

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4290**

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:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0
Full-time equated classified positions	2,529.5



1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 576,833,200
2	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
3	Total interdepartmental grants and		
4	intradepartmental transfers		202,600
5	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 576,630,600
6	Federal revenues:		
7	Total federal revenues		100,409,600
8	Special revenue funds:		
9	Total local revenues		0
10	Total private revenues		7,289,200
11	Total other state restricted revenues		356,126,400
12	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 112,805,400
13	Sec. 102. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND		
14	SUPPORT		
15	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	
16	Full-time equated classified positions	149.1	
17	Unclassified salaries--FTEs	6.0	\$ 918,400
18	Accounting service center		1,501,900
19	Executive direction--FTEs	11.6	2,286,200
20	Finance and operations--FTEs	109.5	18,204,800
21	Gifts and pass-through transactions		5,003,600
22	Legal services--FTEs	4.0	690,600
23	Minerals management--FTEs	20.0	3,023,100
24	Natural resources commission		77,100
25	Office of public lands--FTEs	4.0	1,459,200
26	Property management		4,541,200
27	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 37,706,100
28	Appropriated from:		



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



1	Wildlife resource protection fund		43,700
2	State general fund/general purpose	\$	3,733,100
3	Sec. 103. DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES		
4	Full-time equated classified positions	13.0	
5	Great Lakes restoration initiative	\$	2,904,200
6	Invasive species prevention and control--FTEs	13.0	5,086,000
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	7,990,200
8	Appropriated from:		
9	Federal revenues:		
10	Federal funds		2,904,200
11	State general fund/general purpose	\$	5,086,000
12	Sec. 104. COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES		
13	Full-time equated classified positions	151.3	
14	Marketing and outreach--FTEs	88.8	\$ 17,152,000
15	Michigan historical center--FTEs	56.5	8,201,900
16	Michigan wildlife council		1,400,000
17	Office of the state archaeologist--FTEs	6.0	1,000,000
18	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	27,753,900
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		4,295,800
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	State general fund/general purpose	\$	7,046,400
15	Sec. 105. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT		
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	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 47,648,600
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	State general fund/general purpose	\$	4,536,100
6	Sec. 106. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT		
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	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 34,520,800
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	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,201,200
21	Sec. 107. LAW ENFORCEMENT		
22	Full-time equated classified positions	296.0	
23	Body cameras for conservation officers--FTEs	3.0	\$ 598,600
24	General law enforcement--FTEs	293.0	50,639,100
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 51,237,700
26	Appropriated from:		
27	Federal revenues:		
28	Federal funds		6,893,300



1	Special revenue funds:		
2	Cervidae licensing and inspection fees		53,400
3	Forest development fund		45,400
4	Forest recreation account		72,800
5	Game and fish protection fund		20,846,600
6	Marine safety fund		1,355,700
7	Michigan state parks endowment fund		71,400
8	Michigan state waterways fund		21,700
9	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		166,100
10	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		2,787,200
11	Park improvement fund		72,800
12	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		725,300
13	Wildlife resource protection fund		1,116,200
14	State general fund/general purpose	\$	17,009,800
15	Sec. 108. PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION		
16	Full-time equated classified positions	1,088.6	
17	Forest recreation and trails--FTEs	86.7	\$ 11,177,600
18	MacMullan Conference Center--FTEs	15.0	1,225,000
19	Michigan conservation corps		934,000
20	Recreational boating--FTEs	181.3	23,293,100
21	State parks--FTEs	805.6	99,720,800
22	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	136,350,500
23	Appropriated from:		
24	Federal revenues:		
25	Federal funds		144,200
26	Michigan state waterways fund, federal		1,695,400
27	Special revenue funds:		
28	Private funds		428,300



