



APPROPRIATION LINE ITEM AND BOILERPLATE HISTORY

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Sec. 101. APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

1. <u>Unclassified full-time equated (FTE) positions</u> - Positions that are exempted from the classified State civil service pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution. These positions include elected officials, heads of principal departments, a limited number of policy-making positions in departments, members of boards and commissions, employees of State institutions of higher education, employees of the Judiciary, and employees of the Legislature.	6.0
2. <u>Classified FTE positions</u> - All positions in State service unless exempted by Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution. One FTE position equals 2,088 hours.	2,236.8
3. <u>GROSS APPROPRIATION</u> - Total appropriations	398,254,100
4. <u>Interdepartmental grants (IDG)</u> - Funds that are also appropriated in other budgets. These funds are categorized as IDGs in the Department that spends the funds and are therefore subtracted from the Gross Appropriation to avoid double counting total statewide appropriations.	1,375,900
5. <u>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</u> - Gross appropriations less IDGs.	396,878,200
6. <u>Federal revenue</u> - Funding allocated to the State by the Federal government.	72,365,400
7. <u>Local revenue</u> - Funds paid by local units of government that support State services and programs.	0
8. <u>Private revenue</u> - Available appropriated funds from private sources, including funding from nongovernmental agencies.	7,446,400
9. <u>State restricted revenue</u> - Revenue earmarked for a specific purpose by the State Constitution, statute, or appropriation bill. Restricted revenue also includes general fund/special purpose funds, such as fee revenue used to support licensing programs.	277,165,400
10. <u>State general fund/general purpose</u> - Revenue that has no constitutional or statutory restrictions on how it is used. Approximately 90.0% of the general fund/general purpose (GF/GP) revenue is derived from the income, single business, insurance, sales, and use taxes.	39,910,000
11. <u>Payments to locals</u> - State appropriations from GF/GP or State restricted revenue that will be allocated to local units of government.	6,100,000

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FUND SOURCE SUMMARY

The individual sources of revenue and the amounts appropriated from them are itemized in this section of the bill.

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| 12. | <u>GROSS APPROPRIATION</u> - Total appropriation from all sources of financing. | 398,254,100 |
| 13. | <u>IDG, land acquisition services to work orders</u> - Language in the appropriation bill allows the Department to charge land acquisition project appropriations a standard percentage for the transaction costs associated with the acquisition. The revenue derived from these charges is used to offset the acquisition-related costs. | 232,200 |
| 14. | <u>IDG, MacMullen conference center revenue</u> - The MacMullen Conference Center in Roscommon is the main training facility for Department staff, and is used extensively by other State agencies and educational institutions. Revenue derived from fees for use of the facility covers the operational costs of the facility. This revenue source is authorized by Part 5 of 1994 PA 451, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA). | 1,143,700 |
| 15. | <u>Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental transfers</u> - The total of items 13 through 14 above. | 1,375,900 |
| 16. | <u>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</u> - The Gross appropriation less total IDGs and IDTs. This is the more accurate measure of gross appropriations to use when looking at the State Budget in total, as it prevents the double-counting of payments from department to department. | 396,878,200 |
| 17. | <u>Federal Funds</u> - This line includes funding from the following Federal sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Protection Agency - multiple funds • Department of Homeland Security • Department of Commerce - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration • Department of Defense • Department of Interior • Department of Agriculture • Department of Transportation <p>In past fiscal years, the budget has itemized all of these sources, and the sources are still available upon request.</p> | 72,365,400 |
| 18. | <u>Private funds</u> - Grants and reimbursements from a variety of private sources are reflected in this line item. Private sources include Detroit Edison, the Upper Peninsula Power Company, the Kellogg Foundation, and occasionally Ducks Unlimited and other wildlife protection, hunting, or resource advocacy groups. This appropriation also includes gift revenue donated to specific programs or divisions by industry or individuals. | 7,431,400 |

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19. <u>Private – Mann house trust fund</u> – The Mann House in Concord, MI is supported from a trust fund that was donated to the State along with the House in 1969.	15,000
20. <u>Cervidae licensing and inspection fund</u> - Registration fees collected from privately owned cervidae producers are used for administration of the program, including the processing of new and renewal registration applications and inspections of the registered facilities. The captive cervidae program and this fund were transferred to the then-DNR from the Department of Agriculture in FY 2003-04 by Executive Order 2004-3.	138,800
21. <u>Clean Michigan initiative fund</u> - Implementing legislation for the Clean Michigan Initiative Bond Program allocated \$90.0 million, of the \$675.0 million authorized, for a Clean Water Fund. Money from the Clean Water Fund is used for water quality monitoring, water pollution control, wellhead protection, and storm water treatment projects and activities.	29,700
22. <u>Commercial forest fund</u> - Revenue collected from commercial forest application, management plan, and withdrawal fees is used for enforcement, administration, and monitoring of compliance with commercial forest statutes.	26,600
23. <u>Fire Equipment Fund</u> – Formerly called "Aircraft Fees", this fund consists primarily of fees charged for the use of Department aircraft and pilots. The Fund is used to pay all operating and maintenance costs of Department aircraft, and to purchase new aircraft as needed. Aircraft are used primarily to find and obtain information on wildfires. Appropriations of this fund can vary drastically from year-to-year to reflect actual maintenance and capital acquisition needs.	668,700
24. <u>Forest development fund</u> - This fund collects revenue primarily from contracts for the cutting and sale of timber on tax-reverted or other State forest lands. Also deposited into the Fund are various fees and assessments on tax delinquent properties that are used for covering the cost of publishing the lists of property and other expenses related to maintaining and disposing of tax delinquent and tax-reverted properties. Revenue authorized by several provisions of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, and primarily used to manage State forest resources, is reflected in this line item, as well as proceeds of bonds issued by the Michigan Forest Finance Authority (although no bonds have been issued).	44,288,400
25. <u>Forest land user charges</u> - The Department collects fees for permits to cover the costs to the Department for the processing of applications and for monitoring of permits for the use of State forests that require extensive review. Money in the Fund covers the costs of reviewing applications and monitoring permits for the use of State forests.	252,200
26. <u>Forest recreation account</u> - Revenue from State forest camping permit fees, and other fees from the reservation of forest lands for recreational purposes is reflected in this line item. This revenue is used to develop, maintain, operate, and promote forest recreation activities. This fund was established in the MI Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1.	1,825,500

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- | <p>27. <u>Game and fish protection fund</u> - Revenue primarily from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses is reflected in this line item. Appropriations supported with this source of funding are for enforcement of game, fish, and fur laws of the State, propagation of fish and animals, purchases of land, investigations, educational programs, and research. This appropriation is from the general purpose account of the Game and Fish Protection Fund. This fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1. Appropriations from this fund were reduced in recent years to reflect actual revenues available to the Fund. Effective for the hunting and fishing season that began April 1st, 2014, increases to most hunting and fishing license fees brought in larger amounts of revenue.</p> | 75,013,200 |
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| <p>28. <u>Game and fish protection fund - deer habitat reserve</u> - \$1.50 is set aside from the sale of each deer hunting license for the creation and management of deer habitat. While the subfunds of the Game and Fish Protection Fund were not named specifically, since the umbrella fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1, the subfunds may be subject to the same constitutional restrictions.</p> | 2,127,300 |
| <p>29. <u>Game and fish protection fund - fisheries settlement</u> - A settlement between Consumers Energy, the State, and the Federal government resulted in ongoing payments to the State that are deposited into this fund. The payments are the settlement of a court case that resulted from hydropower dams killing fish and causing other environmental damage. The funds are used to minimize the negative environmental impacts of hydropower projects and to enhance recreational opportunities in the vicinities of these projects. While the subfunds of the Game and Fish Protection Fund were not named specifically, since the umbrella fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1, the subfunds may be subject to the same constitutional restrictions.</p> | 629,200 |
| <p>30. <u>Game and fish protection fund - turkey permit fees</u> - A portion of wild turkey hunting fees is set aside for research, biological survey work on wild turkeys, and wild turkey management. The amounts appropriated from this set aside are reflected in this line item. While the subfunds of the Game and Fish Protection Fund were not named specifically, since the umbrella fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1, the subfunds may be subject to the same constitutional restrictions.</p> | 1,008,400 |
| <p>31. <u>Game and fish protection fund - waterfowl fees</u> - The portion of waterfowl hunting fees dedicated to the acquisition of wetlands and other lands to be managed for the benefit of waterfowl, and to the operation, maintenance, and development of managed waterfowl areas is reflected in this line item. This subfund is distinguished from the hunt stamp and it represents fees paid to use State-managed waterfowl areas, while the hunt stamp is valid statewide <i>except</i> for those areas. While the subfunds of the Game and Fish Protection Fund were not named specifically, since the umbrella fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1, the subfunds may be subject to the same constitutional restrictions.</p> | 122,400 |

