

FY 2024-25 NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET

S.B. 759 (S-1): SENATE-PASSED

(as passed by the Senate)

Committee: Appropriations



FULL-TIME EQUATED (FTE) CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/FUNDING SOURCE	FY 2023-24 YEAR-TO-DATE*	FY 2024-25 SENATE-PASSED	CHANGES FROM FY 2023-24 YEAR-TO-DATE	
			AMOUNT	PERCENT
FTE Positions	2,549.3	2,535.8	(13.5)	(0.5)
GROSS	572,248,100	562,855,900	(9,392,200)	(1.6)
Less:				
Interdepartmental Grants Received	202,600	207,000	4,400	2.2
ADJUSTED GROSS	572,045,500	562,648,900	(9,396,600)	(1.6)
Less:				
Federal Funds	122,923,800	96,449,500	(26,474,300)	(21.5)
Local and Private.....	7,289,200	9,609,200	2,320,000	31.8
TOTAL STATE SPENDING.....	441,832,500	456,590,200	14,757,700	3.3
Less:				
Other State Restricted Funds.....	353,778,000	372,233,200	18,455,200	5.2
GENERAL FUND/GENERAL PURPOSE	88,054,500	84,357,000	(3,697,500)	(4.2)
PAYMENTS TO LOCALS	15,792,100	17,971,900	2,179,800	13.8

*As of February 7, 2024.

- Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24 Year-to-Date:**
- Deleted Sections.** The Senate's recommendation deleted the following sections from current-year boilerplate sections: 207 (Disciplinary Action), 212 (Searchable Website), 213 (Restricted Funds Report), 214 (Department Scorecard), 218 (In-person Work), 219 (Interdepartmental Transfers), 222 (Policy Change Reporting Requirements), 223 (Severance Pay Report), 224 (Work Project Expenditure), 229 (Energy and Noise Efficiency), 230 (Grant Transparency Language), 242 (Lab Consolidation Prohibition), 408 (Land Transaction Reports), 501 (Nature Awaits), 802 (Timber Harvest), 1201-1209 (One-Time Removal)
 - Modified.** The Senate's recommendation amended the following sections: 217 (FTE Status Report), 240 (Cultural Resource Management)
 - NEW Section.** The Senate's recommendation included NEW boilerplate in the following section: 231 (Restricted Revenue Carryforward Authority for Private Funds), 409 (Sportsmen Against Hunger donation matching), 701 (State Employees Retirement System Implementation Costs), 1104 (Wetlands Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition), 1201 (America 250 Commission grants), 1202 (American Chestnut Restoration Initiative), 1203 (Flood Insurance Pilot Initiative), 1204 (Mass Timber Market Development), 1205 (Michigan History Center America 250 initiatives), 1206 (Phragmites Management Equipment), 1207 (Sportsmen Against Hunger disease testing), and 1208 (Sportsmen Against Hunger refrigeration units).

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FY 2023-24 Year-to-Date Appropriation	\$572,248,100	\$88,054,500		
	CHANGE FROM FY 2023-24 Y-T-D		FY 2024-25 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION	
	Gross	GF/GP	Gross	GF/GP
<u>Baseline Adjustments</u>				
1. Wetland Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition. The Senate proposed \$1.0 million State Restricted funding to acquire wetland property throughout the state, with an emphasis on southern Michigan, as well as enhancement and restoration projects of existing wetland areas.	1,000,000	0	5,000,000	4,000,000
2. Align VTS Budget With Increased Rates. The Senate proposed \$890,300 Gross funding to address increased mileage rates and leasing costs for the department's vehicle fleet.	890,300	343,100	N/A	N/A
3. Local Boating Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvements. The Senate proposed an increase of \$177,500 for this line to align Waterways funding across the DNR budget. This grant-in-aid program assists 63 local harbors, along with 183 local boating access sites.	177,500	0	3,500,000	0
4. State Boating Infrastructure Maintenance. The Senate proposed a \$147,500 Gross increase to align Federal funding for this Capital Outlay program.	147,500	0	8,300,000	0
5. Accounting Service Center IDG Increase. The Senate proposed \$120,000 increased funding to offset increased operation costs for the Accounting Service Center.	120,000	11,400	1,621,900	154,000
6. State Parks Repair and Maintenance. The Senate proposed a negative \$300,000 Gross adjustment to align appropriations with current revenue estimates for this Capital Outlay program.	(300,000)	0	20,050,000	0
7. Transfer Archives of Michigan from DNR to DTMB (Negative 14.5 FTEs). The Senate proposed a negative \$1.9 million Gross funding decrease and an accompanying decrease of 14.5 FTEs to transfer the Archives of Michigan from the DNR budget to the DTMB budget in accordance with Executive Order 2023-6.	(1,915,300)	(1,915,300)	0	0
8. CSB Technical. The Senate proposed a negative \$3.7 million Gross funding in CSB technical adjustments.	(3,658,400)	(4,000,000)	N/A	N/A