1	Forest recreation account		5,888,200
2	Game and fish protection fund		1,600
3	MacMullan Conference Center account		1,225,000
4	Michigan state parks endowment fund		11,431,800
5	Michigan state waterways fund		21,627,500
6	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		7,600
7	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		2,193,600
8	Park improvement fund		83,376,200
9	Park improvement fund - Belle Isle subaccount		1,201,800
10	Pure Michigan trails fund		100
11	Recreation improvement account		576,200
12	Recreation passport fees		220,300
13	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		16,500
14	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		1,979,400
15	State general fund/general purpose	\$	4,336,800
16	Sec. 109. MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION		
17	Full-time equated classified positions	17.0	
18	Historical facilities system--FTEs	13.0	\$ 1,884,200
19	Mackinac Island State Park operations--FTEs	4.0	339,800
20	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 2,224,000
21	Appropriated from:		
22	Special revenue funds:		
23	Mackinac Island State Park fund		1,672,000
24	Mackinac Island State Park operation fund		133,900
25	State general fund/general purpose	\$	418,100
26	Sec. 110. FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION		
27	Full-time equated classified positions	356.5	
28	Adopt-a-forest program		\$ 25,000



1	Cooperative resource programs--FTEs	11.0	1,627,800
2	Forest fire equipment		931,500
3	Forest management and timber market		
4	development--FTEs	200.0	45,200,400
5	Forest management initiatives--FTEs	8.5	925,300
6	Wildfire protection--FTEs	137.0	20,918,100
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 69,628,100
8	Appropriated from:		
9	Federal revenues:		
10	Federal funds		5,083,900
11	Federal national forest timber fund		9,082,100
12	Special revenue funds:		
13	Private funds		1,054,900
14	Commercial forest fund		26,000
15	Fire equipment fund		668,700
16	Forest development fund		41,255,300
17	Forestland user charges		241,200
18	Game and fish protection fund		811,700
19	Michigan state waterways fund		54,200
20	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 11,350,100
21	Sec. 111. GRANTS		
22	Dam management grant program		\$ 350,000
23	Deer habitat improvement partnership initiative		200,000
24	Federal - clean vessel act grants		400,000
25	Federal - forest stewardship grants		2,000,000
26	Federal - rural community fire protection		1,050,000
27	Federal - urban forestry grants		900,000
28	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	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 34,847,200
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	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 550,000
4	Sec. 112. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
5	Information technology services and projects	\$ 10,692,600
6	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 10,692,600
7	Appropriated from:	
8	Special revenue funds:	
9	Commercial forest fund	2,100
10	Deer habitat reserve	61,600
11	Forest development fund	1,552,300
12	Forestland user charges	23,900
13	Forest recreation account	43,800
14	Game and fish protection fund	3,878,100
15	Land exchange facilitation and management fund	30,600
16	Marine safety fund	163,600
17	Michigan natural resources trust fund	24,600
18	Michigan state parks endowment fund	1,344,300
19	Michigan state waterways fund	506,400
20	Nongame wildlife fund	30,500
21	Off-road vehicle safety education fund	10,400
22	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	24,300
23	Park improvement fund	1,498,600
24	Pure Michigan trails fund	100
25	Recreation improvement account	49,200
26	Snowmobile registration fee revenue	11,600
27	Snowmobile trail improvement fund	75,500
28	Sportsmen against hunger fund	600



1	Turkey permit fees		33,800
2	Waterfowl fees		3,300
3	Wildlife resource protection fund		42,100
4	Youth hunting and fishing education and		
5	outreach fund		2,000
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,279,300
7	Sec. 113. CAPITAL OUTLAY		
8	(1) RECREATIONAL LANDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE		
9	Federal - land and water conservation fund		
10	payments	\$	12,900,000
11	Forest development infrastructure		3,250,000
12	Off-road vehicle trail development and		
13	maintenance		1,000,000
14	Shooting range development, enhancement, and		
15	restoration		5,000,000
16	Snowmobile trail development and maintenance		1,000,000
17	State game and wildlife area infrastructure		1,500,000
18	State parks repair and maintenance		22,850,000
19	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	47,500,000
20	Appropriated from:		
21	Federal revenues:		
22	Federal funds		18,525,000
23	Special revenue funds:		
24	Private funds		250,000
25	Forest development fund		3,250,000
26	Game and fish protection fund		375,000
27	Michigan state parks endowment fund		4,500,000
28	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		1,000,000



