
- 16 (c) Michigan natural resources trust fund.
- 17 (d) Michigan state parks endowment fund.
- 18 (e) Nongame wildlife fund.

19 Sec. 225. Pursuant to section 43703(3) of the natural  
 20 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL  
 21 324.43703, there is appropriated from the game and fish protection  
 22 trust fund to the game and fish protection account of the Michigan  
 23 conservation and recreation legacy fund, \$6,000,000.00 for the  
 24 fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

25 Sec. 226. The department may contract with or provide grants  
 26 to local units of government, institutions of higher education, or  
 27 nonprofit organizations to support activities authorized by  
 28 appropriations in part 1. As used in this section, contracts and  
 29 grants include, but are not limited to, contracts and grants for



1 research, wildlife and fisheries management, forest management,  
 2 invasive species monitoring and control, and natural resource-  
 3 related programs.

4 Sec. 242. The funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used  
 5 to consolidate the testing laboratories for the department of  
 6 natural resources.

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8 **DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES**

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

13 Sec. 252. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,  
 14 revenue deposited in the invasive species fund created in section  
 15 41311 of the natural resources and environmental protection act,  
 16 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.41311, is appropriated and may be expended for  
 17 invasive species immediate response efforts.

18 (2) The department shall annually notify the house and senate  
 19 appropriations subcommittees on natural resources and the house and  
 20 senate fiscal agencies of any expenditure of funds appropriated  
 21 under subsection (1).

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23 **DEPARTMENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

24 Sec. 301. The department may charge land acquisition projects  
 25 appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for  
 26 prior fiscal years, a standard percentage fee to recover actual  
 27 costs, and may use the revenue derived to support the land  
 28 acquisition service charges provided for in part 1.

29 Sec. 302. As appropriated in part 1, the department may charge



1 both application fees and transaction fees related to the exchange  
2 or sale of state-owned land or rights in land authorized by part 21  
3 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA  
4 451, MCL 324.2101 to 324.2165. The fees shall be set by the  
5 director at a rate that allows the department to recover its costs  
6 for providing these services.

7 Sec. 303. In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, the  
8 department may receive and expend money from state restricted  
9 sources to pay vendor costs associated with administering sales of  
10 carbon offset credits.

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## 12 **FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION**

13 Sec. 801. In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, the  
14 department may receive and expend money from federal sources to  
15 provide response to wildfires and hazard incidents as required by a  
16 compact with the federal government. If additional expenditure  
17 authorization is required, the department shall so notify the state  
18 budget office. The department shall notify the house and senate  
19 appropriations subcommittees on natural resources and the house and  
20 senate fiscal agencies by November 15 of the expenditures under  
21 this section during the previous fiscal year.

22 Sec. 802. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the  
23 department shall provide a report on the number of acres of state  
24 forestland marked or treated for timber harvesting.

25 (2) By January 1 each year, the department shall complete and  
26 deliver the report to the senate and house appropriations  
27 subcommittees on natural resources and the standing committees of  
28 the senate and house with primary responsibility for natural  
29 resources issues. The report must contain the following



1 information:

2 (a) The number of acres prepared in the prior fiscal year.

3 (b) The number of acres sold in the prior fiscal year.

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

6 Sec. 803. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,  
7 there is appropriated from the disaster and emergency contingency  
8 fund up to \$800,000.00 to cover department costs related to any  
9 disaster as defined in section 2 of the emergency management act,  
10 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.402.

11 (2) Funds appropriated under subsection (1) shall not be  
12 expended unless the state budget director recommends the  
13 expenditure and the department notifies the house and senate  
14 committees on appropriations. By December 1 each year, the  
15 department shall provide a report to the senate and house fiscal  
16 agencies and the state budget office on the use of the disaster and  
17 emergency contingency fund during the prior fiscal year.

18 (3) If Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
19 reimbursement is approved for costs paid from the disaster and  
20 emergency contingency fund, the federal revenue shall be deposited  
21 into the disaster and emergency contingency fund.

22 (4) Unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining in the  
23 disaster and emergency contingency fund at the close of the fiscal  
24 year shall not lapse to the general fund and shall be carried  
25 forward and be available for expenditures in subsequent fiscal  
26 years.

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28 **GRANTS**

29 Sec. 1001. Federal pass-through funds to local institutions



1 and governments that are received in amounts in addition to those  
 2 included in part 1 for grants to communities - federal oil, gas,  
 3 and timber payments and that do not require additional state  
 4 matching funds are appropriated for the purposes intended. By  
 5 November 30, the department shall report to the senate and house  
 6 appropriations subcommittees on natural resources, the senate and  
 7 house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on all amounts  
 8 appropriated under this section during the previous fiscal year.

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#### 10 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

11 Sec. 1103. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay  
 12 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent  
 13 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL  
 14 18.1248.

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#### 16 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

17 Sec. 1201. From the one-time appropriation in part 1 for  
 18 invasive species prevention and control, \$1,000,000.00 from the  
 19 general fund/general purpose revenue shall be deposited into the  
 20 invasive species fund created in section 41311 of the natural  
 21 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL  
 22 324.41311, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

23 Sec. 1203. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for  
 24 forestland management equipment are designated as a work project  
 25 appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not  
 26 lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for  
 27 expenditure for the project under this section until the project  
 28 has been completed. The following is in compliance with section  
 29 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:



1 (a) The purpose of the project is to acquire new forestland  
2 management equipment.

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

5 (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,500,000.00.

6 Sec. 1204. From the appropriation in part 1 for state parks  
7 projects, the department shall provide funding for Belle Isle Park  
8 upgrades and improvements, the establishment of the Flint State  
9 Park endowment, and the design and construction of splash pad  
10 projects at the Warren Dunes, Grand Haven, and Holland State Parks.  
11 Projects that are granted these funds will be required to provide a  
12 50% cash match with grant awards.

