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Senate Bill 774 (as introduced)
 Committee: Appropriations

[Vehicle for Governor's Recommendation line items is Senate Bill 837](#)

FY 2013-14 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	\$343,138,900
Changes from FY 2013-14 Year-to-Date:	
1. Invasive Species Initiative. The Governor included \$4.0 million in ongoing and \$2.0 million in one-time GF/GP funding for a new initiative intended to combat invasive species. 16.0 FTEs were also included for this program.	6,000,000
2. Non-Motorized Trail Initiative. The Governor included GF/GP funding intended to increase non-motorized trail development throughout the State. The Initiative would be focused, but not limited to development of a trail connecting Belle Isle through the U.P. to the Wisconsin border.	2,500,000
3. Additional Conservation Officers. The Governor included GF/GP funding and 25.0 FTEs for the hiring of additional conservation officers.	3,500,000
4. Annualization of Hunting and Fishing License Fee Increase. The Governor included additional Game and Fish dollars to reflect the license fee increases implemented last year. FY 2014-15 will be the first full fiscal year where the increased fees will be in effect.	8,057,500
5. State Park Operations. The Governor included additional Park Improvement Fund revenue for State park operations.	2,000,000
6. State Park Repair and Maintenance. The Governor removed \$3.5 million in unavailable restricted funds and included \$2.5 million in private funds and \$4.0 million GF/GP to replace.	3,000,000
7. Michigan Conservation Corps/Summer Youth Initiative. The Governor included additional GF/GP revenue and changed the name of Summer Youth Initiative to Michigan Conservation Corps. The program also would be expanded statewide and include residents up to age 27.	1,000,000
8. Forest Management/Wildfire Protection Funding Changes. The Governor transferred \$4.0 million in Forest Development Fund from Wildfire Protection to Forest Management and Timber Market Development. The funding gap in Wildfire Protection was backfilled with GF/GP revenue.	4,000,000
9. Great Lakes Research Vessel One-Time. The Governor included \$1.0 million in GF/GP revenue, \$500,000 Game and Fish, and \$500,000 in expected private funds for the replacement of the <i>Chinook</i> , the DNR's fish research vessel on Lake Huron.	2,000,000
10. Capital Outlay Adjustments. The Governor removed past-year projects, and included new projects including \$3.0 million for wetland restoration and acquisition, \$3.1 million for a waterways project in Tawas, and \$1.5 million for a breakwater in Naubinway.	3,084,400
11. Economic Adjustments. Includes a negative \$1,073,900 Gross and a negative \$80,900 GF/GP for OPEB and \$6,667,800 Gross and \$335,800 GF/GP for other economic adjustments.	5,593,900
12. Other Changes. Other changes include technical revenue adjustments, an increase of \$350,000 in restricted funds for the purchase of wildfire equipment and removal of FY 2013-14 one-time expenditures.	(689,300)
Total Changes	\$40,046,500
FY 2014-15 Governor's Recommendation	\$383,185,400

The changes show the differences between the schedule of programs proposed by the Governor and the prior-year line items.

Changes from FY 2013-14 Year-to-Date:

1. **Communication with the Legislature.** The Governor removed a prohibition on taking disciplinary action against employees who communicate with the Legislature. (Sec. 212)
2. **Report Retention.** The Governor removed language requiring that report retention guidelines be followed. (Sec. 217)
3. **Waterways Report.** The Governor removed a report on projects completed during the fiscal year. (Sec. 223)
4. **FTE Report.** The Governor removed a quarterly report on the number of funded FTEs in the Department. (Sec. 233)
5. **No RFPs before RFIs.** The Governor removed a section requiring a request for information or request for qualification before issuing request for proposals on projects exceeding \$5.0 million. (Sec. 236)
6. **Legacy Costs in Budget.** The Governor included a new section detailing legacy costs that are included as part of the FY 2014-15 DNR budget. (Sec. 13-237)
7. **Land Transaction Report.** The Governor removed a report on land transactions from the previous year. (Sec. 408)
8. **Oil and Gas Lease Report.** The Governor removed a report on certain types of gas leases where acreage held in a producing unit is less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the lease acreage. (Sec. 409)
9. **Invasive Species Order Report.** The Governor removed a report on invasive species order actions taken against swine raised under the husbandry of Michigan residents. (Sec. 503)
10. **Cervid Fee Report.** The Governor removed a report on the use of Cervid registration/inspection fees. (Sec. 504)
11. **Water Control Structure Certification.** The Governor removed a prohibition on impeding the certification of water control structures. (Sec. 602)
12. **Cormorant Report.** The Governor removed a quarterly report on Cormorant control efforts. (Sec. 603)
13. **Recreation Opportunities.** The Governor removed a requirement that the Legislature be notified of any intent to reduce recreation opportunities. (Sec. 702)
14. **Soo-Raco Trail Traffic.** The Governor removed a requirement that the Department work to investigate options for traffic routing and flow on this trail. (Sec. 703)
15. **Timber Marking.** The Governor removed two sections that prescribed minimum amounts of timber to be prepared and marked for harvest, and that a sufficient number of foresters be hired to do so. (Sec. 802 & 805)
16. **Horseback Interests.** The Governor removed a requirement that the DNR work with horseback interests. (Sec. 804)
17. **Snowmobile Law Enforcement.** The Governor removed criteria for how these grants are distributed. (Sec. 901)
18. **Marine Safety Grant Report.** The Governor removed a report on these grants and funds used for them. (Sec. 902)
19. **ORV Trail Improvement Grants.** The Governor removed a requirement that at least \$980,000 of these grants be used for new trails. (Sec. 1002)
20. **Capital Outlay Appropriations.** The Governor removed a section providing guidance as to how lump-sum capital outlay and harbors and docks appropriations be spent. (Sec. 1101 & 1102)
21. **Dredging Reimbursement.** The Governor removed a section requiring the Department to seek Federal reimbursement for dredging projects which are under the jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers.
22. **FY 2015-16 Appropriation Intent.** The Governor removed two sections stating legislative intent for appropriations in FY 2015-16. (Sec. 1201 & 1202)

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