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- | <p>32. <u>Game and fish protection fund – wildlife management public education fund</u> – This subfund of the Game and Fish Protection Fund was created by Public Acts 108 and 246 of 2013, and receives revenue from a \$1.00 surcharge paid on the purchase base hunting licenses, combination hunt and fish licenses, and all-species fishing licenses. The revenue may be used for the implementation of a public education program to promote the role of sportsmen and sportswomen and to educate the public about hunting, fishing, and the taking of game. While the subfunds of the Game and Fish Protection Fund were not named specifically, since the umbrella fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1, the subfunds may be subject to the same constitutional restrictions.</p> | 1,600,000 |
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| <p>33. <u>Game and fish protection fund - wildlife resource protection fund</u> - A portion of hunting and fishing fees is set aside for enforcement of wildlife conservation laws and anti-poaching programs (RAP - Report All Poaching) undertaken by the Department. While the subfunds of the Game and Fish Protection Fund were not named specifically, since the umbrella fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1, the subfunds may be subject to the same constitutional restrictions.</p> | 1,140,700 |
| <p>34. <u>Game and fish protection fund - youth hunting and fishing education and outreach fund</u> - Revenue from the sale of small game licenses and all-species fishing license sold to persons between ages 10 and 16 is credited to this fund. Money in the Fund may be used for hunting and fishing education and outreach programs for youth up to 16 years of age. While the subfunds of the Game and Fish Protection Fund were not named specifically, since the umbrella fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1, the subfunds may be subject to the same constitutional restrictions.</p> | 95,800 |
| <p>35. <u>History fees fund</u> - Fees collected by the Historical Program for a variety of services offered. These services include: conferences, admissions, workshops, training classes; use of specialized equipment, facilities, exhibits, collections, and software. While these fees have long been collected, in FY 2010-11 the fees were appropriated formally. Before this, these fees were spent as they were collected rather than being appropriated. Boilerplate language enables the collection of these fees.</p> | 233,000 |
| <p>36. <u>Invasive species fund</u> – Receives revenue related to settlements from civil cases regarding the import and possession of invasive species and from certain permit fees. The Fund was created by Public Act 80 of 2005, but the Fund has only recently received its first revenue. The Fund may be used for public education related to invasive species, and for the enforcement of statutes related to invasive species.</p> | 100 |
| <p>37. <u>Land exchange facilitation fund (LEFF)</u> - Except for land purchases using the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, revenue from the sale of land is deposited into this fund. The Fund is used to purchase other lands, and to cover real estate transaction costs. There is a cap of \$25.0 million on the LEFF; the cap was increased from \$2.5 million by Public Act 622 of 2012.</p> | 6,985,900 |

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38. <u>Local public recreation facilities fund</u> – Created by Public Act 32 of 2010, this fund receives 10% of all Recreation Passport revenue in excess of the first \$12.7 million. The fund is used for grants to local units of government for public recreation facilities.	1,682,500
39. <u>Mackinac Island state park fund</u> - Revenue from user fees generated from the different attractions within Mackinac Island State Park are credited to this fund. Additionally, the Fund sees revenue from the museum store, publications revenue, private fund raising, membership, and special events. The Fund is used to support the operations of Mackinac Island State Park.	1,573,000
40. <u>Mackinac Island state park operation fund</u> - Revenue from airport landing and parking fees are credited to this fund. The Fund is primarily used to pay for the operation of the airport on the island.	148,500
41. <u>Marine safety fund</u> - Revenue from 49.0% of watercraft registration fees is credited to this fund. Money from the Fund is used for water safety education programs, administration, and enforcement of the Marine Safety Act, including State aid to counties. This fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1.	3,718,600
42. <u>Michigan heritage publications fund</u> - Revenue from sales and subscriptions to the <i>Michigan History</i> magazine is credited to this fund. In 2009, <i>Michigan History</i> was privatized, moving the magazine to the Michigan Historical Society.	22,300
43. <u>Michigan natural resources trust fund (MNRTF)</u> - Revenue from the sale of oil, gas, and mineral leases and royalties from oil, gas, and mineral extractions on State lands is credited to the MNRTF pursuant to the Michigan Constitution. Interest and earnings of the MNRTF are used for acquisition of land and rights in land, for development of recreation facilities, and for administration of fund, including payments of taxes on lands purchased with the MNRTF dollars. Amounts used for tax payments and administrative costs are reflected in this operations budget. Land purchases and the development of recreational facilities are appropriated in the Capital Outlay budget. The Constitution limits the balance of the MNRTF to \$500.0 million. With the very successful mineral auctions that occurred in past years, the MNRTF reached its cap in mid-2011. Oil and gas auction revenue is now credited to the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund, and expenditures from the MNRTF are limited to interest and earnings on the corpus balance.	1,870,700
44. <u>Michigan state parks endowment fund</u> - Created in the Michigan Constitution, revenue from the sale of oil, gas, and mineral leases and royalties from oil, gas, and mineral extractions on State support the Fund. This revenue will continue to be credited to the Fund until it reaches a corpus balance of \$800.0 million, which will likely not happen for at least another decade. After the \$800.0 million cap is reached, the Constitution directs the Legislature to designate a new purpose for this revenue stream. The Fund is used for operations, maintenance, and capital improvements at State parks. The amount available for expenditure each year is limited to one-half of the money deposited to the Fund each year from the leases for the extraction of nonrenewable resources, as well as the earnings and any private donations to the fund.	26,541,300

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- | 45. <u>Michigan state waterways fund</u> - Revenue from 17.5% of watercraft registration fees and 80.0% of the Recreation Improvement Fund (supported with 2.0% of gas taxes after subtraction of expenses) is credited to this fund. Money from the Fund is used for the construction, operation, and maintenance of recreational boating facilities, the acquisition of property for recreational boating facilities, for grants to local units of government to acquire and develop harbors of refuge and public boating access sites, and to pay taxes on property purchased with the fund. This fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1. | 22,707,100 |
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| 46. <u>Michigan trailways fund</u> – The State owns several parcels of land which are adjacent to highways. Some of these parcels contain billboards which generate revenue for the Department. Revenue from these billboards is credited to this fund. Statute allows for the Fund to receive revenue from a number of other sources, including fees charged for the use of State forest trailways, concession revenues from vendors operating adjacent to State forest trailways, and other sources. These other sources currently provide very little revenue, as no fees are charged to trailway users, and other sources would be intermittent. | 200 |
| 47. <u>Museum operations fund</u> - Revenue from sales in the Michigan Historical Museum, as well as stores located in five other DNRE-operated sites across the State, is credited to this fund. Aside from providing for the operation of these stores, money in the Fund is used to acquire artifacts and other assets for the Historical Program. | 502,900 |
| 48. <u>Nongame wildlife fund</u> - The interest and earnings of the Nongame and Wildlife Trust Fund (originally funded by an income tax check off, currently supported with fund raising license plate donations) are available for spending for research and management of nongame fish and wildlife, and designated endangered animal and plant species. The Nongame and Wildlife Trust Fund was established in the Michigan Constitution by as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1. | 483,400 |
| 49. <u>Off-road vehicle safety education fund</u> - One dollar from each off-road vehicle license is deposited in this fund and distributed as grants to agencies and schools to conduct ORV safety courses. This fund and the ORV safety training grant program were transferred from the Department of Education in FY 2003-04. This fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1. | 203,500 |
| 50. <u>Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund</u> - All but \$1 of each \$16.25 ORV license fee is credited to this fund (the remaining \$1 is credited to the ORV safety education fund). Appropriations from the Fund are used for signing, improvement, maintenance, and construction of ORV trails; for administration and enforcement; for leasing of land; for acquisition of easements; and for restoration of land damaged by ORV use. This fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1. Public Act 75 of 2013 increased the license fee for ORVs from \$16.25 per year to \$26.25 for ORVs that will not be used on State trails, and \$36.25 for ORVs that will be used on State trails. These increased fees became effective April 1, 2014. | 7,068,700 |

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51. <u>Park improvement fund</u> – Revenue from overnight camping fees, concessions, leases, donations, and revenue not otherwise needed to cover bond payments and interest are deposited into the Fund. Additionally, \$10.7 million of the first \$12.7 million received from the sale of Recreation Passports is deposited into the Fund. Amounts appropriated from the Fund are used for improvement, operation, and maintenance of State parks and recreation areas. This fund was established in the MI Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1.	53,201,700
52. <u>Park improvement fund - Belle Isle subaccount</u> - Pursuant to the lease agreement reached between the State of Michigan and City of Detroit, all fees, concessions, leases, and other sources of revenue derived from Belle Isle Park are to be tracked separately from other State parks. These revenues may only be spent on costs related to Belle Isle Park. This subaccount was created as part of the FY 2015-16 budget to assist in meeting these requirements.	800,000
53. <u>Permanent snowmobile trail easement fund</u> - The permanent snowmobile trail easement fund was created in 2008 PA 400. The revenue in this fund is used to purchase land, secure easements or other appropriate agreements allowing use of private property, for permanent snowmobile trails that are open to the public. \$8.00 from each snowmobile registration is deposited into this fund.	700,000
54. <u>Public use and replacement deeds fees fund</u> - This fund receives revenue from fees for replacement real estate deeds. Appropriations from this fund were moved to Part 1 appropriations in FY 2010-11, but had been previously appropriated in boilerplate.	27,500
55. <u>Recreation improvement account</u> - Funded with 2.0% of the State taxes on the sale of gasoline, not less than 80.0% of the money in the Fund is distributed to the State Waterways Fund, not less than 14.0% to Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund, with the remaining balance dedicated to recreational projects. This leaves 6.0% of the portion received from gas tax collections in the Recreation Improvement Fund. The amount reflected in this line is the total appropriated from the recreational project set-aside, of which not less than 25.0% must be allocated to the repair of damages due to off-road vehicles. This fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as an account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1.	1,123,100
56. <u>Recreation passport fees</u> – This fund source is composed of 83.0% of the revenue generated by the Recreation Passport in excess of the first \$12.7 million. This fund source is used for a variety of items, according to statute. These include: Capital improvement at State parks and recreation areas; operations and maintenance of State parks and recreation areas; operations, maintenance and capital improvements to State park cultural and historic resources; and promotion and marketing for State parks and recreation areas.	8,296,400
57. <u>Snowmobile registration fee revenue</u> - \$17.00 of the snowmobile registration fee is deposited into the Snowmobile Registration Fee Fund. Revenue from the Fund is distributed such that \$3 from each registration fee is appropriated in the Department of State for administration of the registration program; and \$14 is for education, enforcement, administration of the snowmobile laws, financial assistance program to	1,196,900

