SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 5613

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.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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
Full-time equated classified positions	2,281.2

Full-time employees	1,618.0		
Limited-term employees	27.0		
Noncareer/per diem employees	1,088.0		
Part-time employees	1.0		
Permanent-intermittent employees	31.0		
Seasonal employees	267.0		
GROSS APPROPRIATION		**$**	**506,870,300**
Interdepartmental grant revenues:			
Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental transfers			208,300
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION		**$**	**506,662,000**
Federal revenues:			
Total federal revenues			96,019,200
Special revenue funds:			
Total local revenues			0
Total private revenues			8,330,900
Total other state restricted revenues			365,601,900
State general fund/general purpose		**$**	**36,710,000**
Sec. 102. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT			
Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0		
Full-time equated classified positions	143.4		
Unclassified salaries--FTEs	6.0	$	689,500
Accounting service center			1,574,400
Departmentwide employee economic adjustments			5,551,100
Executive direction--FTEs	11.6		2,240,900
Finance and operations--FTEs	107.8		17,853,900
Gifts and pass-through transactions			5,003,600

Legal services--FTEs	4.0		714,900
Minerals management--FTEs	16.0		2,819,600
Natural resources commission			49,000
Office of public lands--FTEs	4.0		1,364,900
Property management			3,392,300
GROSS APPROPRIATION		**$**	**41,254,100**
Appropriated from:			
Interdepartmental grant revenues:			
IDG, land acquisition services-to-work orders			208,300
Federal revenues:			
Federal funds			1,441,600
Federal national forest timber fund			32,900
Michigan state waterways fund, federal			42,700
Special revenue funds:			
Private funds			5,003,600
Deer habitat reserve			170,400
Fisheries settlement			2,000
Forest development fund			5,226,000
Forest land user charges			12,800
Forest recreation account			108,000
Game and fish protection account			7,253,700
Land exchange facilitation and management fund			4,566,000
Local public recreation facilities fund			231,400
Mackinac Island State Park fund			25,200
Mackinac Island State Park operation fund			1,500
MacMullan Conference Center account			12,500
Marine safety fund			938,200
Michigan natural resources trust fund			1,717,500

Michigan state parks endowment fund			4,365,100
Nongame wildlife fund			14,700
Off-road vehicle safety education fund			900
Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund			328,700
Public use and replacement deed fees			30,800
Recreation improvement account			100,100
Recreation passport fees			6,900
Snowmobile registration fee revenue			51,300
Snowmobile trail improvement fund			170,000
Sportsmen against hunger fund			500
State park improvement account			3,698,100
Turkey permit fees			83,700
Waterfowl fees			3,400
Waterways account			1,224,200
Wildlife resource protection fund			65,300
Youth hunting and fishing education and outreach fund			800
State general fund/general purpose		**$**	**4,115,300**
Sec. 103. DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES			
Full-time equated classified positions	12.4		
Great Lakes restoration initiative		$	2,904,500
Invasive species prevention and control--FTEs	12.4		5,943,800
GROSS APPROPRIATION		**$**	**8,848,300**
Appropriated from:			
Federal revenues:			
Federal funds			2,904,500
State general fund/general purpose		**$**	**5,943,800**
Sec. 104. COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES			

Full-time equated classified positions	115.1		
Cultural resource management--FTEs	5.0	$	867,700
Marketing and outreach--FTEs	74.5		17,723,400
Michigan historical center--FTEs	35.6		5,982,100
Michigan wildlife council			1,400,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION		**$**	**25,973,200**
Appropriated from:			
Federal revenues:			
Federal funds			3,369,200
State park improvement, federal			322,200
Special revenue funds:			
Forest development fund			176,100
Forest recreation account			18,800
Game and fish protection account			9,202,800
Land exchange facilitation and management fund			52,200
Marine safety fund			40,400
Michigan historical center operations fund			365,400
Michigan state parks endowment fund			121,800
Nongame wildlife fund			12,200
Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund			120,200
Recreation passport fees			667,300
Snowmobile registration fee revenue			21,500
Snowmobile trail improvement fund			106,700
Sportsmen against hunger fund			300,000
State park improvement account			4,362,500
Waterways account			166,400
Wildlife management public education fund			1,400,000

