

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Agenda Item Memo # 6

DATE: March 13, 2015
SUBJECT: HF181, SF242 – Legislative update
PRESENTER: Representative Denny McNamara

Background:

January 28, 2015, HF181 presented to House Environment & Natural Resources Finance Committee.

H0181A1 Amendment (McNamara) - Adopted

Directs authority for hiring LSOHC staff to LCC.

Allows a quorum of LSOHC to attend conferences by another entity not for meeting purposes.

H0181A2 Amendment (Hansen) – Adopted

Directs amendment in ML2012 appropriation deleting “Asian” and inserting “Invasive” Carp.

Provides inclusion of wording to allow “acquisition” within appropriation for structural barriers.

H0181A3 Amendment (Hansen) – Adopted

Inserts “Pollinator Lethal Insecticides” ban upon OHF acquired lands.

H0181A4 Amendment (Green) – Adopted

Removed White Earth Nation project and moved \$2,130,000 appropriation to DNR’s
“Accelerated Shallow Lakes & Wetland Enhancement - Phase VII”

Bill adopted as amended and referred to Government Operations & Election Policy Committee

February 4, 2015, HF181 presented to House Government Operations & Election Policy Committee.

Bill adopted with H0181A7 amendment removing provision to allow a quorum of LSOHC to attend conferences by another entity not for meeting purposes.

Bill re-referred to Legacy Funding Committee

Other OHF related bills:

SF083 (Seiben), HF84 (Schoen) - Washington county Grey Cloud Slough habitat improvement appropriation seeking \$520,000 OHF to “improve water quality and restore essential backwater aquatic habitat by reconnecting Grey Cloud Slough to the main channel of the Mississippi River Area”.

Referred to Senate Capitol Investments Committee.

HF462 (Green), SF952 (Newman) – Amends MS2014, 85.53, subd 2, sec 2(c) “If the Office of the Legislative Auditor determines that a recipient of money from the outdoor heritage fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient is not eligible for future funding from the outdoor heritage fund until the recipient demonstrates compliance.”

HF1328 (McNamara), SF1534 (Hoffman) – Calls for Conservation Easement Stewardship accounts created in a special revenue account for DNR & BWSR with 5% annual appropriation to each for managing conservation easements.

HF1706 (Drazkowski) – Establishing an OHF trust fund account to cover PILT for lands acquired with OHF.
(HF1707, Drazkowski, - Establishes ENTRF trust fund account to cover PILT for lands acquired with ENTRF)

HF1534 (Torkelson) – Requires 50-foot buffers along streams, drainage ditches and rivers.