

SENATE BILL NO. 63

February 05, 2025, Introduced by Senator HOITENGA and referred to Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 1901 and 1903 (MCL 324.1901 and 324.1903), as amended by 2018 PA 597.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1901. As used in this part:
- 2 (a) "Board" means the Michigan natural resources trust fund
- 3 board established in section 1905.
- 4 (b) "Local unit of government or public authority" means a
- 5 county, **board of county road commissioners**, city, township,

1 village, school district, the Huron-Clinton metropolitan authority,
2 or any authority composed of counties, cities, townships, villages,
3 or school districts, or any combination of these entities. ~~and~~
4 ~~legally constituted to provide public recreation.~~

5 (c) "Michigan state parks endowment fund" means the Michigan
6 state parks endowment fund established in section 35a of article IX
7 of the state constitution of 1963 and provided for in section
8 74119.

9 (d) "Trust fund" means the Michigan natural resources trust
10 fund established in section 35 of article IX of the state
11 constitution of 1963.

12 Sec. 1903. (1) Subject to the limitations of this part and of
13 section 35 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, the
14 interest and earnings of the trust fund in any 1 state fiscal year
15 may be expended in subsequent state fiscal years only for the
16 following purposes:

17 (a) Acquisition of land or rights in land for recreational
18 uses or protection of the land because of its environmental
19 importance or its scenic beauty **by a state department, local unit**
20 **of government, or public authority, acting alone or in partnership**
21 **with 1 or more state departments, local units of government, or**
22 **public authorities.**

23 (b) Development, renovation, and redevelopment of public
24 recreation facilities **by a state department, local unit of**
25 **government, or public authority, acting alone or in partnership**
26 **with 1 or more state departments, local units of government, or**
27 **public authorities.**

28 (c) Administration of the trust fund, including payments in
29 lieu of taxes on state-owned land purchased through the trust fund.

1 The legislature shall make appropriations from the trust fund each
 2 state fiscal year to make full payments in lieu of taxes on state-
 3 owned land purchased through the trust fund, as provided in section
 4 2154.

5 (2) An expenditure from the trust fund may be made in the form
 6 of a grant to a local unit of government or public authority,
 7 **acting alone or in partnership with 1 or more state departments,**
 8 **local units of government, or public authorities,** subject to all of
 9 the following conditions:

10 (a) The grant is used for the purposes described in subsection
 11 (1).

12 (b) The grant is matched by the local ~~unit~~**units of government**
 13 or public ~~authority~~**authorities** with at least 25% of the total cost
 14 of the project.

15 (3) Not less than 25% of the money made available for
 16 expenditure from the trust fund from any state fiscal year shall be
 17 expended for acquisition of land and rights in land for
 18 recreational uses or protection of the land because of its
 19 environmental importance or its scenic beauty, and not less than
 20 25% of the money made available for expenditure from the trust fund
 21 from any state fiscal year shall be expended for development,
 22 renovation, and redevelopment of public recreation facilities.

23 (4) If property that was acquired with money from the trust
 24 fund is subsequently sold or transferred by this state to a
 25 nongovernmental entity, this state shall forward to the state
 26 treasurer for deposit into the trust fund an amount of money equal
 27 to the following:

28 (a) If the property was acquired solely with trust fund money,
 29 the greatest of the following:

1 (i) The net proceeds of the sale.

2 (ii) The fair market value of the property at the time of the
3 sale or transfer.

4 (iii) The amount of money that was expended from the trust fund
5 to acquire the property.

6 (b) If the property was acquired with a combination of trust
7 fund money and other restricted funding sources governed by federal
8 or state law, an amount equal to the percentage of the funds
9 contributed by the trust fund for the acquisition of the property
10 multiplied by the greatest of the amounts under subdivision (a) (i),
11 (ii), and (iii).

12 (5) This part is subject to section 2132a.