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9. Capital Outlay - FY 2023-24 appropriations not needed in FY 2024-25. The Senate proposed a negative \$9.8 million Gross appropriation across three capital appropriations deemed unnecessary for FY 2024-25.	(9,750,000)	0	0	0
10. Removal of Current Year One-Time Funding. The Senate proposed the removal of current year One-Time funding.	(42,000,000)	(17,000,000)	0	0
11. Economic Adjustments. Includes \$6,890,700 Gross and \$608,900 GF/GP for total economic adjustments.	6,890,700	608,900	N/A	N/A
<u>New Programs/Program Increases</u>				
12. Recreation Passport Opt Out and Resident Veteran Exemption. The Senate proposed new funding that would be obtained by changing the existing recreation passport structure to an "Opt-Out" structure and providing an exemption for Michigan veterans to obtain the recreation passport for free.	17,190,300	0	N/A	N/A
13. Wetland Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition. The Senate proposed \$1.0 million State Restricted funding to acquire wetland property throughout the state, with an emphasis on southern Michigan, as well as \$1.0 million State Restricted funding for enhancement and restoration projects of existing wetland areas.	2,000,000	2,000,000	5,000,000	4,000,000
14. Radio and Modem Lifecycle Investment. The Senate proposed an ongoing increase of \$878,300 Gross and GF/GP to enable the Department to update and replace critical communications gear by implementing a lifecycle replacement plan.	878,300	387,700	N/A	N/A
15. State Employees Retirement System Implementation Costs. The Senate proposed \$800,000 Gross and \$269,200 GF/GP ongoing support for the Department's conservation officers in support of the implementation costs of Senate Bills 165 through 167 of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session.	800,000	269,200	800,000	269,200
16. Law Enforcement Division Officer Safety and Records Management System. The Senate proposed an ongoing increase of \$700,000 Gross and GF/GP to provide for the consolidation and improvement of the Law Enforcement Division's incident and records management system.	700,000	235,600	N/A	N/A

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17. Sportsmen Against Hunger Donation Matching. The Senate proposed \$485,800 GF/GP ongoing support for the Department to provide \$2.00 for every \$1.00 donated to the Sportsmen Against Hunger program.	485,800	485,800	485,800	485,800
18. Land and Water Conservation Fund Compliance and Stewardship (1.0 FTE). The Senate proposed funding to support 1.0 new FTE to help municipalities and counties access new funding opportunities for public outdoor recreation investments.	151,100	76,100	N/A	N/A
<u>Eliminations/Reductions</u>				
19. Nature Awaits. The Senate proposed a \$1.0 million GF/GP reduction in funding for the Nature Awaits program in addition to the \$4.0 million CSB adjustment included in the Executive Recommendation.	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	3,045,300	3,045,300
<u>One-Time Appropriations - NONE</u>				
20. America 250 Commission grants. The Senate proposed \$5.0 million GF/GP One-Time support to offer grants to state and local entities to commemorate America's semiquincentennial.	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
21. Michigan History Center – America 250 Initiatives. The Senate proposed \$5.0 million GF/GP One-Time support to the Michigan History Center in updating and modernizing facilities, exhibits, and educational materials.	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
22. Flood Insurance Pilot Initiatives. The Senate proposed \$4.0 million gross and \$2.0 million GF/GP One-Time support to provide matching GF/GP to any private funding or donation to support research and investment in reducing the cost of flood insurance.	4,000,000	2,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000
23. Mass Timber Market Development. The Senate proposed \$2.0 million GF/GP One-Time support for aiding the establishment of a mass timber market in Michigan.	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
24. Sportsmen Against Hunger Refrigeration Units. The Senate proposed \$550,000 GF/GP One-Time support to purchase refrigerated trailers that processors can use to store deer and processed venison donations.	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000
25. American Chestnut Restoration Initiative. The Senate proposed \$500,000 GF/GP One-Time support for studying and implementing	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

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American chestnut restoration and assisted migration of American chestnuts or other species to Michigan forests to increase resiliency.				
26. Phragmites Management Equipment. The Senate proposed \$499,700 GF/GP One-Time support for the purchase of heavy equipment to aid in the management of phragmites around the state.	499,700	499,700	499,700	499,700
27. Sportsmen Against Hunger. The Senate proposed \$250,000 GF/GP One-Time support for providing disease and lead testing for meat donated to the Sportsmen Against Hunger program.	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
28. ADA Park Accessibility Grants. The Senate proposed a \$100 GF/GP placeholder for ADA Park Accessibility Grants.	100	100	100	100
29. Mackinac Island State Park. The Senate proposed a \$100 GF/GP placeholder for Mackinac Island State Park.	100	100	100	100
30. Washtenaw Border to Border Trail. The Senate proposed a \$100 GF/GP placeholder for Washtenaw Border to Border Trail.	100	100	100	100
Total Changes	(\$9,392,200)	(\$3,697,500)		
FY 2024-25 SENATE-PASSED	\$562,855,900	\$84,357,000		

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