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- counties (for local snowmobile education and training programs), and for local law enforcement grants. According to statute, the Snowmobile Registration Fee Fund has a maximum balance of \$1.6 million and the excess is transferred to the Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund at the end of each fiscal year. The amount appropriated from the Registration Fee Fund is reflected in this line item. This fund was established in the Michigan Constitution as a subaccount with the Snowmobile account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1.
58. Snowmobile trail improvement fund - The Fund is supported with \$5 from the snowmobile registration fee, trail sticker fees, 80.0% of replacement, dealer, manufacturer, transferred, etc. registration fees, and not less than 14.0% of 2.0% of the State taxes on the sale of gasoline (which is transferred in from the Recreation Improvement Fund). The Fund also receives unspent snowmobile registration fee revenue from the Department of State and any excess balance from the Snowmobile Registration Fee Fund. Money in the Fund is used for planning, construction, maintenance, and acquisition of trails and areas for the use of snowmobiles, or access to those trails and areas, signage, and basic snowmobile facilities, primarily through financial assistance for local units of government and nonprofit incorporated snowmobile clubs. The Fund may also be used to provide recreational opportunities for bicyclists, hikers, equestrians, and other nonconflicting recreational trail users as ancillary benefits of the program. This fund was established in the MI Constitution as a subaccount with the Snowmobile account within the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund by Proposal 06-1. 9,024,700
59. Sportsmen against hunger fund - This fund was established in PA 117 of 2005 to provide wild game to people in need. Individuals purchasing hunting or fishing licenses may donate \$1 to the Fund, which is used to administer the program, including the collection and processing of donated game, the distribution of the game, and promotional materials. 77,500
60. Total other state restricted revenues - The total of items 21 through 61 above. 277,156,400
61. State general fund/general purpose - Revenue that has no constitutional or statutory restrictions on how it is used. Approximately 90.0% of the GF/GP revenue is derived from the personal income, corporate income, insurance, sales, and use taxes. 39,910,000

Sec. 102. EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

1. Natural resources commission 77,100

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission is a seven-member public body, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Commission is established by Part 5 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act as the head of the Department. Among other duties, the Commission sets overnight park camping fees and has the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game. This appropriation funds the Commission members' per diem (\$75), travel, and other Commission expenses.

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| 2. | <u>Unclassified salaries</u> | 754,000 |
| | Unclassified FTE positions | 6.0 |

Article XI, Section 5 of the State Constitution allows the Civil Service Commission to exempt up to five positions, in addition to the Department director, from the classified State Civil Service. Four of the exempted positions are to be of a policy-making nature. This appropriation covers only the salaries of the Director and the five unclassified positions allowed by the Constitution, other employment costs such as employer-provided insurance and retirement benefits are charged to the Executive Direction line.

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| 3. | <u>Executive direction</u> | 2,120,700 |
| | Classified FTE positions | 11.6 |

This appropriation supports the Department's Executive staff. The Commission Assistant position, clerical and administrative support for the Executive staff, and insurance, retirement, and other benefit costs associated with the unclassified positions also are supported through this appropriation. Additionally, for FY 2010-11, appropriations for citizens' advisory councils were added to this line. Five such councils exist and serve to receive public input on the Department's activities on a broad geographical basis.

Sec. 103. DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES

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| 1. | <u>Great Lakes restoration initiative</u> | 5,500,000 |
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This Federally funded line item is part of President Obama's plan to address certain environmental problems the Great Lakes are experiencing. These problems include invasive species, nonpoint source pollution, and toxic sediments. Part of the plan is to engage with State environmental and natural resource agencies.

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| 2. | <u>Michigan conservation corps</u> | 1,000,000 |
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Formerly called the Summer Youth Initiative, the MCC was created by a \$2.0 million appropriation in FY 2011-12 which provided at-risk youth in Saginaw, Flint, Pontiac and Detroit with outdoor recreation-related summer employment. Funding for the program was reduced from \$2.5 million in FY 2013-14 to its current level, but the program will be expanded in scope to allow individuals up to their mid-twenties, specifically returning veterans, to participate. The jobs are provided through private entities that engage with the DNR and local units of government to address public outdoor recreation-related needs.

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3. Invasive species prevention and control

5,028,300

Classified FTE positions

16.0

This program was created in FY 2014-15 and provides staff support for the DNR's coordination of a multi-agency effort to develop a coordinated statewide strategy to combat invasive species. This item also provides grants to nonprofit groups for direct actions taken to prevent, detect, eradicate, and control invasive species. Boilerplate requires at least \$3.6 million from this line item to be used for grants.

Sec. 104. DEPARTMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

1. Finance and operations

17,300,200

Classified FTE positions

105.5

- a) Financial and business services include accounting services, such as fund accounting; budget development and control; revenue control; Federal grants management; business services including purchasing functions, mail services, records retention, and space management, Freedom of Information Act coordination, and the internal audit function.
- b) Field operations support provides administrative support to the approximately 40.0% of Department staff that are employed in 14 district and field offices located throughout the State. This includes the provision of office equipment and supplies, receptionist and clerical services, general office management, and budget, accounting, and data management support. In FY 2010-11, additional funding and FTEs were transferred to this line from the old Office of Land and Facilities (OLAF).
- c) The Office of Personnel Services is responsible for all of the personnel related functions of the Department including approving and processing payroll and benefits selection; coordinating hiring practices, including recruitment, selection, and classification processes; administering the disability management program, workers' compensation, leaves of absence, the Family and Medical Leave Act, retirement, and unemployment programs; labor relations; administering health and wellness programs, safety education and compliance, training, and professional development programs; and administering the civil service personal services contracting process.
- d) Budget and support services were moved to this new unit in FY 2010-11. This unit supports budget development and control for the Department; coordination of the budget and financial information with the Michigan Legislature, the State Budget Office, and the general public; and monitoring of program implementation and spending.
- e) Real estate services were transferred to this line from OLAF. The Real estate services section coordinates the acquisition and disposition of land or rights in land through purchase, gift, exchange, and/or easement.

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2.	<u>Accounting service center</u>	1,480,400
	<p>Created in FY 2010-11, this line-item was created to reflect a consolidation in accounting services among several State departments. The staff associated with DNR's accounting were moved to the Accounting Service Center; DNR now simply pays for these services out of this line-item.</p>	
3.	<u>Legislative and legal affairs</u>	546,900
	<p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4.0</p> <p>This line includes administration of Freedom of Information Act requests, the position of Legal Coordinator, and support for administrative hearings, and a departmental liaison with the Attorney General.</p>	
4.	<u>Building occupancy charges</u>	3,126,700
	<p>This appropriation supports payments to the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB) for DNR-occupied space in State-owned buildings. While Constitution Hall, which houses much of the DNR's core staff, is a privately owned building, the lease payments are made from this appropriation. The DTMB charges are based on historical expenses and are assessed on a square foot of occupied space basis. The amounts charged cover the cost of utilities, maintenance, security, janitorial services, and depreciation.</p>	
5.	<u>Rent – privately owned property</u>	488,400
	<p>The cost of leases for privately owned space occupied by the Department is covered by this appropriation. Similar to building occupancy charges, this amount is paid to the Department of Management and Budget, which coordinates office space for all Executive branch offices.</p>	
6.	<u>Gifts and bequests</u>	5,000,000
	<p>The Department regularly is the recipient of various private donations, gifts, and bequests. This appropriation allows the Department to receive and spend up to \$5,000,000 of monetary gifts or bequests.</p>	

Sec. 105. COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

1.	<u>Marketing and outreach</u>	13,653,700
	<p>Classified FTE positions</p> <p style="text-align: right;">80.8</p> <p>This office is responsible for the development and production of Department guides, brochures, and other printed products, as well as audio/visual formats and products used at parks, visitors' centers, and hatcheries; State Park and fish hatchery interpretation programs; natural resources educational curricula development, evaluation, and dissemination, including the Department's L.A.P.s project ("Learn from the past, Appreciate the present, and Preserve our outdoor heritage", commonly known as the</p>	

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Buck Wilder program) curriculum; maintenance of a photo and video archive; management of the "Becoming An Outdoors Woman Program" and the Outdoor Explorers Club; and coordination of the programming at the Pocket Park at the State Fairgrounds and at other events around the State. In FY 2009-10, several programs from the Law Enforcement division were transferred to the Office. These programs include: Snowmobile/ORV/hunter safety education, Shooting ranges, and the Archery-in-the-schools program. The Sportsmen Against Hunger program is coordinated by this Division.