1	Other state restricted revenues	250,000
2	Recreation passport fees	16,850,000
3	Snowmobile trail improvement fund	1,000,000
4	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 1,500,000
5	(2) WATERWAYS BOATING PROGRAM	
6	Local boating infrastructure maintenance and	
7	improvements	\$ 3,322,500
8	State boating infrastructure maintenance	8,152,500
9	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 11,475,000
10	Appropriated from:	
11	Federal revenues:	
12	Federal funds	1,275,000
13	Michigan state waterways fund, federal	200,000
14	Special revenue funds:	
15	Michigan state waterways fund	10,000,000
16	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 0
17	Sec. 114. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS	
18	Aggregate mapping	\$ 5,000,000
19	AuSable and Manistee river restoration	
20	initiative	100
21	Belle Isle Park infrastructure	21,500,000
22	Brandon Road dam	100
23	DNR Eaton County bicycle trail	1,000,000
24	Forestland management equipment	2,500,000
25	Invasive species prevention and control	5,758,500
26	Mass timber recreational trails lodge at	
27	Michigan Technological University	130,000
28	Michigan conservation corps	1,000,000



1	Michigan natural resources trust fund	5,369,900
2	Michigan state parks endowment fund	8,249,900
3	Office of the state archaeologist one-time	1,500,000
4	Outdoor recreation recruitment, retention, and	
5	reactivation	5,000,000
6	State water trail organizations	250,000
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 57,258,500
8	Appropriated from:	
9	Special revenue funds:	
10	Forest development fund	2,500,000
11	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 54,758,500

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, 2024 is \$468,931,800.00 and state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 is \$10,892,100.00. The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

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26	Dam management grant program	\$ 175,000
27	Fisheries habitat improvement grants	125,000
28	Grants to counties - marine safety	1,407,300



1	Invasive species prevention and control	2,200,000
2	Local boating infrastructure maintenance and	3,322,500
3	improvements	
4	Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance	100,000
5	grants	
6	Off-road vehicle safety training grants	60,000
7	Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants	880,200
8	Recreation improvement fund grants	91,700
9	Recreation passport local grants	2,000,000
10	Snowmobile law enforcement grants	380,100
11	Wildlife habitat improvement grants	150,300
12	TOTAL	\$ 10,892,100

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

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

- 17 (a) "Department" means the department of natural resources.
- 18 (b) "Director" means the director of the department.
- 19 (c) "FTE" means full-time equated.
- 20 (d) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

21 Sec. 204. The departments and agencies receiving
 22 appropriations in part 1 shall use the internet to fulfill the
 23 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement shall include
 24 transmission of reports via email to the recipients identified for
 25 each reporting requirement, and it shall include placement of
 26 reports on an internet site.

27 Sec. 205. Except as otherwise provided in this part, all
 28 reports required under this part shall be submitted to the senate
 29 appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources,



1 the house appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and rural
2 development and natural resources, the senate and house fiscal
3 agencies, senate and house policy offices, and the state budget
4 office.

5 Sec. 206. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the
6 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the
7 following apply:

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

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

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

19 Sec. 207. The department shall not take disciplinary action
20 against an employee of the department or departmental agency in the
21 state classified civil service because the employee communicates
22 with a member of the senate or house or the member of the senate or
23 house's staff, unless the communication is prohibited by law and
24 the department or agency taking disciplinary action is exercising
25 its authority as provided by law.

26 Sec. 208. The department shall prepare a report on out-of-
27 state travel expenses not later than January 1 of each year. The
28 travel report shall be a listing of all travel by classified and
29 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately



1 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with
 2 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be
 3 submitted to the senate and house appropriations committees, the
 4 senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director.
 5 The report shall include the following information:

6 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

7 (b) The total transportation and related costs of each travel
 8 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
 9 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
 10 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
 11 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

12 Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by
 13 the department to hire a person to provide legal services that are
 14 the responsibility of the attorney general. This prohibition does
 15 not apply to legal services for bonding activities and for those
 16 outside services that the attorney general authorizes.

