

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #9

DATE: December 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Draft Language for ML2026 / FY2027 OHF Appropriation Recommendation Bill

PRESENTER: LSOHC Staff

Suggested Motion:

Motion by XX to approve the appropriation bill language as presented/amended and instruct staff to forward to legislative leadership for consideration during the ML2026 legislative session with staff to make technical edits as necessary.

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

Background:

On September 24, 2025, the Council made its appropriation recommendations for ML2026 / FY2027 and directed project managers to draft accomplishment plans that reflected those funding recommendations. The Council reviewed the accomplishment plans at the November 12, 2025, meeting. The final appropriation recommendation bill from the Council should reflect December 9, 2025, 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."

Attachments:

- Draft ML2026 Appropriation Bill Language