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Senate Bill 774 (S-1 as passed by the Senate)

Committee: Appropriations

FY 2013-14 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	\$343,138,900
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Changes from FY 2013-14 Year-to-Date:

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| 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 to combat invasive species. 16.0 FTEs were also included. The Senate further increased funding by \$170,000 | 6,170,000 |
| 2. Non-Motorized Trail Initiative. The Governor and Senate included GF/GP funding intended to increase non-motorized trail development throughout the State. The Initiative would be focused on development of a trail running from Belle Isle through the U.P. | 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 \$3.75 million GF/GP. | 2,750,000 |
| 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 Senate removed this program. | (2,500,000) |
| 8. River Raisin National Battlefield Foundation Grant. The Senate included GF/GP funding to support preservation of the battlefield, building a museum, and other items. | 2,000,000 |
| 9. Saginaw River Feasibility Study. The Senate included GF/GP for a study of deepening the Saginaw River between the City of Saginaw and the Saginaw Bay. | 280,000 |
| 10. Flint River Dike Repair. The Senate included GF/GP to repair a dike on the Flint River. | 1,000,000 |
| 11. Cormorant Population Mitigation. The Senate included additional funding for the management of cormorants. This would bring total funding for the program to \$150,000. | 50,000 |
| 12. 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 Dev. The shortfall in Wildfire Protection was backfilled with GF/GP. | 4,000,000 |
| 13. 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 |
| 14. 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 |
| 15. Other Changes. Other changes include technical revenue adjustments, an increase of \$350,000 in restricted funds for the purchase of wildfire equipment, capital outlay adjustments, and removal of FY 2013-14 one-time expenditures. | 2,395,100 |
| 16. Comparison to Governor's Recommendation. The Senate is \$0 Gross over/under and \$0 GF/GP over/under the Governor. | |

Total Changes	\$39,796,500
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FY 2014-15 Senate-Passed Gross Appropriation.....	\$382,935,400
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Changes from FY 2013-14 Year-to-Date:

1. **Communication with the Legislature.** The Governor removed and Senate retained a prohibition on taking disciplinary action against employees who communicate with the Legislature. (Sec. 212)
2. **Report Retention.** The Governor removed and Senate retained language requiring that report retention guidelines be followed. (Sec. 217)
3. **Waterways Report.** The Governor removed and Senate retained a report on projects completed during the fiscal year. (Sec. 223)
4. **Legacy Costs in Budget.** The Governor and Senate included a new section detailing legacy costs that are included as part of the FY 2014-15 DNR budget. (Sec. 237)
5. **Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps.** The Senate included a new section requiring the DNR to work with the MCCC steering committee to plan for a MCCC outside of State government. (Sec. 250)
6. **Invasive Species Initiative.** The Senate included a new section requiring that \$3,770,000 for this program be used for grants for the prevention, detection, eradication, and control of invasive species. (Sec. 251)
7. **Land Transaction Report.** The Governor removed and Senate retained a report on land transactions from the previous year. (Sec. 408)
8. **Oil and Gas Lease Report.** The Governor and Senate 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 and the Senate retained 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 and Senate retained a report on Cervid inspection fees. (Sec. 504)
11. **Water Control Structure Certification.** The Governor removed and Senate retained 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. The Senate retained the report and expanded it to put additional conditions on the program. (Sec. 603)
13. **Recreation Opportunities.** The Governor removed and Senate retained a requirement that the Legislature be notified of any intent to reduce recreation opportunities. (Sec. 702)
14. **Pure Michigan Trails.** The Senate included a new section which would earmark \$200,000 for the Pure Michigan Trails program if Senate Bills 873 through 877 are enacted. (Sec. 704)
15. **Burt Lake Trail Connector.** The Senate included a new section earmarking \$100,000 for this trail. (Sec. 705)
16. **Timber Marking.** The Governor removed and Senate retained two sections that prescribed minimum amounts of timber to be prepared and marked for harvest, and that a sufficient number of foresters are hired to do so. (Sec. 802 & 805)
17. **Horseback Interests.** The Governor removed and Senate retained a requirement that the DNR work with horseback interests. (Sec. 804)
18. **Gas and Oil Lease Development.** The Senate included a new section requiring the DNR to develop a plan to motivate gas and oil lessees to undertake warranted new operations. (Sec. 808)
19. **Snowmobile Law Enforcement.** The Governor removed and Senate retained criteria for how these grants are distributed. (Sec. 901)
20. **Marine Safety Grant Report.** The Governor removed and Senate retained a report on these grants and funds used for them. (Sec. 902)
21. **ORV Trail Improvement Grants.** The Governor removed and Senate retained a requirement that at least \$980,000 of these grants be used for new trails. (Sec. 1002)
22. **Saginaw River.** The Senate included a feasibility study of deepening the Saginaw River. (Sec. 1201)

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