17 Sec. 210. Not later than December 15, the state budget office
 18 shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of
 19 the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the
 20 close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the
 21 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation
 22 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report
 23 shall be transmitted to the chairpersons of the senate and house
 24 appropriations committees and to report recipients required in
 25 section 205 of this part.

26 Sec. 211. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
 27 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for
 28 federal contingency funds. Authorized funds are not available for
 29 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item



1 in this article under section 393(2) of the management and budget
2 act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

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

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

15 Sec. 212. The department shall provide to the department of
16 technology, management, and budget information sufficient to
17 maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost
18 that 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 (d) The number of active department employees by job
26 classification.

27 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

28 Sec. 213. Within 14 days after the release of the executive
29 budget recommendation, the department shall provide to the



1 chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees and
2 to report recipients required in section 205 of this part an annual
3 report on estimated state restricted fund balances, state
4 restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund
5 expenditures for the prior 2 fiscal years.

6 Sec. 214. The department shall maintain, on a publicly
7 accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks,
8 and regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and
9 improve the department's performance.

10 Sec. 216. To the extent permissible under the management and
11 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the director shall
12 take all reasonable steps to ensure geographically-disadvantaged
13 business enterprises as defined in Executive Directive 2019-08
14 compete for and perform contracts to provide services or supplies,
15 or both. The director shall strongly encourage firms with which the
16 department contracts to subcontract with geographically-
17 disadvantaged business enterprises as defined in Executive
18 Directive 2019-08 for services or supplies, or both.

19 Sec. 217. On a quarterly basis, the department shall report to
20 the senate and house appropriations committees and to report
21 recipients required in section 205 of this part a comparison by
22 line item of the number of FTEs authorized from funds appropriated
23 in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs employed by the department
24 at the end of the reporting period.

25 Sec. 218. It is the intent of the legislature that departments
26 maximize the efficiency of the state workforce and, where possible,
27 prioritize in-person work. Each executive branch department,
28 agency, board, or commission that receives funding under part 1
29 must post its in-person, remote, or hybrid work policy on its



1 website.

2 Sec. 221. The departments and agencies receiving
3 appropriations in part 1 shall receive and retain copies of all
4 reports funded from appropriations in part 1. Federal and state
5 guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records must
6 be followed. The department may electronically retain copies of
7 reports unless otherwise required by federal or state guidelines.

8 Sec. 222. The department shall report no later than April 1 on
9 each specific policy change made to implement a public act
10 affecting the department that took effect during the prior calendar
11 year to the senate and house appropriations committees, the senate
12 and house subcommittees on natural resources, the joint committee
13 on administrative rules, and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

14 Sec. 223. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
15 department shall do all of the following:

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

24 (b) By February 1, report to the house and senate
25 appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house
26 and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices,
27 and the state budget office on the total amount of severance pay
28 remitted to former department employees during the prior fiscal
29 year and the total number of former department employees that were



1 remitted severance pay during the prior fiscal year.

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

7 Sec. 224. Appropriations in part 1 shall, to the extent
 8 possible for the department, not be expended until all existing
 9 work project authorization available for the same purpose is
 10 exhausted.

11 Sec. 225. (1) No money appropriated in part 1 shall be used to
 12 restrict or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity and
 13 inclusion (DEI); to restrict or impede a marginalized community's
 14 access to government resources, programs or facilities; or to
 15 diminish, interfere with, or restrict an individual's ability to
 16 exercise the right to reproductive freedom.