Youth hunting and fishing education and outreach fund			45,200
State general fund/general purpose		**$**	**5,102,300**
Sec. 105. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT			
Full-time equated classified positions	175.2		
Natural resources heritage--FTEs	2.2	$	653,200
Wildlife management--FTEs	173.0		42,259,600
GROSS APPROPRIATION		**$**	**42,912,800**
Appropriated from:			
Federal revenues:			
Federal funds			26,642,700
Special revenue funds:			
Nongame wildlife fund, private			150,000
Private funds			315,700
Cervidae licensing and inspection fees			85,100
Deer habitat reserve			1,824,600
Forest development fund			280,800
Game and fish protection account			11,931,100
Nongame wildlife fund			293,900
Pheasant hunting license fees			175,000
Turkey permit fees			1,099,800
Waterfowl fees			114,100
State general fund/general purpose		**$**	**0**
Sec. 106. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT			
Full-time equated classified positions	182.9		
Aquatic resource mitigation--FTEs	1.1	$	737,200
Cormorant population management			150,000
Fish production--FTEs	49.4		11,173,300

Fisheries resource management--FTEs	132.4			24,605,600
GROSS APPROPRIATION			**$**	**36,666,100**
Appropriated from:				
Federal revenues:				
Federal funds				12,315,800
Special revenue funds:				
Private funds				136,700
Fisheries settlement				737,100
Game and fish protection account				22,248,000
Invasive species fund				100
State general fund/general purpose			**$**	**1,228,400**
Sec. 107. LAW ENFORCEMENT				
Full-time equated classified positions	282.0			
Body cameras for conservation officers--FTEs	5.0	$		517,500
General law enforcement--FTEs	277.0			37,377,700
GROSS APPROPRIATION			**$**	**37,895,200**
Appropriated from:				
Federal revenues:				
Federal funds				8,365,800
Special revenue funds:				
Cervidae licensing and inspection fees				53,400
Forest development fund				45,400
Forest recreation account				72,800
Game and fish protection account				21,815,700
Marine safety fund				1,398,900
Michigan state parks endowment fund				71,400
Off-road vehicle safety education fund				175,400
Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund				3,380,900

Snowmobile registration fee revenue				726,800
State park improvement account				72,800
Waterways account				21,700
Wildlife resource protection fund				1,176,700
State general fund/general purpose			**$**	**517,500**
Sec. 108. PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION				
Full-time equated classified positions	1,053.8			
Forest recreation and trails--FTEs	67.0	$		9,665,700
MacMullan Conference Center--FTEs	15.0			1,367,800
Michigan conservation corps				500,100
Recreational boating--FTEs	163.8			25,047,600
State parks--FTEs	808.0			104,062,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION			**$**	**140,643,200**
Appropriated from:				
Federal revenues:				
Federal funds				144,200
Michigan state waterways fund, federal				2,129,600
Special revenue funds:				
Private funds				1,000,000
Forest recreation account				4,181,600
MacMullan Conference Center account				1,367,800
Michigan state parks endowment fund				11,496,300
Off-road vehicle safety education fund				8,000
Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund				3,087,000
Pure Michigan trails fund				100
Recreation improvement account				590,700
Recreation passport fees				220,300
Snowmobile registration fee revenue				17,200

