

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #11
DATE: December 12, 2022
SUBJECT: Draft Language for ML 2023 / FY 2024 OHF Appropriation Recommendation Bill
PRESENTER: LSOHC Staff

Suggested Motion:

Motion by XX to approve the appropriation bill language as presented/amended and forward to legislative leadership for consideration during the ML 2023 legislative session with staff to make technical edits as necessary.

No motion by the Council, or affirmative votes of fewer than nine council members will result in no action and no forwarding of the recommendations at this time.

Background:

On October 6, 2022, the Council made its appropriation recommendations for ML 2023 / FY 2024 and directed project managers to draft accomplishment plans that reflected those funding recommendations. The Council will review and discuss the accomplishment plans at the December 12, 2022 meeting. The final appropriation recommendation bill from the Council should reflect the December 12, 2022 Council deliberations that include updated appropriation amounts, budgets, extensions, and/or amendments to 97A.056.

MN Statute 97A.056,

Subd. 3(a) states, "...The Council's recommendations shall be submitted no later than January 15 ..."

Subd. 3(e) states, "Recommendations of the council, including approval of recommendations for the outdoor heritage fund, require an affirmative vote of at least nine members of the council."

Proposed 97A.056 Amendment:

Subd. 22. Revenues.

(a) A recipient must disclose to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and the commissioner all revenues that are received by the recipient before the availability of the appropriation ends and that are generated from activities on land acquired in fee title or easement, restored, or enhanced with money from the outdoor heritage fund. The revenues must be disclosed to the council and commissioner no later than 60 days after the availability of the appropriation ends.

(b) For all revenues disclosed under paragraph (a), a recipient must:

(1) use the revenues to protect, restore, or enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife according to the appropriation purposes and the approved accomplishment plan;

(2) use the revenues for other purposes as approved in the accomplishment plan by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council; or

(3) transfer the revenues to the outdoor heritage fund no later than ~~60~~ 90 days after the availability of the appropriation ends, unless otherwise approved by the council.

(c) Paragraph (b), clause (3), does not apply to the state and its departments and agencies.

The proposed amendment to change 60 days to 90 days will align with final report due dates.

Attachments:

- Draft ML 2023 Appropriation Bill Language