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

20 Sec. 226. (1) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1,
 21 there is appropriated from the following state restricted funds up
 22 to the following amounts to the department of technology,
 23 management, and budget:

24	Game and fish protection fund	\$	588,400
25	Michigan state waterways fund		140,600
26	Park improvement fund		447,300
27	Forest development fund		307,800

28 (2) 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 department of attorney general:

2	Game and fish protection fund	\$	670,900
3	Michigan state waterways fund		148,700

4 (3) 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 legislative auditor general:

7	Game and fish protection fund	\$	34,800
8	Michigan state waterways fund		12,600

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

12	Game and fish protection fund	\$	3,621,700
13	Michigan state waterways fund		429,800
14	Michigan natural resources trust fund		3,354,500

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

- 19 (a) Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund.
- 20 (b) Forest development fund.
- 21 (c) Michigan natural resources trust fund.
- 22 (d) Michigan state parks endowment fund.
- 23 (e) Nongame wildlife fund.

24 Sec. 227. Pursuant to section 43703(3) of the natural
25 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL
26 324.43703, there is appropriated from the game and fish protection
27 trust fund to the game and fish protection account of the Michigan
28 conservation and recreation legacy fund, \$6,000,000.00 for the
29 fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.



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

9 Sec. 229. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the
10 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, preference
11 must be given to goods or services, or both, that are energy
12 efficient and noise efficient if they are competitively priced and
13 of comparable quality.

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15 **COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

16 Sec. 240. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for office of
17 the state archaeologist shall be used to establish an office of the
18 state archaeologist to serve as the source of archaeological
19 expertise for state government, provide archaeological services on
20 behalf of state government, and lead the effort to identify,
21 document, and protect archaeological resources that document the
22 entire span of human history in this state.

23 (2) The funds appropriated in part 1 for office of the state
24 archaeologist shall be used to support the following full-time
25 equivalent positions:

- 26 (a) State archaeologist.
27 (b) Historical archaeologist.
28 (c) Maritime archaeologist.
29 (d) Prehistoric archaeologist.



1 (e) Collections manager.

2 (f) Data coordinator.

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4 **DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES**

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

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

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

19 **DEPARTMENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

20 Sec. 302. The department may charge land acquisition projects
21 appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for
22 prior fiscal years, a standard percentage fee to recover actual
23 costs, and may use the revenue derived to support the land
24 acquisition service charges provided for in part 1.

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



1 21, fees shall be set by the director at a rate that allows the
 2 department to recover its costs for providing these services.

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

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 8 **COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

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

18
 19 **FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION**

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

23 (2) The department shall complete and deliver the annual
 24 report by December 1 to the senate and house appropriations
 25 subcommittees on natural resources and the standing committees of
 26 the senate and house with primary responsibility for natural
 27 resources issues. The report must contain the following
 28 information:

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



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

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

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

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

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

25 (3) If Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
26 reimbursement is approved for costs paid from the disaster and
27 emergency contingency fund, the federal revenue shall be deposited
28 into the disaster and emergency contingency fund.

29 (4) Unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining in the



1 disaster and emergency contingency fund at the close of the fiscal
 2 year shall not lapse to the general fund and shall be carried
 3 forward and be available for expenditures in subsequent fiscal
 4 years.

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6 **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

7 Sec. 901. The appropriation in part 1 for snowmobile law
 8 enforcement grants shall be used by the department to provide
 9 grants to county law enforcement agencies to enforce part 821 of
 10 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA
 11 451, MCL 324.82101 to 324.82161, including rules promulgated under
 12 that part and ordinances enacted pursuant to that part. The
 13 department shall consider the number of enforcement hours and the
 14 number of miles of snowmobile trails in each county in allocating
 15 these grants. Any funds not distributed to counties revert back to
 16 the snowmobile registration fee subaccount created under section
 17 82111 of the natural resources and environmental protection act,
 18 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.82111. Counties shall provide semiannual
 19 reports to the department on the use of grant money received under
 20 this section.

21 Sec. 902. The department shall provide a report on the marine
 22 safety grant program to the senate and house appropriations
 23 subcommittees on natural resources and the senate and house fiscal
 24 agencies by December 1. The report must include the following
 25 information for the preceding fiscal year:

26 (a) The total amount of revenue received for watercraft
 27 registrations.