Snowmobile trail improvement fund				2,050,000
State park improvement account				86,660,700
State park improvement account - Belle Isle subaccount				875,000
Waterways account				22,944,600
State general fund/general purpose			**$**	**3,870,100**
Sec. 109. MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION				
Full-time equated classified positions	10.8			
Historical facilities system--FTEs	9.8	$		1,204,900
Mackinac Island State Park operations--FTE	1.0			137,800
GROSS APPROPRIATION			**$**	**1,342,700**
Appropriated from:				
Special revenue funds:				
Mackinac Island State Park fund				1,199,100
Mackinac Island State Park operation fund				137,800
State general fund/general purpose			**$**	**5,800**
Sec. 110. FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION				
Full-time equated classified positions	305.6			
Forest management and timber market development--FTEs	216.0	$		41,012,100
Wildfire protection--FTEs	89.6			19,792,800
GROSS APPROPRIATION			**$**	**60,804,900**
Appropriated from:				
Federal revenues:				
Federal funds				6,101,100
Federal national forest timber fund				9,114,700
Special revenue funds:				
Private funds				1,624,900

Commercial forest fund			26,000
Fire equipment fund			668,700
Forest development fund			29,884,000
Forest land user charges			247,500
Game and fish protection account			842,300
Waterways account			55,000
State general fund/general purpose	**$**	**12,240,700**
Sec. 111. GRANTS		
Dam management grant program	$	350,000
Deer habitat improvement partnership initiative		154,200
Federal - clean vessel act grants		10,000
Federal - forest stewardship grants		1,990,900
Federal - rural community fire protection		542,300
Federal - urban forestry grants		278,900
Grants to communities - federal oil, gas, and timber payments		2,668,700
Grants to counties - marine safety		2,930,000
National recreational trails		41,600
Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance grants		200,000
Off-road vehicle safety training grants		28,800
Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants		4,512,900
Recreation improvement fund grants		916,800
Recreation passport local grants		3,831,400
Snowmobile law enforcement grants		339,600
Snowmobile local grants program		9,549,400
Trail easements		11,600
GROSS APPROPRIATION	**$**	**28,357,100**

Appropriated from:		
Federal revenues:		
Federal funds		7,099,800
Special revenue funds:		
Private funds		100,000
Deer habitat reserve		154,200
Local public recreation facilities fund		3,831,400
Marine safety fund		1,262,600
Off-road vehicle safety education fund		28,800
Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		5,437,900
Permanent snowmobile trail easement fund		11,600
Recreation improvement account		916,800
Snowmobile registration fee revenue		339,600
Snowmobile trail improvement fund		8,624,400
State general fund/general purpose	**$**	**550,000**
Sec. 112. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
Information technology services and projects	$	5,355,300
GROSS APPROPRIATION	**$**	**5,355,300**
Appropriated from:		
Special revenue funds:		
Commercial forest fund		1,100
Deer habitat reserve		30,800
Forest development fund		783,900
Forest land user charges		12,000
Forest recreation account		22,000
Game and fish protection account		1,928,900
Land exchange facilitation and management fund		15,300
Marine safety fund		82,600

Michigan natural resources trust fund			12,300
Michigan state parks endowment fund			678,800
Nongame wildlife fund			15,300
Off-road vehicle safety education fund			5,200
Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund			9,800
Pure Michigan trails fund			100
Recreation improvement account			24,600
Snowmobile registration fee revenue			5,800
Snowmobile trail improvement fund			37,800
Sportsmen against hunger fund			300
State park improvement account			758,100
Turkey permit fees			16,900
Waterfowl fees			1,700
Waterways account			253,800
Wildlife resource protection fund			21,100
Youth hunting and fishing education and outreach fund			1,000
State general fund/general purpose	**$**		**636,100**
Sec. 113. CAPITAL OUTLAY			
(1) RECREATIONAL LANDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE			
Federal - land and water conservation fund payments	$	12,900,000	
Off-road vehicle trail development and maintenance			1,000,000
Recreational trail repairs and improvements			1,100,000
Snowmobile trail development and maintenance			2,800,000
State game and wildlife area infrastructure			1,500,000
State parks repair and maintenance			30,450,000

