## Legislative Update

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| HF 207 introduced 1/28/13. Referred to Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Finance Committee. Authors: Lillie, McNamara, Persell, Ward J. E., Dill | SF 56 introduced 1/17/13. Referred to Finance. Authors: Saxhaug, Ingebrigtsen, Tomassoni |
| The LSOHC presented an overview of the fund and the council to the Legacy committee on 1/30/13. |  |
| HF 311 introduced 2/4/13 Minnesota Forest for the Future. Referred to Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Finance Committee. Author: Dill | SF 597 Minnesota Forest for the Future. Referred to Finance. Authors: Saxhaug, Ingebrigtsen, Tomassoni |
| HF 311 heard in the Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Finance Committee 3/14/13. The bill was laid over to Legacy committee. |  |
| HF 207 heard in the Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Finance Committee 3/14/13. Passed out of committee to Legacy Committee, after which the omnibus legacy bill will go to Ways and Means. Total of bill, with amendments is $97,644,000. Amendments offered and adopted to HF 207: A1, A2, A4, A6.  **A1:** extends the availability of and allows funds to be used for both conservation easement and fee title acquisition ML 2010, Ch. 361, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5h Washington Co. St. Croix River Land Protection.  **A2:** provides for the Metropolitan Regional Parks Wildlife Habitat Protection and Restoration proposal to be fully funded at $6,396,000.  **A4:** amends 97A.056 by adding two new subdivisions. The first, subd. 20, Acquisitions of lands or interest in lands; commissioner approval; appraisals, requires the commissioner of natural resources to provide written approval for all acquisitions. The Board of Water and Soil Resources is exempt. The second, subd. 21, Value assessment, requires all recipients to submit to the council and the commissioner of natural resources the most recent tax assessed value and the amount planned on being offered for all potential acquisitions.  **A6:** amends the CPL appropriation’s match requirements to cash match and provides $10 thousand for outreach to underrepresented communities and increases the amount appropriated to the Restoration Evaluation program to $90 thousand. The amendment also requires recipients to make contact with the Conservation Corps Minnesota. Further, A6 amends 97A.056, subd. 10, Restoration Evaluation, by deleting the number of required evaluations. |  |

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