Funding and FTEs for the DNR's retail sales system, which coordinates the sale of all of the hunting and fishing licenses in the State was moved to this line from OLAF.

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| 2. <u>Michigan historical center</u> | | 5,576,300 |
| | Classified FTE positions | 51.5 |

Transferred to the former DNR from the former Department of History, Arts, and Libraries by Executive Order 2009-36, this program funds the over 300,000 artifacts at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing, and eight field museums. These eight field museums/sites are:

1. The Michigan Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee
2. The Father Marquette Museum in St. Ignace
3. The Fayette Historic Townsite in Garden
4. The Hartwick Pines Logging Museum in Grayling
5. The Civilian Conservation Corps Museum in Grayling
6. The Sanilac Petroglyph in Bad Axe
7. The Mann House in Concord
8. The Walker Tavern in Cambridge Junction/Brooklyn

In FY 2014-15, \$450,000 of GF/GP related to the Nonmotorized Trail Initiative was added to this line. These funds are used for signage and interpretive programs on nonmotorized trails.

Additionally, in FY 2016-17, the State Archives, Museum Stores Operations, and Mann House appropriations were transferred to this line. The programs total about \$1.4 million.

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| 3. <u>Michigan wildlife council</u> | | 1,600,000 |
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The Michigan Wildlife Council was created by Public Acts 108 and 246 of 2013, and receives support from the \$1.00 surcharge paid on the purchase base hunting licenses, combination hunt and fish licenses, and all-species fishing licenses that is credited to the Wildlife Management Public Education account of the Game and Fish Protection Fund. The Council is required by statute to do the following:

- Develop and implement, in conjunction with a third-party marketing or advertising agency, a comprehensive media-based public information program to promote the essential role that sportsmen and sportswomen play in furthering wildlife

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conservation and to educate the general public about hunting, fishing, and the taking of game. That education shall include, but is not limited to, teaching that hunting, fishing, and the taking of game are any of the following:

- Necessary for the conservation, preservation, and management of this state's natural resources.
- A valued and integral part of the cultural heritage of this state and should forever be preserved.
- An important part of this state's economy.
- Provide a semiannual report to the legislature on program expenditures.

Sec. 106. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

1. <u>Wildlife management</u>		37,007,300
	Classified FTE positions	217.5

This appropriation supports the Wildlife Division's administration and a majority of its field personnel. Administrative functions include basic administrative services to the Wildlife Division, including assisting in the development and implementation of the annual budget; coordinating Wildlife Division activities and functions with other entities; data management; developing and providing public education and information programs and publications; and preparing and distributing the annual hunting guides.

Field and wildlife management activities funded by this appropriation include establishment of hunting and trapping regulations; endangered species and captive wildlife permitting; species management and wildlife health monitoring, including bovine tuberculosis and chronic wasting disease surveillance and control; land use planning and habitat management; management of State game and wildlife areas; participation in State forest inventory activities; staffing field offices; preparation and distribution of a catalogue of leased lands accessible to hunters; and addressing nuisance and invasive species. For the most part, the amounts set aside from the sale of certain hunting licenses for deer habitat improvement, turkey habitat, and waterfowl habitat are appropriated in this line item.

2. <u>Natural resources heritage</u>		632,900
	Classified FTE positions	9.0

Many of the same activities identified in the wildlife management appropriation description are supported also by the natural resources heritage appropriation with an emphasis on nongame, threatened, or endangered species. The purpose of this funding is to identify, protect, manage, and restore native plant and animal species, natural features, and ecosystems. In addition, the Natural Features Inventory is funded through this line. Interest earned from the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund provides most of the State funds appropriated in this line.

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Sec. 107. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

1.	<u>Aquatic resource mitigation</u>	629,300
	Classified FTE positions	2.0
	Revenue from court settlements, judgments, and natural resources damages awards credited to the Game and Fish Protection Fund is used for fish habitat improvement projects.	
2.	<u>Fish production</u>	10,194,000
	Classified FTE positions	63.0
	The staff in the fish production program is responsible for operating the State's six fish hatcheries. The fish production staff produces and transports fish for Great Lakes and inland fisheries; monitor the health and quality of all stock in State hatcheries and egg take facilities; and assess and modify fish stocking targets, methods, hatchery production and transportation to meet goals and improve hatchery survival and performance.	
	This unit is also responsible for monitoring commercial and Native American tribe fishing operations, including assuring that State-licensed fishing operations do not exceed harvest limits; managing the transfer and sale of sanctioned fishing operations; assisting tribes in the conversion from gill nets to other methods; regulating the harvest in order to protect bait fish populations; and administering general aspects of tribal fishing rights consent decrees.	
3.	<u>Fisheries resource management</u>	20,378,600
	Classified FTE positions	156.5
	Fisheries resource management staff is responsible for the protection and maintenance of all of the State's fisheries. This responsibility involves the monitoring of fish stocks and recreational and commercial fish harvests; evaluation of fish stocking programs, fishing regulations, and habitat; implementation of consent decrees concerning tribal fishing rights and treaties; and the development of programs to protect or rehabilitate endangered or threatened species, to monitor fish health and determine causes of fish mortality, and to assess and mitigate pollution or degradation of Great Lakes and inland lakes and streams habitats.	
	This program also monitors and promotes recreational fishing activities. The Department conducts outreach programs to recruit and educate future anglers; develops and distributes information on the State's fisheries, including fish stocking data; and conducts a statewide fishing market analysis through a university contract.	
	Administrative activities for this division also are supported in this line item. Activities include overall management and business functions of the Fisheries Division and coordinating Division policies and programs with other entities.	

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4. Cormorant population mitigation program

150,000

This program provides funding to the Department to help control Cormorant populations for the purposes of having a more successful fish production effort. Cormorants frequently congregate and feed around areas where the Department releases newly hatched fish that are to stock the State's lakes. This reduces the success of each release of fish since many are eaten by the birds. Cormorants are Federally protected, but the Department is allowed to use various methods to keep them away while the large schools of released fish disperse.

Sec. 108. LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. General law enforcement

40,506,000

Classified FTE positions

273.0

The enforcement of the State's natural resources and environmental protection laws is provided primarily by the conservation officers (CO) employed in the Department's Law Enforcement Division. In addition to the enforcement of fish and wildlife laws, the COs supported by this appropriation also provide protection of persons recreating in State parks, campgrounds, and forests; protect threatened and endangered species; manage and maintain the Department's staffed shooting ranges; and oversee and assist in the recruitment and training of new conservation officers. A portion of CO training is at the State Police training facility and COs have full law enforcement authority similar to State Police troopers. In some rural areas of the State, COs are the first responders to emergency situations. In FY 2009-10, several education programs were transferred from this line item to the Communications line. These education programs, as of FY 2010-11, are now housed in the Marketing, Education, and Technology line.

This appropriation also supports the investigation and prosecution of organized commercial and noncommercial poaching of fish and game; the development and dissemination of educational programs and materials concerning the negative impacts of poaching on fish and game resources; the encouragement of reporting of poaching activities; and monetary rewards for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of persons violating fish and game laws. Violations reported through the hotline RAP (Report All Poaching) are investigated with resources from this line item.

Beginning in FY 2013-14, additional funding and FTEs were provided to this line to increase the overall number of COs employed by the department. For purposes of comparison, the number of FTEs available in this line has been increased from 215.0 in FY 2012-13 to 276.0 in FY 2014-15. Additional appropriations for these positions was made available in the FY 2013-14 and 2014-15 budgets from the following sources:

- \$6.4 million GF/GP for additional COs to serve statewide.
- \$1.4 million GF/GP for additional COs to serve at Belle Isle Park.
- \$3.7 million in restricted funds made available by recent increases in hunting, fishing, and ORV license fees. These COs will serve statewide.

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Sec. 109. PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

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| 1. | <u>MacMullan conference center</u> | 1,143,700 |
| | Classified FTE positions | 15.0 |
| | <p>The Center offers facilities for groups to have conferences and meetings, and has overnight accommodations and catering for on-site events. Funding for the Center comes from interdepartmental grants from other State departments that use the facility, and fees paid by outside groups. Except for events that are held by divisions of the DNR, no DNR restricted funds are used to support the Center.</p> | |
| 2. | <u>Recreational boating</u> | 17,371,300 |
| | Classified FTE positions | 163.5 |
| | <p>The Recreational Boating program primarily consists of two components: the docks and harbors component, and the boating access sites component. These activities are supported entirely with revenue from the Michigan State Waterways Fund.</p> <p>Through the docks and harbors component, this appropriation supports the construction and maintenance of harbors of refuge on the Great Lakes, with the intent that such harbors be available at 15-mile intervals near population centers on the Great Lakes; the provision of public docking facilities for exclusive use by transient boaters; the upgrade and repair of existing public recreational mooring facilities; the operation and maintenance of 14 State harbors, either by Department personnel or through private or local government concession leases; and the administration of a program offering grants to local units of government for the development, repair, expansion, and operation of public mooring facilities.</p> <p>Through the boating access sites component, this appropriation supports the acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of properties to provide public boating and recreational access to the waters of the State; the promotion of joint State/local boating access development projects; the upgrade and repair of approximately 1,100 boat launch ramps; the operation of 738 public access sites statewide; and the dredging and extension of ramps to maintain access in critical areas.</p> | |
| 3. | <u>State parks</u> | 66,487,900 |
| | Classified FTE positions | 673.4 |
| | <p>In addition to the operation of 104 State parks and recreation areas, this appropriation supports administrative activities for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of open spaces for public use; the administration of contracts for private concessions operated at the State park and recreation areas; the maintenance of Silver Lake State Park off-road vehicle voucher system; the improvement and maintenance of over 13,000 campsites and numerous other lodging facilities; the operation of seven nature centers and four historic sites that serve to</p> | |

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interpret the natural history of the State; the provision of daily environmental education programming at State parks; and the provision of public access to Great Lakes lighthouses. The operation and maintenance of State park and recreation facilities and programs is supported by a combination of user fees, Federal revenue, private concession revenue, and other State restricted sources. State park motor vehicle entrance fees were raised beginning January 1, 2004, with a sunset of January 1, 2007. The additional fee revenue and increased appropriations from the State Parks Endowment Fund offset the removal of all General Fund support for State parks. Beginning in October 2010, the Recreation Passport program replaced the traditional entrance fees. Now, residents have the option of paying a passport fee when they are renewing their vehicle registrations. This fee is a substantial decrease (\$11 compared to \$24) from the traditional annual entrance fees. Under the new program, nonresidents can purchase annual State park passes for \$29, the same price as before the Recreation Passport was enacted.