Wetland restoration, enhancement and acquisition		2,000,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION	**$**	**51,750,000**
Appropriated from:		
Federal revenues:		
Federal funds		14,025,000
Special revenue funds:		
Game and fish protection account		375,000
Michigan state parks endowment fund		12,600,000
Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		1,000,000
Recreation improvement account		1,100,000
Recreation passport fees		16,350,000
Snowmobile trail improvement fund		2,800,000
Waterfowl hunt stamp		1,000,000
State general fund/general purpose	**$**	**2,500,000**
(2) WATERWAYS BOATING PROGRAM		
Local boating infrastructure maintenance and improvements	$	5,000,000
State boating infrastructure maintenance		20,067,400
GROSS APPROPRIATION	**$**	**25,067,400**
Appropriated from:		
Federal revenues:		
Federal funds		1,667,400
Michigan state waterways fund, federal		300,000
Special revenue funds:		
Waterways account		23,100,000
State general fund/general purpose	**$**	**0**

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. In accordance with section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, total state spending from state sources under part 1 is $402,911,900.00 and total state spending under part 1 from state sources to be paid to local units of government is $12,232,400.00. The following itemized statement identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES		
Dam management grant program	$	175,000
Fisheries resource management		125,000
Grants to counties – marine safety		1,407,300
Invasive species prevention and control		2,385,200
Local boating infrastructure maintenance and improvements		3,400,000
Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance grants		100,000
Off-road vehicle safety training grants		28,800
Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants		1,204,400
Recreation improvement fund grants		916,800
Recreation passport local grants		2,000,000
Snowmobile law enforcement grants		339,600
Wildlife habitat improvement grants		150,300
TOTAL	**$**	**12,232, 400**

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

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

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

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

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

(d) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

(e) "Standard report recipients" means the senate and house appropriations committees, the senate and house appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and rural development and natural resources, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office.

Sec. 204. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this part, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, intertransfer funds within part 1 for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.

Sec. 205. (1) The department shall use the internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this part and shall make each report readily accessible to the public and conspicuously post each required report in a single archivable location on the department's website not later than the due date required for each report.

(2) In addition to placing all reports required in the current fiscal year on the department's website, the department shall maintain on its website all reports placed on the website from previous fiscal years posted by fiscal year in the same single archivable location.

(3) The department shall transmit all required reports for the current fiscal year to the standard report recipients and any other required recipients by email. The email shall include a copy of the

report and a link to access the report online.

Sec. 206. The department shall receive and retain copies of all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. The department shall follow federal and state law and guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records. The department shall electronically retain copies of reports unless otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.

Sec. 207. (1) The department shall cooperate with the department of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following for the department:

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

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

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

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

Sec. 208. Not later than December 15, the state budget office shall prepare and submit a report that provides estimates of the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the close of the previous fiscal year. The report must summarize the projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses by major departmental program or program areas.

Sec. 209. Not later than 14 days after the release of the executive budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate with the state budget office to provide an annual report on the

estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the previous 2 fiscal years.

Sec. 210. Not later than November 15, the department shall report on private and other third-party funds received by the department in the previous fiscal year. The report must include the amount of funding received, the specific source of funding received, the purpose for which funding was expended, and the amount of any remaining funds, if any.

Sec. 211. Consistent with section 217 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the department shall prepare a report on out-of-state travel expenses by not later than January 1. The report must list all travel outside this state by classified and unclassified employees in the previous fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report must include all of the following information:

(a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

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

(c) The destination of each travel occurrence.

(d) The specific purpose and description of each travel occurrence, including the specific name of the event or meeting.

Sec. 212. On a quarterly basis, the department shall report on

all of the following:

(a) The number of full-time equated positions in pay status by civil service classification.

(b) A comparison by line item of the number of full-time equated positions authorized from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of full-time equated positions employed by the department at the end of the reporting period.

(c) The number of active employees in each of the following statuses:

(*i*) Full-time salary.

(*ii*) Full-time hourly.

(*iii*) Part-time.

(*iv*) Permanent-intermittent.

(*v*) Limited-term.

(*vi*) Seasonal.

(*vii*) Worker's compensation.

(*viii*) Noncareer/per diem.

(*ix*) Job share.

