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House Bill 5276 (S-1 as passed by the Senate

Committee: Appropriations

FY 1999-2000 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	\$393,588,600
Changes from FY 1999-2000 Year-to-Date:	
1. Wetlands Enforcement. The Governor, House, and Senate provided a General Fund increase and 5.0 FTE positions for enhancing wetlands permitting and enforcement efforts.	375,000
2. Water Quality Monitoring. The House included \$2,700,000, \$1,500,000 in Clean Michigan Initiative Clean Water Fund dollars and other State restricted funding, for water quality monitoring efforts. The Governor and Senate did not include this funding.	0
3. Groundwater Use Reporting. Great Lakes Protection Fund was appropriated by the House and Senate to develop a groundwater database to determine the impact of irrigation wells on groundwater aquifers and domestic water supplies.	100,000
4. Scrap Tire Market Demonstration. The Governor and Senate included funding for a project to demonstrate the feasibility of using scrap tires for manufacturing support poles for guard rails and signs used on State roads. The House reduced funding for the project to \$125,000.	200,000
5. Scrap Tire Grants. The House and Senate increased Scrap Tire Regulatory Fund appropriations to fund grants to local communities to fund scrap tire fire suppression efforts.	100,000
6. Volunteer River, Stream, and Creek Cleanup Program. The House and Senate provided General Fund for the cost of disposing of trash and other material from cleanup efforts.	50,000
7. Big Rapids Dam Removal. The Governor, House, and Senate eliminated General Fund dollars appropriated for the removal of a dam in Big Rapids.	(100,000)
8. Local Public Health Operations. The Governor, House, and Senate budgets included a base adjustment and a 3% economic increase for the appropriation that supports local health department drinking water supply and on-site sewage management activities.	676,700
9. Clean Michigan Initiative Administration. Clean Michigan Initiative Fund (CMI) dollars are included by the Governor, House, and Senate for administration of CMI projects, with \$1,600,000 offsetting the loss of other Federal and State restricted sources of financing.	772,500
10. Pollution Prevention Programs. The Governor, House, and Senate provided increases to add pollution prevention staff to district offices; to assist small business in pollution prevention and energy conservation; and for grants to local agencies for waste generation reduction and pollution prevention promotion projects. The House and Senate provided funding to assist organizations and businesses with recycling and composting.	971,200
11. Consent Agreement. The Governor and Senate included funding from a Saginaw Bay and River consent agreement for surface water monitoring activities.	150,000
12. Economic Adjustments. Economic adjustments, including \$31,200 for unclassified salaries, were included.	5,829,400
13. Other Changes. Adjustments to reflect the availability of various Federal and State restricted sources of financing and mandated inflationary adjustments were made.	4,497,400
14. Comparison to Governor's Recommendation. The Senate budget exceeds the Governor's recommendation by \$499,200 Gross, \$81,200 GF/GP.	
Total Changes	13,622,200
FY 2000-01 Senate Gross Appropriation	\$407,210,800

Changes from FY 1999-2000 Year to Date:

1. **Wetlands Inventory.** The Senate modified House proposed language requiring the allocation of \$412,000 to inventory wetlands in counties contiguous to the Great Lakes, by eliminating the allocation and requiring the Department to make or cause to be made, a grant request for Great Lakes Protection Fund dollars for the purpose of conducting a wetlands inventory. (Sec. 303)
2. **Wetlands Designation.** The Senate did not concur with House proposed language requiring the Department to promulgate a rule designating all wetlands identified in a 1996 report, and located on State-owned property as essential to the preservation of the natural resources of the State.
3. **Air Quality Permitting.** The Senate did not include House proposed language requiring the allocation of \$60,000 in Scrap Tire Regulatory Fund revenue from the air quality appropriation for assisting in the processing of permit applications from plants that use tire-derived fuels. The Senate also deleted the funding provided by the House for this purpose.
4. **Air Quality Program Reporting.** The Senate included language requiring quarterly reports on Air Quality Program expenditures and revenues, by fund source and program function. The Senate deleted language requiring a report on air quality permit backlogs. (Sec. 401)
5. **Non-Native Aquatic Nuisance Species.** The Senate included language requiring the Department, in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources, to provide a report on the impact of non-native aquatic nuisance species and other non-native species on the environment and natural resources of the State. (Sec. 502)
6. **Children's Health Report Implementation.** House language requiring the Department to submit a report, via the Internet, on efforts to implement the recommendations of the Michigan Environmental Science Board in its report, "Analysis of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Administered Environmental Standard to Protect Children's Health" was included by the Senate. (Sec. 220)
7. **Solid Wastes Alternatives Program.** The Senate included language requiring a report summarizing the projects and expenditures of the Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP), funded under the 1988 Environmental Protection Bond Initiative, and an assessment of the accomplishments of SWAP. (Sec. 902)
8. **Scrap Tire Fire Suppression.** The Governor, House, and Senate deleted language allocating \$100,000 of the scrap tire grants appropriation to Benzie County for fire suppression expenses. The House and Senate included new language allocating \$100,000 from the scrap tire grants appropriation for grants to local communities to fund scrap tire fire suppression efforts when all other funding sources have been exhausted. (Sec. 1203)
9. **Cleanup and Redevelopment Site Lists.** The Senate modified current year language listing sites to be funded under the Environmental Cleanup and Redevelopment Program and under the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Program appropriations. (Sec. 705 and Sec. 804)
10. **Out-of-State Waste Inspection.** The Governor, House, and Senate deleted language designating 1.0 FTE position and \$75,000 primarily for the inspection of out-of-state waste.
11. **4-H Youth Programs.** The Senate retained language that was deleted by the Governor and House allocating \$5,000 from the Environmental Education Fund to the Michigan State University Extension Service - 4-H Youth Programs for the Michigan Youth Conservation Council. (Sec. 221)
12. **Reappropriation of Prior Year Balances.** The Governor retained, the House and Senate deleted current year language authorizing the Department to spend balances from prior year environmental cleanup and redevelopment program, and environmental protection bond fund appropriations on sites listed in this or prior appropriations acts.
13. **Laboratory Accreditation.** The Governor, House, and Senate deleted current year language requiring the Department to develop and implement a laboratory accreditation program in conformance with the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program.

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