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| 4. | <u>Forest recreation</u> | 6,189,400 |
| | Classified FTE positions | 51.0 |

This appropriation supports the cost of providing and maintaining rustic, low-density campgrounds and facilities in the State forests, as well as a system of pathways and trails for hiking, cross-country skiing, backpacking, and horseback riding in State parks, forests, and recreation areas. The funding also is used to maintain selected boating access sites on State forest land. During FY 2008-09, 12 of these campgrounds were closed as a mid-year measure to save money on maintenance. To date, these campgrounds remain closed.

A linear park system consisting of Kal-Haven, Hart Montague, Lakelands, and White Pines trails is supported by this line, as well as interpretive programs, security patrol, and emergency first aid for nonmotorized trail users; the coordination of trail development with other governmental units; the development of trails within State parks, forests, and recreation areas; and the maintenance of statewide motorized recreational trails and snowmobile trails, routes, and use areas.

Reflecting the many different types of recreation occurring in State forests, the sources of financing supporting the Recreation and Trail Program include the Forest Recreation Fund, the Forest Development Fund, the Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund, the Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Fund, and the Recreation Improvement Fund.

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| 5. | <u>State park improvement revenue bonds – debt service</u> | 1,188,800 |
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The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act allows the Natural Resources Commission to issue park improvement revenue bonds, to be repaid with park fees. Revenue bonds totaling \$15.5 million were issued (proceeds were appropriated in the Capital Outlay budget) to cover improvements at Sterling State Park. Park Improvement Fund revenue supports this appropriation. This line is adjusted periodically to reflect the actual costs of servicing these bonds.

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Sec. 110. MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION

1. Historical facilities system 1,573,000

Classified FTE positions 13.0

Transferred to the Department of Natural Resources by Executive Order 2009-36, funding in this line is used to support the maintenance and upkeep of numerous historical buildings, monuments, and sites on the Island, the City, and in the Old Mill Creek State Park. This includes the historical and archeological collections, interpretive exhibits, tours, and demonstrations. Funding for the historical facilities is generated by user fees at the sites as well as the income from the museum store, publications revenue, fund raising, memberships, and special events. Additional funding for acquisition, capital outlay projects, and restoration is generated through the sale of gross revenue bonds that the Commission has the authority to issue.

2. Mackinac Island park operations 352,100

Classified FTE positions 4.0

Transferred to the Department of Natural Resources by Executive Order 2009-36, funding is appropriated for the operation of all nonhistorical facilities and land on the Island, in the city, and the Old Mill Creek State Park. This includes forests, wetlands, roads and trails, public utility sites, recreational facilities, docks, beaches, nature centers, and the airport. The staff of the park administers leases, transportation licenses of all public horse carriages, and coordinates with municipalities for water, sewer and wastewater, the fire stations, cemeteries, and local park. Staff is also responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of numerous historical buildings on the Island, the City and in the Old Mill Creek State Park. Funding is also used for maintenance of the historical and archeological collections, interpretive exhibits, tours and demonstrations, a cable TV channel, transportation services including licensing of public horse-drawn transport, law enforcement, roads and trails for carriages, maintenance of the airport, restrooms and information centers, a nature center, a Scout Service Camp, the Governor's residence, and housing for employees and traveling Commission members.

In FY 2014-15, \$250,000 of GF/GP and 3.0 FTEs were added to this line as part of the Nonmotorized Trail Initiative. These funds and personnel will be used to improve and maintain trails on Mackinac Island.

Sec. 111. FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION

1. Adopt-a-forest program 25,000

This appropriation provides reimbursement to nonprofit organizations for supply and disposal costs incurred in the clean-up of State forest lands. The appropriation is supported entirely from the Forest Development Fund.

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2. Cooperative resource programs

1,547,100

Classified FTE positions

11.0

This program was initiated in FY 1999-2000 to encourage landowners to maintain healthy landscapes by employing active forest management practices. The initial mechanism was the creation of public/private partnerships with public, private for-profit, and private nonprofit entities. The program was implemented cooperatively with the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). Enough funding was made available initially to support two components of the program: grants to local soil conservation districts to provide forestry management assistance to private property owners with forested lands; and increased support for Department of Natural Resources field staff, training efforts, and the Natural Features Inventory. Beginning in FY 2003-04, the \$1.0 million grant to local soil conservation districts was provided from the Forest Development Fund. The money is provided to the MDA through an interdepartmental grant (IDG), and then the MDA awards the grants in November. The Governor vetoed the funding in FY 2007-08 and the amount of \$750,000 for this purpose in FY 2008-09. In FY 2009-10, this IDG was omitted from the budget entirely, and has not been included since.

This appropriation also provides funds to administer the Part 511 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), concerning tax incentives for the maintenance of commercial forests (formerly the Commercial Forest Act); to provide assistance and incentives to nonindustrial private landowners to encourage best forest management practices; to assist local governments with the administration of Part 513 of NREPA, concerning the establishment of and tax incentives for maintaining a private forest reserve (formerly the Private Forest Reserve Act); and to provide technical and social forestry assistance to cities, villages, and other local units of government.

3. Forest management and timber market development

31,134,300

Classified FTE positions

176.0

Created in FY 2009-10 from three programs within the former Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management division, this appropriation supports the activities associated with the harvesting of timber on State forest lands. These activities include the marking of tracts and individual trees for harvest; preparing timber sale proposals; advertising and conducting timber auctions; preparing timber sale contracts; and monitoring timber sale contracts for compliance with contract conditions and forest management objectives. The State is divided into 15 forest management units. The forest land within the units then is divided into 10 compartments such that an equal amount of timber is reviewed and marked for harvest each year for 10 years. This line received a baseline funding increase of \$3.9 million to hire additional foresters and generally increase resources available for the program. It is possible, though not guaranteed given the long-term nature of forest management, that this additional funding could increase the amount of timber marked and available for harvest annually.

Staff supported with this appropriation also are responsible for maintaining the State forests in a healthy and productive condition. Examples of activities that are undertaken to

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meet this responsibility include restocking/replanting after a timber harvest or wildfire; thinning or selectively cutting trees to allow younger or healthier trees to grow; and controlling weeds and insect pests. The source of revenue for this appropriation line is predominantly the Forest Development Fund.

Part 505 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act creates the Forest Finance Authority within the Department of Natural Resources. The Authority is charged with preserving employment in the State through the retention, promotion, and development of forestry and the forest products industry through improved and intense management of the State's forest system. The Authority is authorized to issue revenue bonds to cover the cost of forest management activities. Any bond principal and interest expenses would be covered from revenue derived from the sale of timber on State lands. To date, no revenue bonds have been issued by the Authority.

Additionally, the program provides assistance to the Department, other State agencies, and local governments in the use of computer mapping programs; develops, maintains, and distributes geographic information to the Department and the public; coordinates the development of geographic data with the Federal, State, and local units of government to reduce duplication of effort; and coordinates the acquisition of, and makes available to the public aerial photography and digital imagery.

The forest resource planning component of this appropriation supports the collection and maintenance of forest and forest product data, research, planning, and policy development concerning forest management issues. This section drafts forest management plans for the various State forest units, presents policies and plans to the Natural Resources Commission, and holds open houses to allow the public to review and comment on proposed forest management plans.

The forest land use component of this appropriation supports the oversight and management of controlled uses of State forest land resources, including mineral exploration and extraction, easements for public utilities and oil and gas pipelines, natural gas storage, and agricultural and other special land uses. This section also addresses trespass and encroachments on State forest land; administers land acquisitions, exchanges, and disposal; and manages, maintains and protects soil and water quality, endangered species and habitat, and other special forest features.

4. Forest fire equipment

581,500

This appropriation supports the activities of the Forest Fire Experiment Station, located in Roscommon. The Experiment Station designs, modifies, fabricates, and tests various types of forest firefighting equipment. The equipment developed under the Program is used to combat forest fires in the State. The Program also tests commercially available equipment to determine effectiveness and safety in suppressing wildfires.