(*x*) Special personal services/contractual.

(d) The number of overtime hours worked by employees, by classifications.

Sec. 213. Not later than April 1, the department shall report on each specific policy change made to implement a public act affecting the department that took effect during the previous calendar year. The report must include reference to the public act that necessitates the policy change. The department shall submit the report to the standard report recipients, to the senate and house standing committees responsible for addressing issues affected by the public acts, and to the joint committee on

administrative rules.

Sec. 214. (1) Not later than April 1, the department shall maintain, on a publicly accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks, and updates on a quarterly basis key metrics that are used to monitor and improve the department's performance.

(2) The department shall notify the standard report recipients when the quarterly updates to the department scorecard are available on a publicly accessible website.

Sec. 215. (1) Unless specifically authorized elsewhere in this part or part 1, funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used to pay for a state obligation that exceeds $200,000.00 for a court-approved judgment, settlement, award, or claim without prior legislative approval.

(2) If a state obligation for a court-approved judgment, settlement, award, or claim results in a change from current statute, the department shall notify the legislature.

(3) This section does not apply to compensation and other relief to individuals wrongfully imprisoned as required under the wrongful imprisonment compensation act, 2016 PA 343, MCL 691.1751 to 691.1757.

Sec. 216. In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed $5,000,000.00 for state restricted contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

Sec. 217. Total authorized appropriations from all sources under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September

30, 2027 are estimated at $23,478,400.00. From this amount, total department appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at $23,478,400.00. Total department appropriations for retiree health care legacy costs for the department are estimated at $0.00.

Sec. 218. To the extent possible, the department shall not expend appropriations under part 1 until all existing authorized work project funds available for the same purposes are exhausted.

Sec. 219. The department shall submit reports that summarize all work project accounts not later than December 31, March 30, June 30, and September 30. The reports must include all of the following:

(a) A list of all work project accounts.

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

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

Sec. 220. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the following apply to the expenditure of funds appropriated in part 1:

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

(b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are

competitively priced and of comparable quality.

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

Sec. 221. The department shall not take disciplinary action against an employee of the department because the employee communicates with a member of the legislature or legislative staff unless the communication is prohibited by law and the department is exercising its authority as provided by law.

Sec. 222. (1) The department shall maximize the efficiency of the state workforce and utilization and occupancy of office space, leased or owned, for each division within the department. Employees with job responsibilities that require employees to serve in their capacities outside of an office shall be monitored each pay period to ensure all work hours reported on timesheets are actually worked.

(2) The department shall comply with requirements set forth by the office of the state employer on in-person work and utilization and occupancy rates of state buildings to ensure at least 80% of employees are in person and building occupancy and utilization rates are at least 80% or higher.

(3) The department shall submit reports not later than January 15 and April 15 on all of the following:

(a) Remote work policy by division.

(b) Building occupancy by address.

(c) Whether the building is state-owned or leased.

(d) Aggregate badge scanning information by employee.

(4) As used in this section, "occupancy" means the actual

number of employees physically present in a workplace.

Sec. 223. (1) The department shall require as a condition of each contract or subcontract that the prequalified contractor or prequalified subcontractor agree to use the E-Verify system to verify that all persons hired during the contract term by the contractor or subcontractor are legally present and authorized to work in the United States.

(2) The department may verify this information directly or may require contractors and subcontractors to verify the information and submit a certification to the department. The department shall submit a report not later than March 1 that describes the processes it has developed and implemented under this section.

(3) The department shall not contract with any foreign entities that are known or suspected to be enemies of the United States or known foreign adversaries. Foreign adversaries include all of the following:

(a) The People's Republic of China.

(b) The Russian Federation.

(c) The Islamic Republic of Iran.

(d) The Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(e) The Republic of Cuba.

(f) The Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro.

(g) The Syrian Arab Republic.

(h) An agency or other entity under significant control of a country described in subdivisions (a) to (g).

(4) As used in this section, "E-Verify" means an internet-based system operated by the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in partnership with the Social Security Administration.

