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FY 2002-03 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriations **\$267,021,747**

Changes from FY 2002-03 Year-to-Date:

Items Included by the House and Senate

- 1. **State Park Operations.** The budget uses spending authority provided in Proposal 02-2 in August 2002 from the State Parks Endowment Fund (\$6,000,000) and an appropriation of \$150,000 from the balance of the Park Improvement Fund to offset the remaining General Fund support for State park operations 0
- 2. **Economic Adjustments.** The budget includes economic adjustments for building occupancy charges and workers' compensation. (54,000)

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- 3. **Purchased Land Payments in Lieu of Taxes.** The Governor proposes a new formula for calculating these payments in lieu of taxes on DNR-owned land in which the State will pay a flat rate of \$2 per acre in place of the local property tax rate and all payments will be made from the General Fund. The House removes all of this funding. The Senate restores the current year funding and makes baseline adjustments to restricted funds. The Conference Committee retains only the restricted funds increase from the Governor's proposal. (1,444,400)
- 4. **Motor Vehicle Permit Fees.** The Governor proposes shifting the authority for setting motor vehicle permit fees for State parks to the Natural Resources Commission and raising the current fee levels. The Governor's budget appropriates additional fee revenue of \$2,396,900 and reduces General Fund support of State parks by an equal amount. The House rejects the Governor's proposal. The Senate includes the Governor's fee increase and fund shift. The Conference Committee concurs with the Senate. 0
- 5. **Land Sale Fund.** The Conference Committee removes appropriations of \$2,640,200 from the Land Sale Fund pursuant to Attorney General Opinion #7132. Restricted funds of \$862,700 offset the reduction. (1,777,500)
- 6. **Cooperative Resources Management Initiative.** The Senate added funding to support a joint program of the Departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture for private forest management. The Conference Committee concurs. 600,000
- 7. **Federal Funding.** The budget includes a number of adjustments in Federal funds, including a grant increase of \$900,000 for fish marking and a grant reduction of \$3,933,000 for Land and Water Conservation grants that will be appropriated once the allotment for the Department is determined. The Senate includes additional Federal funds and 8.0 FTEs pursuant to a revised Executive recommendation. The Conference Committee concurs. 2,858,400
- 8. **Restricted Funding.** The budget includes a number of adjustments in State restricted grant funds. The Senate makes additional changes to Restricted funds to reflect a revised Executive recommendation, increases in snowmobile local grants, the ORV safety grants, other changes in grant funding, and to create items of difference. The Conference Committee concurs and removes items of difference and funding for a watercraft noise study. 774,000
- 9. **Other Changes.** The budget makes adjustments for other issues, such as early retirement savings, private grants, various General Fund reductions, and one-time appropriations in FY 2002-03. The Conference Committee concurs. (13,827,247)

* ***The Governor vetoed \$92,100 for the Big Rapids riverwalk, Bennett Arboretum, and the Sebewaing Harbor Commission.***

Total Changes **(\$12,870,747)**

FY 2003-04 Enacted Gross Appropriation **\$254,151,000**

* Vetoed by the Governor.

Changes from FY 2002-03 Year-to-Date:Items Included by the House and Senate

1. The Governor eliminates and the House and Senate restore sections regarding privatization, buy American intent, restricted fund balance report, grant and loan program report, Game and Fish Protection Fund appropriations, administrative cost plan, habitat improvement and treatment report, Bovine TB report, prohibition to impede water control structure certification, staff for timber marking, Adopt-a-Forest program, snowmobile law enforcement grants, Federal land and water conservation funds, and ORV trail improvements. (Sections 207, 209, 210, 212, 213, 215, 301, 501, 601, 802, 803, 901, 1103, and 1104)
2. **FY 2002-03 Unexpended General Fund.** The Governor adds a section appropriating one half of unreserved General Fund appropriations remaining from FY 2002-03 for the next fiscal year. The House and Senate remove this section.
3. **Timber Marking for Harvest.** The House amends the current section to state that the Department shall endeavor to increase the marking of hardwood timber by 10% over 2003. The Senate concurs. (Sec. 801)
4. The Governor, House, and Senate all remove sections regarding NRC per diem, chronic wasting disease study, Federal funds for the MI Civilian Conservation Corps, old growth forests, Federal forest management, Environmental Protection Fund used for payments in lieu of taxes, and early retirement and budgetary savings.

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5. The Senate restores sections that are eliminated by the Governor and House regarding retention of reports, activities of the MI State Waterways Commission, fish advisory information, report on construction in State parks, and abandoned mine shaft emergencies. The Conference Committee concurs. (Sections 211, 214, 404, 703, and 804)
6. **Hiring Freeze.** The House removes this section that is proposed by the Governor. The Senate and Conference Committee restore it. (Sec. 205)
7. **Information Technology User Fees.** The Governor includes a section requiring the Department to pay user fees to the Department of Information Technology. The House removes this section and the Senate retains it. (Sec. 217)
8. **Federal Advisory Report.** The Senate adds two sections regarding the reimbursement of the Game and Fish Protection Fund. The first designates the appropriation in Part 1 as an appropriation from the General Fund into the Game and Fish Protection Fund. The second section states that legislative transfers are required to apply the negative appropriation for budgetary savings to specific line items. These same sections are included for the appropriations in Part 1A for the balance of the reimbursement of the Game and Fish Protection Fund in FY 2002-03. The Conference Committee combines the Senate sections. (Part 2, Sec. 1201; Part 2A, Sections 1301 and 1401)
9. **Application and Transaction Fees.** The Governor adds a section authorizing the Department to set and charge land transaction fees. The House removes this section. The Senate and Conference Committee retain it. (Sec. 403)
10. **Land Transaction Report.** The House adds a section requiring a list of surplus property available for public auction. The Senate and Conference Committee amend it to require a quarterly report on all land transactions. (Sec. 405)
11. **Travel Report.** The Conference Committee creates a report on in-state and out-of-state travel. (Sec. 408)
12. **Wolf and Coyote Indemnification Payments.** The Senate amends current year language for the Department to reimburse the Department of Agriculture for livestock indemnification payments. It adds payments for livestock losses due to coyotes. The Conference Committee concurs with the Senate. (Sec. 502)
13. **ORV Trails Advisory Board.** The Senate adds a section specifying that the Board shall include an ORV dealership owner or operator. The Conference Committee revises the language to state intent. (Sec. 805)
14. The Conference Committee includes sections added by the Senate regarding a Big Rapids riverwalk, defibrillators in State parks, Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, farms in State parks, watertrails, and cooperative resources programs. (Sections 603, 704, 705, 706, 707, and 805)
- * **The Governor vetoed Sec. 603 regarding the Big Rapids riverwalk.**
15. The Conference Committee restores sections removed by the Senate regarding an information technology rate schedule, credit card license sales, trash receptacles in State parks, and a prohibition on dispersed camping fees. (Sections 219, 407, 702, and 807)
16. The Conference Committee does not include sections regarding the Land Sale Fund or a sale of property to Pere Marquette Township.

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