Comparison - ML2021 CPL Appropriation language vs Proposed changes to CPL language

(Areas proposed by DNR for changes are highlighted in Yellow)

ML 2021, Chap. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(q)

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase XIII

\$10,450,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a program to provide competitive matching grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional, state, and national organizations for enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least \$2,400,000 is for grants in the sevencounty metropolitan area and cities with a population of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made for activities required to fulfill the duties of owners of lands subject to conservation easements. Grants must not be made from the appropriation in this paragraph for projects that have a total project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$475,000 may be spent for personnel costs and other direct and necessary administrative costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants may not be used to establish easement stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting and fishing during the open season unless otherwise provided by law. The program must require a match of at least ten percent from nonstate sources for all grants. The match may be cash or inkind resources. For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must provide a separate, simplified application process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner

ML 2022, Chap. ??, Sec. ??, Subd. ??

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase XIV

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