Sec. 224. (1) Within 30 days of enactment of this act, the state budget office shall post a list of legislatively directed spending items funded in part 1 as defined in sections 364 and 364a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1364 and 18.1364a. The list must include all information and documents pertaining to the funded items as publicly disclosed in accordance with sections 364 and 364a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1364 and 18.1364a.

(2) In accordance with section 364(4) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1364, the department or agency administering the grant shall submit a report not later than November 1. The department or agency shall update the report and shall submit updated reports not later than March 15 and September 15 of the current fiscal year. The department or agency shall include in the report the most comprehensive information the department or agency has available at the time of posting for grants awarded, including, but not limited to, project milestones, percent completed, funding expended, and funding encumbered.

(3) Before executing a grant agreement, all grant recipients must provide a spending plan that specifies the scope of service, the program goals, the measurement for meeting program goals, and how all grant funds will be used, and must indicate if any grant funds will be provided to a third party or subrecipient.

(4) Each department or agency responsible for awarding or disbursing grant funds must annually audit the entity's use of the grant funds for each fiscal year in which the grant is active. Each entity must submit information requested by the department or agency to confirm compliance.

(5) Each department or agency shall work with the office of

the auditor general to conduct an audit of the grant according to generally accepted accounting practices and audit standards. The office of the auditor general must be given access to all internal and external records. All contracts or agreements between a department or agency and a grant recipient or between a grant recipient and a third party must include a clause granting the office of the auditor general access to all internal and external records.

(6) Grant recipients and their immediate family members are prohibited from being employed by the executive branch or legislative branch of this state. In addition, grant recipients are prohibited from serving on any state board that has direct or indirect responsibility for approving or auditing grant funds awarded or disbursed by any department or agency.

(7) Full and complete audits of grant funds issued by the department or an agency of this state, without redaction unless required by law, must be posted to the department's or agency's website in a conspicuous place for public review.

(8) On a quarterly basis, the department or agency shall submit a report on legislatively sponsored grant funds that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(a) The name of each grant recipient and the status of each grant.

(b) The amount distributed to each grant recipient.

(c) Any changes to scope or costs of program.

(9) The report under subsection (8) must include the following statements made by the department or agency:

(a) A statement that confirms the department or agency reviewed and affirmed compliance by each grant recipient with

program scope and expenditure of grant funding.

(b) A statement that confirms the department or agency reviewed applicable program reports and requests for reimbursement.

Sec. 225. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall do the following:

(a) Report on any amounts of severance pay for a department director, deputy director, or other high-ranking department official not later than 14 days after a severance agreement with the director, deputy director, or official is signed. The name of the director, deputy director, or official and the amount of severance pay must be included in the report required by this subdivision.

(b) Not later than February 1, report on the total amount of severance pay remitted to former department employees during the previous fiscal year and the total number of former department employees that were remitted severance pay during the previous fiscal year.

(2) As used in this section, "severance pay" means compensation to which both of the following apply:

(a) The compensation is payable or paid upon the termination of employment.

(b) The compensation is paid in addition to wages or benefits earned during the course of employment or generally applicable retirement benefits.

Sec. 226. Funds appropriated in part 1 from state or federal sources are prohibited from being used to provide services, grants, or programming to an individual who is not a citizen of the United States unless the individual is a qualified alien as that term is defined in 8 USC 1641. This section does not prohibit the

department, political subdivision, state university, or other state agency from expending funds for the purpose of detaining individuals who are not citizens of the United States, including any costs associated with housing such individuals in county jails or state correctional facilities.

Sec. 227. State funds must not be used for diversity, equity, and inclusion, or diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives or programs, as outlined in federal Executive Order No. 14151, 90 Fed. Reg. 8339 (January 29, 2025) "Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing", federal Executive Order No. 14168, 90 Fed. Reg. 8615 (January 30, 2025) "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government", or federal Executive Order No. 14173, 90 Fed. Reg. 8633 (January 31, 2025) "Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity".