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5.	<u>Wildfire protection</u>	13,712,800
	Classified FTE positions	114.0
	<p>The Department employs a force of trained firefighters who serve to prevent and suppress fire on State and privately owned forest lands. In addition, the fire protection staff develop and review fire management plans, conduct prescribed burns, and maintain firefighting equipment and facilities, including three aircraft used for fire detection. This appropriation also supports the acquisition of Federal surplus property for State and local fire suppression use.</p>	
6.	<u>Forest management initiatives</u>	854,100
	Classified FTE positions	8.5
	<p>This line supports various efforts related to geographic information systems and geographic information technologies. These systems allow the Department to maintain an integrative computer database that tracks many aspects of the State's land resources. Information tracked in the database includes: land inventories, forest certification audits, recreational trail information, damage to resources, trespass tracking, fire response efforts, forest health and invasive species, forest habitat types, oil and gas mapping, and land transactions, among others.</p> <p>Additionally, this line supports the Department's Aerial Imagery Program, which assures that DNRE staff has adequate aerial imagery resources to conduct land management business. Images used by the Program also tie back into some of the efforts mentioned in the previous paragraph.</p>	
7.	<u>Minerals management</u>	2,828,600
	Classified FTE positions	17.0
	<p>The Department enters into leases for the development of State-owned mineral, oil, and gas resources. This appropriation supports the staff and activities associated with the leasing process, including offering competitive leasing of mineral acreage that is nominated by either private parties or Department staff; assisting industry in conducting business on State-owned leases and in complying with mineral development rules, regulations, policies, and procedures; managing and monitoring active oil and gas, and mineral leases; accounting for revenue payments from leases to ensure that the State is appropriately compensated, including contracting for audits of oil and gas lease payments; processing all requests for sale of mineral and allied rights, archaeological exploration permits, and other requests involving State-owned mineral rights; providing geological and mineral assessments for State land transactions; overseeing abandoned mine safety/ closure activities; managing mineral/surface rights unification efforts; and reviewing use permits since many of the mineral leases are in State forests.</p>	

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Sec. 112. GRANTS

- | <p>1. <u>Dam management grant program</u></p> <p>Created in FY 2012-13, this program provides grants to public and private dam owners whose dams are in need of repair or demolition. An additional \$2.0 million was also appropriated for FY 2012-13 for this program as a work project, but that appropriation was one-time; ongoing support for the program would be provided by this line item.</p> | 350,000 |
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| <p>2. <u>Deer habitat improvement partnership initiative</u></p> <p>The Deer Habitat Improvement Partnership Initiative is a grant program designed to foster productive relationships between the DNR, sportsmen's organizations, concerned citizens and other partners that produce tangible deer habitat improvement benefits and educate the public about the importance of the work and the scientific principles involved in it. This initiative is targeted for implementation only in the Upper Peninsula at this time.</p> | 200,000 |
| <p>3. <u>Federal - clean vessel act grants</u></p> <p>The Federal funds appropriated in this line item provide grants to public and private boating facilities for new or upgraded marina sewage disposal facilities, pump-outs, and dump stations. Eligible projects, in addition to dump stations and additional pump-outs, include pump-outs for mooring facilities with a minimum of 15 slips, municipal sewage treatment system hookups and tap-in fees, and upgrading of older pump-out systems. The grant recipient is required to provide 25.0% of the project cost.</p> | 400,000 |
| <p>4. <u>Federal – forest stewardship grants</u></p> <p>The Federal funds appropriated in this line item are available to provide technical and financial assistance to eligible landowners who agree to develop and follow forest stewardship management plans for the long-term protection and management of the forest ecosystem. State and local units of government, private organizations, and individuals are eligible for assistance under the program.</p> | 3,000,000 |
| <p>5. <u>Federal – land and water conservation fund payments</u></p> <p>Federal funds are available for grants to local units of government and the State for the acquisition and development of land for outdoor recreation. Applications for these grants are evaluated on three criteria: need for project; capability of applicant to carry out the project; and site and project quality. From local government applicants, a match of at least 50.0% of total project cost is required. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources makes grant recommendations to the National Park Service, which has the final approval. The amount of Federal funds available for these grants is determined in the spring of the fiscal year.</p> | 2,566,900 |
| <p>6. <u>Federal – rural community fire protection</u></p> <p>Federal funds are available to reimburse qualified local fire departments for up to 50.0% of the cost of purchasing fire fighting equipment for local communities. Fire departments</p> | 400,000 |

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<p>in rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less and that have publicly owned forested lands within their jurisdiction are eligible for assistance under this program.</p>	1,600,000
<p>7. <u>Federal - urban forestry grants</u></p> <p>Federal funds are available to make grants to local units of government and nonprofit organizations for urban and community forest activities including tree inventories, information and education programs, management plan development and implementation, tree planting, and other maintenance activities. A significant portion of this funding is for efforts related to eliminating the Emerald Ash Borer. In many parts of Michigan, the damage has been done, so to speak, so funds available for Emerald Ash Borer have declined in recent years.</p>	1,600,000
<p>8. <u>Fisheries habitat improvement grants</u></p> <p>Funding for these grants comes from revenue from increased hunting and fishing license fees that will go into effect on April 1, 2014. The grants would go to local units of government and private groups who will use the money for fish habitat improvement.</p>	1,250,000
<p>9. <u>Grants to communities - federal oil, gas, and timber payments</u></p> <p>The Federal government returns approximately 25.0% of the revenue generated from oil, gas, and timber development and harvest in the national forests to counties in which the national forest lands are located. Under the Federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, counties distribute the payments such that 75.0% is allocated to local school districts for school purposes and 25.0% is allocated to townships for the improvement of county roads.</p>	3,450,000
<p>10. <u>Grant to counties - marine safety</u></p> <p>This appropriation supports grants that are directed to county sheriffs for watercraft law enforcement and safety education programs. The grants are distributed, after the receipt of an application, based on a formula that considers boat user days, water area within a county, number of individuals to be educated, number of boating slips, and public access sites. A local match equal to 25.0% of the grant amount is required. The funding source for this grant program is the Marine Safety Fund and Federal funding.</p>	3,074,700
<p>11. <u>National recreational trails</u></p> <p>U.S. Department of Transportation - Highway Administration funds are available for the maintenance and development of recreational trails and related facilities. State projects and State/local government partnership projects are eligible for funding under the program, provided that the project contributes to a Department program goal, and that the project is located on Department land or is linked to a trail on Department land.</p>	3,900,000

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12. <u>Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance grants</u>	This line provides grants to State, local, and private groups for the creation, maintenance, and acquisition of land or easements for nonmotorized trails. Unlike motorized trails used by ORVs and snowmobiles, no significant revenue sources for nonmotorized trails exists, so the grants are funded by GF/GP revenue. This program was created in the FY 2014-15 budget as part of Governor Snyder's Nonmotorized Trail Initiative.	350,000
13. <u>Off-road vehicle safety training grants</u>	These grants are provided to organizations to conduct ORV safety education courses for people under the age of 16 and award them a certificate required for operation of an ORV. This program was previously administered by the Department of Education and was transferred to the DNR in FY 2003-04.	29,200
14. <u>Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants</u>	Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Fund dollars are appropriated for grants to public agencies or nonprofit, incorporated clubs or organizations for maintenance of existing ORV facilities, development of new ORV facilities, and for restoration of natural resources damaged by ORV use. Facilities maintained or developed with a grant from this appropriation must be open to the public. There is no match requirement. In FY 2005-06, the funding for these grants was increased to allow for a larger appropriation from the ORV Trail Improvement Fund in Law Enforcement and also maintain the statutory formula for distribution of the revenue and to use the balance of the Fund. This higher grant level could last for about four years then the statute will have to be amended to change the formula in order to maintain the Law Enforcement appropriation from the ORV Trail improvement Fund.	3,356,200
15. <u>Recreation improvement fund grants</u>	This appropriation, from the State restricted Recreation Improvement Fund, supports grants for State projects, and State/local government partnership projects where the applicant is a Department of Natural Resources division or bureau. The grants fund the operation, maintenance, and development of recreation trails, the restoration of lands damaged by off-road vehicles, and the cleanup of inland lakes.	657,100
16. <u>Recreation passport local grants</u>	Created by statute in FY 2011-12, revenue for these grants comes from 10% of all Recreation Passport revenue received after the first \$12.7 million. These grants are issued to local units of government for the renovation or improvement of existing parks or the creation of new ones.	1,500,000
17. <u>Snowmobile law enforcement grants</u>	This appropriation funds grants to county sheriff departments and other local law enforcement agencies for enforcement of snowmobile law, with the focus of the enforcement effort on the designated snowmobile trail system. Eligible law enforcement	380,100

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agencies must serve in counties with a minimum of 25 miles of designated, funded snowmobile trails. Grantees must provide at least 15.0% of the cost of the enforcement effort.

18. Snowmobile local grants program 7,340,400

Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund monies are available to local units of government, nonprofit, incorporated snowmobile clubs, and other nonprofit, incorporated organizations (not individuals) for snowmobile trail maintenance and for connecting existing snowmobile trails. Grant applicants must be able to obtain a trail right-of-way that is open to public snowmobiling, and that receives adequate snowfall for snowmobile operation from December through March. Grants are available for three purposes: 1) annual grooming maintenance, which must include grooming, signing, and brushing trails, and may include new trail development; 2) special maintenance, including bridge construction and repairs, erosion control, replacement of culverts, and relocation of trails away from plowed roads; and 3) equipment replacement on a 60:40 cost-share basis, including tractors, drag, front blade, and radio or telephone equipment. In most cases only previous grantees are eligible for grants, except when the previous sponsor of a trail or segment ceases to participate.

