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FY 2010-11 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	**$323,302,700**
Changes from FY 2010-11 Year-to-Date:	
Items Included by the Senate and House	
1. **Mackinac Island State Park.** The Governor, Senate and House removed GF/GP support for this program and replaced it with Park Endowment Fund revenue, which would save $1,561,900 GF/GP. Park Endowment Funds for this program would be appropriated in the same line as the other State parks.	0
2. **Historical Programs.** The Governor, Senate and House rolled these programs into a single "schedule of programs" line as well as reducing GF/GP funding and 2.0 FTEs.	(253,100)
3. **Natural Resources Heritage.** The Governor, Senate and House eliminated GF/GP support for the endangered species studies conducted by the MSU Extension.	(124,400)
4. **Administrative Reductions.** The Governor, Senate and House included GF/GP reductions to various administrative programs.	(184,700)
5. **Recreation Passport Revenue.** The Governor, Senate and House included increases in spending to various recreation programs due to expected new revenue from the Recreation Passport. These programs include: State Parks, Forest Recreation, and local grants. New revenue estimates are based on an assumed 30% participation rate in the Passport program.	3,114,000
6. **Economic Adjustments.** DTMB Economics: $216,900 Gross, $26,000 GF/GP.	6,723,900
7. **Other Changes.** Other changes include various GF/GP reductions, adjustment from FY 2009-10 retirement incentives, and capital outlay adjustments.	(2,410,100)
Conference Agreement on Items of Difference	
8. **Captive Cervid Fees.** The Governor recommended increasing license fees for captive cervidae (deer, elk, etc.) facilities. This increase would allow the program to fund itself and no longer require $115,000 GF/GP appropriation. The House and Senate did not include revenue from these fees; the Senate did make the GF/GP reduction, the House retained current-year funding. The Conference maintained current-year funding.	0
9. **GF/GP Reductions.** The House included $226,800 in GF/GP reductions. The Conference did not include these reductions.	0
10. **Cormorant Population Control.** The Senate included $100,000 for this program, a $50,000 increase from the current year. The House removed the appropriation entirely. The Conference included $100,000.	50,000
11. **Freedom Trail Commission.** The Governor and Senate removed funding for this program. The House retained a $100 placeholder. The Conference removed the item.	(22,500)
12. **FY 2011-12 One-Time Appropriations.** The Senate included $2.5 million from the State Waterways Fund for a new breakwall at the Grand Marais harbor. The House included a $100 placeholder. The Conference included $4.0 million GF/GP for this project.	
Total Changes...	$6,893,100
FY 2011-12 Conference Report Gross Appropriation	**$330,195,800**

Amount Over/(Under) GF/GP Target: $0

Changes from FY 2010-11 Year to Date:

Items Included by the Senate and House

1. **Land Transactions Report.** The Governor removed, and the House, Senate and Conference restored a section requiring this report. (Sec. 308)
2. **Livestock Indemnification Payments.** The Governor removed, and the House, Senate, and Conference restored a section requiring these payments. (Sec. 402)

Conference Agreement on Items of Difference

3. **Standard Boilerplate Sections.** The Conference included several sections that were included in most budgets as part of the target agreement. (Sec. 201, 202, 203, 215, 234, 205, 210, 216, 217, 208, 212, 220, 222, 1101, and 1201)
4. **Travel Restrictions.** The Governor and Senate removed, and House restored sections restricting out-of-state travel by the Department. The Conference removed these sections.
5. **Historical Program Fees.** The Governor and House removed language that prohibits the Department from charging admission fees to minors at the Michigan Historical Museum. The Senate and Conference included this prohibition with the caveat that revenues must be high enough to support excluding children. (Sec. 306)
6. **Oil and Gas Lease Report.** The Senate included new language requiring a report on oil and gas leases. The Conference included this report with slight modifications from the Senate version. (Sec. 309)
7. **Dam Certification.** The House included new language prohibiting the Department from impeding the certification process for dams. The Conference included this section. (Sec. 502)
8. **State Forest Campgrounds.** The House and Senate included different sections relating to the closure of State forest campgrounds. The Conference included two sections; one requires a report on the mini-State park initiative project outlined in the current-year budget (Sec. 707), the other states legislative intent that these campgrounds remain open. (Sec. 706)
9. **Settlement Property Leases.** The House included a new section requiring the Department to extend leases on property from the Consumer's Power Company settlement agreement for fair market value. The Conference did not include this section.
10. **Department Aircraft Report.** The House included a new section requiring the Department to compile a report detailing aircraft usage by the Department. The Conference included this section. (Sec. 710)
11. **Timber Marking.** The House increased the number of acres the Department is required to prescribe treatment to from 63,000 to 95,000, and the number prepared for harvest from 58,000 to 77,000. The Conference increased these numbers to 79,000 and 67,500, respectively. (Sec. 702)
12. **FY 2012-13 Anticipated Appropriations.** The House included a separate set of line-items for the anticipated FY 2012-13 appropriations. The Senate included a section of boilerplate. The Conference included a modified version of the Senate's boilerplate section. (Sec. 1201)

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