Sec. 228. The department shall use the same precontract risk assessment program utilized by the department of technology, management, and budget to evaluate financial compliance, security risks, and insurance requirements prior to contract execution.

Sec. 250. (1) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated, from the following state restricted funds and accounts of the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund, the following amounts to the following departments and officers:

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

Game and fish protection account	$	659,600
Waterways account		177,200
State park improvement account		158,300
Forest development fund		354,600

(b) Department of attorney general:

Game and fish protection account	$	693,300
Waterways account		156,300

(c) Legislative auditor general:

Game and fish protection account	$	39,800
Waterways account		14,300

(d) Department of treasury:

Game and fish protection account	$	3,846,300
Waterways account		524,800
Michigan natural resources trust fund		3,618,700

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

(a) Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund.

(b) Forest development fund.

(c) Michigan natural resources trust fund.

(d) Michigan state parks endowment fund.

(e) Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund.

Sec. 251. Pursuant to section 43703(3) of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43703, there is appropriated from the Michigan game and fish protection trust fund to the game and fish protection account of the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund, $6,000,000.00 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027.

Sec. 252. The department may contract with or provide grants to local units of government, institutions of higher education, or nonprofit organizations to support activities authorized by appropriations in part 1. As used in this section, contracts and

grants include, but are not limited to, contracts and grants for research, wildlife and fisheries management, forest management, invasive species monitoring and control, and natural-resource-related programs.

Sec. 253. (1) The department may accept monetary and nonmonetary gifts, bequests, donations, contributions, or grants from any private or public source to support, in whole or in part, a departmental function or program. The department shall expend or use such gifts, bequests, donations, contributions, or grants for the purposes designated by the private or public source, if the purpose is specified.

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

Sec. 254. Funds appropriated in part 1 must not be expended for utility scale solar or wind development projects.

DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES

Sec. 281. From the amounts appropriated in part 1 for invasive species prevention and control, the department shall allocate not less than $2,400,000.00 for grants for the prevention, detection, eradication, and control of invasive species.

Sec. 282. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, revenue deposited in the invasive species fund created in section 41311 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.41311, is appropriated and may be expended for invasive species immediate response efforts.

(2) The department shall annually notify the house of

representatives and senate appropriations subcommittees on natural resources and the house of representatives and senate fiscal agencies of any expenditure of funds appropriated under subsection (1).

Sec. 283. The department shall not utilize any funding in part 1 on legal services against hunting operations concerning swine.

Sec. 284. The department shall not prohibit an individual from feeding birds or wildlife within 300 feet of a residence if feed quantity totals less than 2 gallons.

Sec. 285. State lands managed by the department shall be identified as department-managed public lands or publicly owned lands.

Sec. 287. The department shall prioritize right-of-way permits or easements for construction or maintenance of broadband facilities on state land and shall not require a centerline survey as a condition of the road right-of-way permit or easement if the applicant can provide detailed engineering plans and if the broadband facilities are contained completely in the right-of-way. If the broadband provider secures a road right-of-way permit to construct or maintain broadband facilities required by the municipal, county, or state entity that owns or controls the public road, the department shall not require the broadband provider to obtain a permit or easement if the broadband facility is contained completely within the road right-of-way. If installation of broadband facilities cannot be contained completely within the right-of-way and requires placement of the infrastructure on public lands, an easement will be required, and a certified survey may be required. If installation of broadband facilities being placed in the road right-of-way requires utilization of public lands, a

permit may be required.

DEPARTMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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

Sec. 303. As appropriated in part 1, the department may charge both application fees and transaction fees related to the exchange or sale of state-owned land or rights in land authorized by part 21 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.2101 to 324.2165. To the extent consistent with part 21, fees shall be set by the director at a rate that allows the department to recover its costs for providing these services.

Sec. 305. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 from the snowmobile trail improvement fund and the off-road vehicle trail improvement fund, the department shall expend revenues from those funds for administrative purposes only to the extent that those administrative expenditures directly aid or benefit the statewide snowmobile program or the statewide off-road vehicle program, respectively.