28 (b) The amount deposited into the marine safety fund.

29 (c) The expenditures made from the marine safety fund,



1 including the amounts expended for department administration, other
 2 state agencies, the law enforcement division, and grants to
 3 counties.

4 (d) The distribution methodology used by the department to
 5 distribute the marine safety grants.

6 (e) A list of the grants and the amounts awarded by county.
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8 **GRANTS**

9 Sec. 1001. Federal pass-through funds to local institutions
 10 and governments that are received in amounts in addition to those
 11 included in part 1 for grants to communities - federal oil, gas,
 12 and timber payments and that do not require additional state
 13 matching funds are appropriated for the purposes intended. By
 14 November 30, the department shall report to the senate and house
 15 appropriations subcommittees on natural resources, the senate and
 16 house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on all amounts
 17 appropriated under this section during the prior fiscal year.
 18

19 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

20 Sec. 1103. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay
 21 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent
 22 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
 23 18.1248.
 24

25 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

26 Sec. 1201. (1) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for
 27 aggregate mapping are designated as a work project appropriation,
 28 and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end
 29 of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditure for the



1 project under this section until the project has been completed.
2 The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management
3 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

4 (a) The purpose of the project is to map aggregate deposits in
5 this state.

6 (b) The project will be accomplished by contracting with the
7 Michigan Geological Survey at Western Michigan University.

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

9 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2028.

10 (2) The department shall prepare a report detailing progress
11 made on mapping aggregate deposits in this state. The report shall
12 be transmitted to the report recipients required in section 205 of
13 this part.

14 Sec. 1202. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for
15 AuSable and Manistee river restoration initiative are designated as
16 a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted
17 funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be
18 available for expenditure for the project under this section until
19 the project has been completed. The following is in compliance with
20 section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
21 18.1451a:

22 (a) The purpose of the project is to restore and maintain
23 fisheries, habitats, and ecosystems in the AuSable River and
24 Manistee River.

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

27 (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$100.

28 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2028.

29 Sec. 1203. The funds appropriated in part 1 for DNR Eaton



1 County bicycle trail shall be used to establish a publicly
2 accessible, off-road, single track, mountain bicycle trail in the
3 city of Grand Ledge, Eaton County.

4 Sec. 1204. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for
5 forestland management equipment are designated as a work project
6 appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not
7 lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for
8 expenditure for the project under this section until the project
9 has been completed. The following is in compliance with section
10 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

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

13 (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state
14 resources or contracts.

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

16 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2028.

17 Sec. 1205. From the one-time appropriation in part 1 for
18 invasive species prevention and control, \$5,758,500.00 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. 1206. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan
24 natural resources trust fund, \$5,369,900.00 from the general
25 fund/general purpose revenue shall be deposited into the Michigan
26 natural resources trust fund created in section 35 of article 9 of
27 the state constitution of 1963.

28 Sec. 1207. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan
29 state parks endowment fund, \$8,249,900 from the general



1 fund/general purpose revenue shall be deposited into the Michigan
2 state park endowment fund created in section 35a of article 9 of
3 the state constitution of 1963.

4 Sec. 1208. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for
5 office of the state archeologist one-time 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 support the office of the
13 state archaeologist.

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

16 (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000.00.

17 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2028.

18 Sec. 1209. The funds appropriated in part 1 for outdoor
19 recreation recruitment, retention, and reactivation shall be used
20 to establish a grant program to encourage the recruitment,
21 retention and reactivation of hunters, fishers, boaters, shooters,
22 and birders. At least 75% of grants must support programs for
23 individuals between the ages of 18 and 25, individuals with
24 disabilities, or historically underrepresented communities.

25 Sec. 1210. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for
26 state water trail organizations are designated as a work project
27 appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not
28 lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for
29 expenditure for the project under this section until the project



1 has been completed. The following is in compliance with section
2 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

3 (a) The purpose of the project is to support state water trail
4 organizations.

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

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

8 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2028.