19. Trail easements 700,000

Grants funded by this line-item were made possible by the creation of the permanent snowmobile trail easement fund in 2008 PA 400. These grants are used to purchase land, secure easements, or other appropriate agreements allowing use of private property, for permanent snowmobile trails that are open to the public.

20. Wildlife habitat improvement grants 1,500,000

Funding for these grants comes from revenue from increased hunting and fishing license fees that will go into effect on April 1, 2014. The grants would go to local units of government and private groups who will use the money for wildlife habitat improvement.

Sec. 113. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1. Information technology services and projects 10,284,000

Executive Order 2001-3 created the Department of Information Technology (DIT). The Executive Order transferred all technology related positions and functions to DIT. The FY 2002-03 budget first consolidated funding within each department for information technology services into a new appropriation unit, which is the source of funding for the interdepartmental grant - user fees that support DIT. FTEs for staff are appropriated in the DIT budget. Executive Order 2009-55 combined DIT and the Department of Management and Budget into the current Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

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Sec. 114. CAPITAL OUTLAY

(1) STATE PARK AND FOREST AREA IMPROVEMENTS

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| 1. | <u>State park repair and maintenance</u> | 13,500,000 |
| | Appropriations from the Park Improvement Fund, GF/GP, and private sources are used for repair and maintenance projects at State parks. This funding for capital outlay projects was transferred from the Capital Outlay budget to the Department of Natural Resources operations budget beginning in FY 2008-09. | |
| 2. | <u>State game and wildlife area infrastructure</u> | 3,600,000 |
| 3. | <u>Forest development infrastructure</u> | 2,000,000 |

(2) WATERWAYS BOATING PROGRAM

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| 1. | <u>Local boating infrastructure maintenance and improvements</u> | 658,000 |
| | Appropriates funding for infrastructure improvement projects at boat launches, harbors, and marinas that are undertaken by local units of government. | |
| 2. | <u>State boating infrastructure maintenance</u> | 4,575,000 |
| | Appropriates funding for infrastructure improvement projects at boat launches, harbors, and marinas that are owned by State government. Additionally the appropriation allows for the acquisition of land for new Waterways projects. | |
| 3. | <u>Munising marina</u> | 350,000 |
| | Dock extension, floating pier, revetment wall construction. | |
| 4. | <u>Harrisville marina</u> | 492,100 |
| | Harbor pier repair, reinforcement and bedecking, construction of boater gathering area, Phase I. | |

Sec. 115. ONE-TIME BASIS ONLY APPROPRIATIONS

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| 1. | <u>Forestry investment</u> | 2,100,000 |
| | This appropriation will fund the purchase of new forestry equipment and development of the Vegetative Management System. The line is funded with Forest Development Fund | |
| 2. | <u>Invasive species (one-time)</u> | 1,000,000 |
| | This appropriation will support research and development of a mobile barrier to keep Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes, should the threat arise. | |

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<p>3. <u>Land ownership tracking system</u></p> <p>This appropriation will support the replacement of the IT system that tracks the State's land holdings. The system is outdated and provides the base layer data for many geographically-oriented applications such as MiHunt and DNR's timber marking and sales platform.</p>	4,000,000
<p>4. <u>Forest fire equipment (one-time)</u></p> <p>This appropriation of additional Forest Development Funds will support replacement of some of the Department's older forest fire equipment.</p>	1,000,000
<p>5. <u>Fisheries resource management (one-time)</u></p> <p>This appropriation will support development of a computer-based system for commercial and tribal fisher reporting. Currently these fishers use a paper system; a new system would allow for web-based reporting.</p>	600,000
<p>6. <u>Swimmer's itch pilot program</u></p> <p>GF/GP was appropriated for a pilot program to address swimmer's itch at various inland lakes in Michigan.</p>	250,000
<p>7. <u>Water trail development</u></p> <p>GF/GP was appropriated for development of a water trail.</p>	100,000

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GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201 **Payments to Locals.** Listing of State payments to local units of government.

Background: This subsection states the total state spending from State resources and total payments to local units of government contained in Part 1 of the bill. This is a standard boilerplate section contained in all appropriation bills pursuant to PA 431 of 1984. The statutory reference is MCL 18.1367.

Sec. 202 **Management and Budget Act.** Subjects appropriations in the bill to the Management and Budget Act (P.A. 431 of 1984).

Background: This is a standard section contained in all appropriation bills. The first version of this section was contained in the FY 1981-82 appropriation bill. The former section provided that appropriations were subject to PA 18 of 1981. PA 18 was repealed by PA 431 of 1984.

Sec. 203 **Definitions.** Definitions of acronyms and abbreviations used in the bill.

Background: This is a standard section contained in all appropriation bills.

Sec. 204 **Internet Reports.** Requires the Department to use the Internet for publication of required reports; allows reporting by e-mail, and placement on an Internet or Intranet site.

Background: This section was first included in FY 1999-2000.

Sec. 205 **Buy American Intent.** Provides that Department funds should not be used to purchase foreign goods if competitively priced and comparable quality American goods are available; and that preference should be given to the purchase of Michigan manufactured or provided goods and services.

Background: A version of this section was first included in FY 1992-93. This is a standard section in all department budgets.

Sec. 206 **Deprived and Depressed.** Directs the Department to take reasonable steps to ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for and perform contracts for services and supplies. The Director shall strongly encourage subcontracts with certified businesses in deprived and depressed communities.

Background: This is a long-standing section in all department budgets.

Sec. 207 **Out-of-State Travel Report.** Requires a report on all out-of-state travel done by classified and unclassified department employees. The report must include the dates of travel, and the funding sources used for travel.

Background: An annual report on travel expenditures is a long-standing section in appropriation bills. In FY 2004-05, out-of-state travel was prohibited except for certain reasons. In FY 2010-11, a subsection allowing the State budget director to grant exceptions to this section was eliminated. For FY 2012-13, this section was returned to requiring a report only.

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Sec. 208	<p><u>Legal Services.</u> Prohibits the use of funds to hire legal services that are the responsibility of the Attorney General. Allows money to be spent on bonding services or on legal services authorized by the Attorney General.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2007-08.</p>
Sec. 209	<p><u>GF/GP Lapse Report.</u> Requires the Department to submit a report on projected GF/GP lapses at the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p>Background: This section was added for FY 2011-12.</p>
Sec. 210	<p><u>Contingency Funds.</u> Authorizes up to \$3.0 million in additional Federal, \$10.0 million in additional State restricted, \$100,000 in local, and \$1.0 million in private contingency fund spending pending the approval of legislative transfer requests.</p> <p>Background: Contingency funds have been included in appropriation bills for many years. However, this section was not included for two to three years and then restored in FY 2007-08.</p>
Sec. 211	<p><u>Internet Posting of Expenditures.</u> Requires the Department to maintain a user-friendly website listing all expenditures made by during the fiscal year.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2008-09.</p>
Sec. 212	<p><u>Restricted Fund Balance Report.</u> Subsections (1) and (2) require the Department to provide an annual report on restricted fund balances, projected revenue, and expenditures for the current and immediately preceding fiscal years. The report is due within 14 days of the release of the Executive budget recommendation. Subsection (3) requires a report within 15 days after the enactment of the budget that contains the number of funded FTE positions.</p> <p>Background: Subsections (1) and (2) are long-standing sections. Subsection (3) was added for FY 2009-10.</p>
Sec. 213	<p><u>Department Scorecard.</u> Requires the Department maintain a scorecard that identifies and tracks key performance metrics.</p> <p>Background: This section was added to all State budgets in FY 2013-14.</p>
Sec. 214	<p><u>Legacy Costs Included in Budget.</u> Identifies the total amount of appropriations in part 1 that represent costs related to retiree pensions and health care costs.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2014-15, and was requested by Governor Snyder.</p>
Sec. 215	<p><u>Game and Fish Protection Fund Appropriations.</u> Lists amounts appropriated to other State departments or agencies from the Game and Fish Protection Fund.</p> <p>Background: This section is included as a method of tracking appropriations from the Game and Fish Protection Fund in other State department and agency budgets. Since the amounts from the Game and Fish Protection Fund are directly appropriated in those other budgets, this section does not impose a controlling limitation.</p>

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Sec. 216	<u>Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund Appropriation.</u> Appropriates \$6.0 million from the Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund to the Game and Fish Protection account pursuant to Sec. 43703(3) of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act.
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Background: This is a boilerplate appropriation authorized in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Funding in the Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund is generated by oil and gas revenue from lands purchased with dollars from the Game and Fish Protection Fund. The Department requests this appropriation to support appropriations from the Game and Fish Protection Fund.

Sec. 218	<u>Report Retention.</u> Requires the Department to follow State and Federal guidelines with regard to how reports and documents are to be retained. Allows the Department to retain reports electronically.
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Background: This section was included in all budgets beginning in FY 2010-11.

Sec. 219	<u>Michigan State Waterways Commission Activities.</u> Requires the Department, in cooperation with the Michigan State Waterways Commission, to submit a report listing projects completed in the previous fiscal year, including the county and municipality of each project.
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Background: This section was added in FY 2002-03. This requirement of the Department and the Commission is modeled on the process for the Natural Resources Trust Fund. It is intended to inform the Legislature of activities and decisions made by the Waterways Commission. Funding for the projects is included in the appropriation bill for capital outlay projects.