(2) Administrative expenditures that directly aid or benefit the statewide snowmobile program or the statewide off-road vehicle program include salaries and fringes for program-specific field and grant staff, trail inspections, contract and grant management, law enforcement activities directly related to snowmobile or off-road vehicle program operations, marketing and outreach activities directly related to trail signage and public safety, information

technology services directly supporting trail operations or groomer or ORV management systems, and accounting functions directly related to the administration and payment of snowmobile or off-road vehicle local grants.

(3) Administrative expenditures that do not directly aid or benefit the statewide snowmobile program or the statewide off-road vehicle program must not be charged to the snowmobile trail improvement fund or the off-road vehicle trail improvement fund. Prohibited expenditures include, but are not limited to, central support services, executive direction, departmental administration, legal services, indirect cost recoveries, statewide cost allocation charges, accounting service center charges unrelated to snowmobile or off-road vehicle grant payments, property management charges unrelated to trail easements or leases, information technology services or projects not directly supporting field operations or groomer or ORV management systems, treasury fees, civil service assessments, or any other departmental or statewide overhead costs.

(4) The department shall not charge or assess indirect costs, internal service charges, or other administrative overhead to the snowmobile trail improvement fund or the off-road vehicle trail improvement fund except as permitted under subsection (2).

(5) Nothing in this section prohibits the expenditure of funds from the snowmobile trail improvement fund or the off-road vehicle trail improvement fund for grooming, equipment, trail development and maintenance, signage, local grants, or any other purpose authorized under part 811 or 821 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.81101 to 324.81151 and 324.82101 to 324.82161, respectively.

COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

Sec. 401. In addition to supporting the existing archeological responsibilities of the department within the Michigan History Center, the funds appropriated in part 1 for cultural resource management shall be utilized to continue the ongoing process of increased consultation with known lineal descendants and officials of Native American tribes on whose aboriginal lands a planned archeological activity will occur or an inadvertent discovery has been made. The consultation shall address the identification, treatment, and disposition of Native American cultural items.

Sec. 408. Not later than December 1, the department shall submit to the senate and house of representatives appropriations subcommittees on natural resources a report on all land transactions completed by the department in the prior fiscal year. For each land transaction, the report must include the size of the parcel, or for subdivided parcels, the number of parcels, the county and municipality in which the parcel is located, the dollar amount of the transaction, the fund source or sources affected by the transaction, and the transaction type.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Sec. 501. Funds appropriated in part 1 for fisheries resource management must not be used to designate the Little Manistee River as a natural river, as defined in part 305 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.30501 to 324.30515.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Sec. 601. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the

department shall develop, in conjunction with Allegan County, and implement a plan that expands public use in the Allegan state game area. This expanded public use must include, but is not limited to, the development of a bicycle and off-road vehicle trail. To ensure maximum safety, the plan should not use existing road rights-of-way unless needed to connect portions of the trail.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

Sec. 701. The department must provide the choice to opt in to purchasing a recreation passport.

FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION

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

(a) The number of acres of state forestland prepared for timber harvesting in the prior fiscal year.

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

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

Sec. 803. In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, the department may receive and expend money from federal sources to provide response to wildfires and hazard incidents as required by a

compact with the federal government. If additional expenditure authorization is required, the department shall so notify the state budget office. The department shall notify the senate appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, the house appropriations subcommittees subcommittee on agriculture and rural development and natural resources, and the house and senate fiscal agencies by November 15 of the expenditures under this section during the prior fiscal year.

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

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

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

GRANTS

Sec. 1001. Federal pass-through funds to local institutions and governments that are received in amounts in addition to those

included in part 1 for grants to communities - federal oil, gas, and timber payments and that do not require additional state matching funds are appropriated for the purposes intended. By November 30, the department shall report to the senate appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, the house of representatives appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and rural development and natural resources, the senate and house of representatives fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on all amounts appropriated under this section during the prior fiscal year.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

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