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[House Bill is H.B. 4328](#)

FY 2013-14 Senate-Passed Gross Appropriation.....	\$339,838,900
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House Changes to Senate-Passed:

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| <p>1. Wildfire Protection Increase. Both the Senate and House increased funding for Wildfire Protection. The Senate provided an additional \$1,450,000 in GF/GP. The House removed \$1.5 million in Forest Development Fund from the line, but replaced it with \$3.0 million in GF/GP, resulting in a net increase of \$1.5 million.</p> | 50,000 |
| <p>2. Forest Management Increase. The House increased Forest Development Fund (FDF) appropriations to the Forest Management program by \$1.5 million. Excess FDF revenue was created by the shift detailed in Item 1.</p> | 1,500,000 |
| <p>3. Sustainable Forestry Initiative Placeholder. The House included a \$100 placeholder for this new program.</p> | 100 |
| <p>4. Increase Number of Conservation Officers. The Governor and Senate included \$2.9 million in ongoing GF/GP revenue and \$600,000 in one-time GF/GP revenue for the hiring, training and outfitting of 25 new conservation officers. The House did not include any funding for this purpose.</p> | (3,500,000) |
| <p>5. Replace Great Lakes Research Vessel. The Governor and Senate included \$2.0 million in one-time GF/GP revenue for the replacement of the DNR's current vessel, the <i>Chinook</i>. The House did not include any funding for this purpose.</p> | (2,000,000) |
| <p>6. Information Technology Upgrades. The Governor and Senate provided additional funding for upgrading internet bandwidth and wireless infrastructure. The House did not include this funding.</p> | (59,500) |
| <p>7. Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist. The Governor and Senate included \$150,000 in GF/GP revenue for the hiring and support of a specialist to support the DNR's efforts to combat aquatic invasive species. The House did not include this funding.</p> | (150,000) |
| <p>8. Grand River Waterway Study. The Senate included \$100,000 in GF/GP revenue for a depth study of the Grand River between Lake Michigan and Grand Rapids. The House did not include this funding.</p> | (100,000) |

Total Changes	(\$4,259,400)
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FY 2013-14 House-Passed Gross Appropriation.....	\$335,579,500
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Changes from FY 2013-14 Senate-Passed:

1. **IT Work Project Designation.** The Governor and Senate removed and House retained a section which designated IT appropriations as work a project. (Sec. 216 of House Bill)
2. **Turkey Fund Report.** The Senate included a new section requiring a report on the use of the Turkey subfund of the Game and Fish Protection Fund. (Sec. 505 of Senate Bill)
3. **Swimmer's Itch.** The Senate included a new section requiring the DNR to create a pilot program at Higgins Lake to combat swimmer's itch. (Sec. 506 of Senate Bill)
4. **Water Control Structure Certification.** The Governor and Senate removed and House retained a section prohibiting the department from impeding the certification of water control structures. (Sec. 602 of House Bill)
5. **Grand River Waterway Study.** The Senate included a new section requiring that the DNR fund a depth study of the Grand River from Grand Rapids to Lake Michigan. (Sec. 703)
6. **Mine Collapse Emergency Funding.** The Governor and House removed and Senate retained a section allowing the DNR to spend up to \$350,000 to cover costs related to a mine collapse on State land. (Sec. 801 of Senate Bill)
7. **Forest Resources Division Appropriations.** The House included a new section requiring certain amounts of appropriations in part 1 for particular line-items be paid from specific funding sources. (Sec. 808 of House Bill)
8. **OPEB Costs.** The Senate included a new section requiring the DNR to identify normal and legacy retirement costs for FY 15.

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