Sec. 220	<u>Prohibit Disciplinary Action.</u> Prohibits the Department from taking disciplinary action against an employee for communicating with a member of the Legislature or legislative staff.
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Background: This section was added in FY 2005-06 to all budgets. No specific incident was cited.

DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES

Sec. 251.	<u>Invasive Species Grants.</u> Requires that at least \$3.6 million of the \$5.0 million appropriated in part one for Invasive Species Prevention and Control (ISPC) be spent on grants for the prevention, detection, eradication, and control of invasive species.
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Background: This section was added in FY 2014-15, the same year funding for ISPC was first included.

DEPARTMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Sec. 302	<u>Recovery of Costs for Land Acquisition Projects.</u> Allows the Department to charge any appropriation in Part 1, or from prior fiscal years, a standard percentage fee to recover costs for land acquisition projects.
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Background: This section authorizes intradepartmental transfers for land acquisition project services provided by one bureau to another within the Department.

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Sec. 303	<p><u>Application and Transaction Fees.</u> Authorizes the Department to set and charge application and transaction fees to cover costs related to the exchange or sale of State-owned land or rights in land.</p>
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Background: This section was added in FY 2003-04. It allows the Department to collect and spend fees paid by individuals requesting land transactions with the State. Statutory authorization for this long-standing practice is vague and this section clarifies this practice.

COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

Sec. 404	<p><u>Exemption from the Management and Budget Act.</u> Exempts the Museum store from the requirement that DTMB provide the services necessary for all purchasing, contracting, and provision of supplies.</p>
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Background: The museum is limited by the competitive bid process from bidding on certain items that would be sold in the stores, such as artwork. This section exempts them from this requirement.

Sec. 405	<p><u>Proceeds from the Sale of Artifacts.</u> Allows the proceeds from the sale of artifacts to be appropriated and may be used to expand the collection for the Historical Museum. Requires the Department to notify the subcommittee members one week prior to any sale.</p>
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Background: This section was added in FY 2003-04 and provides the Department the flexibility to sell these items and expand the collection when certain items are considered no longer suitable for the collection.

Sec. 406	<p><u>Historical Programs Fees.</u> Allows the Department to collect and spend various fees charged by the program in order to pay for the services that correspond to them. This includes admissions fees for the Michigan Historical Museum.</p>
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Background: This section was added in FY 2010-11. These fees, with the exception of admission fees, were collected prior to this and simply spent as they were collected. These fees are now appropriated in part 1.

Sec. 408	<p><u>Land Transaction Report.</u> Requires a quarterly report on all land transactions completed by the Department and provides criteria for the report.</p>
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Background: This section was added in FY 2003-04 to obtain information on how DNRE-owned property changes over the course of a year and from year to year.

WILDLIFE DIVISION

Sec. 503	<p><u>Feral Swine Invasive Species Order Report.</u> Requires a report detailing efforts to enforce the invasive species order on swine raised under the husbandry of residents of Michigan, including funds used for those efforts.</p>
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Background: This section was added in FY 2012-13.

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| Sec. 504 | <p><u>Cervidae Licensing and Inspection Fee Usage.</u> Prohibits the Department from using these fees for anything other than work directly related to the regulation of privately-owned cervids.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2012-13.</p> |
| Sec. 505 | <p><u>Urban deer management.</u> Requires the Department to develop an urban deer management plan to use as a basis for discussion with communities for dealing with nuisance deer.</p> |

FISHERIES DIVISION

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| Sec. 601 | <p><u>Stream Habitat Improvements.</u> Limits allocation of the aquatic resource mitigation appropriation for stream habitat stabilization and soil erosion control to \$758,000; requires the Fisheries Division to develop priorities and costs for recommended projects.</p> <p>Background: This is a long-standing section.</p> |
| Sec. 602 | <p><u>Certification of Water Control Structures.</u> Prohibits the Department from impeding the certification process for water control structures on Michigan waterways. The section also requires the Department to use funds from Part 1 to fund non-water-quality studies or requirements that it requests of the Department of Environmental Quality or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2011-12.</p> |
| Sec. 603 | <p><u>Quarterly Report on Cormorant Management.</u> Requires a report on the use of funding for cormorant management. The section also requires the Department to submit revenue appropriated for cormorant management to the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to allow for increased taking of cormorants and their nests.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2012-13.</p> |

RECREATION DIVISION

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| Sec. 706 | <p><u>Grand River Waterway Study Work Project Carryforward.</u> Specifies that the appropriation for the Grand River Waterway Study by carried-forward as a work project.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2015-16. The original appropriation was included in an FY</p> |
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FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION

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| Sec. 802 | <p><u>Timber Marking for Harvest.</u> Requires the Department to produce a quarterly report on the number of acres of state forestland marked or treated for timber harvest</p> <p>Background: Department personnel mark State trees for harvest by private timber entities. This section establishes a rate for the marking of trees by the Department to regulate the amount available for harvest from year to year. In FY 2003-04, the provision regarding the marking of hardwood timber was added in response to statements from stakeholders addressing the quality of timber being</p> |
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	marked. In FY 2005-06, the target was set as a minimum, a quarterly report was added, and the new forest certification process was recognized. In FY 2010-11, this report was changed to an annual one. In FY 2016-17 this section was heavily modified to require only a quarterly report. The section had previously established timber marking and harvest quotas.
Sec. 803	<p><u>Reimbursement for Federal Forest Fires.</u> Authorizes the Department to receive and expended money from Federal sources for the purpose of responding to wildfires as required by a compact with the Federal government. Requires notification to the State Budget Director and the Legislature if expenditures under this section are necessary.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2007-08 to facilitate the use of Federal funding to fight wildfires.</p>
Sec. 807	<p><u>Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund.</u> Appropriates up to \$800,000 for the response to any disaster as defined in the Emergency Management Act. This money would not be allowed to be spent without approval from the State Budget Director.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2013-14. The remainder of the money in this Fund is appropriated in the State Police budget.</p>
Sec. 808	<p><u>Gas and Oil Lease Production.</u> Requires the Department to develop a plan to motivate certain gas and oil lessees to undertake warranted new operations to ensure that DNR-managed minerals are fully developed in an orderly manner to increase and optimize production. The plan must be consistent with Department Procedure Number 2306.E8.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2014-15.</p>
Sec. 809	<p><u>Forest fire equipment purchase metrics.</u> Requires that increased forestry funds be used to purchase new forest fire equipment, and that metrics for these purchases be established.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2016-17.</p>

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 901	<p><u>Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grants.</u> Requires appropriations for snowmobile law enforcement grants to be distributed to local governments for snowmobile law enforcement, rules, and ordinances; requires that grants be allocated to counties with State snowmobile trails; requires the consideration of trail miles and enforcement hours in allocating funding; retains unexpended revenues in the Snowmobile Registration Fee Fund; and requires counties to report semiannually.</p> <p>Background: MCL 324.82107 requires the Department to establish criteria for the snowmobile law enforcement grants appropriated in Part 1. This section provides some factors for the Department to consider when determining the awards.</p>
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Sec. 902	<u>Marine Safety Grant Report.</u> Requires a report on the amount of revenue received from watercraft registrations, how much of that revenue was deposited into the Marine Safety Fund, and expenditures made from the Marine Safety Fund. The report must also include the grant distribution methodology.
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Background: This section was added in FY 2011-12.

GRANTS

Sec. 1001	<u>Federal Oil, Gas, and Timber Revenue.</u> Automatically appropriates Federal oil, gas, and timber payments revenue that is available in excess of the amounts appropriated in Part 1 in the grants to communities - Federal oil, gas, and timber payments line item, as long as no State matching funds are required; requires the reporting by November 30 of automatic adjustments to the appropriations in Part 1 through this section.
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Background: The Federal government passes part of its revenue from oil, gas, and timber payments back to the communities from which the resources came. The State serves an intermediary for the funding and does not retain any revenue from this transaction. The appropriation in Part 1 for this purpose is \$3,450,000 and this section automatically appropriates any additional Federal revenue received for this purpose. If the appropriation in Part 1 is insufficient, this section allows the Department to make the payments while informing the Legislature.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Sec. 1103	<u>Capital Outlay Work Project Carryforward.</u> Allows capital outlay project appropriations to be carried-forward as work projects, as provided in the Management and Budget Act.
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Background: This is a long-standing section.

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Sec. 1201	<u>Forestry investment.</u> Requires that increased appropriations for forest management be used for investments in IT enhancements to grow the forest products economy.
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Background: This section was first included in FY 2016-17

Sec. 1202	<u>Land ownership tracking system (LOTS).</u> Requires that funds for the land ownership tracking system be used to replace the old LOTS system.
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Background: This section was first included in FY 2016-17

Sec. 1203	<u>Invasive species prevention and control.</u> Requires that one-time funds for this program be used to develop a mobile barrier to prevent or mitigate silver and bighead carp in Michigan waterways.
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Background: This section was first included in FY 2016-17

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Sec. 1204 **Swimmer's itch pilot program.** Requires that funds for this program be distributed to a Michigan nonprofit for comprehensive swimmer's itch mitigation and research.

Background: This section was first included in FY 2016-17