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DIRECTOR

March 11, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor Rick Snyder

FROM: John S. Roberts
State Budget Director

SUBJECT: Enrolled House Bill 4078
Fiscal Year 2015 Supplemental Appropriations for the Department of Natural Resources – Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

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Enrolled House Bill 4078 contains fiscal year 2015 supplemental appropriations for the Department of Natural Resources. The bill totals gross appropriations of $24.7 million, has zero impact on general fund, and is consistent with the State Budget Office recommendations.

Enrolled House Bill 4078 was presented for signature on March 10, 2015 at 11:45 a.m. ***I recommend this bill for signature with no veto recommendations.***

This supplemental includes the annual appropriation of land acquisition and recreation development projects supported by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). The MNRTF provides financial assistance to local units of government and the Department of Natural Resources to purchase lands for outdoor recreation and the protection of natural resources and open space, as well as, the development of land for public outdoor recreation.

These 69 projects were approved by the MNRTF Board on December 3, 2014. The Board provides oversight to a rigorous competitive grant process. The application criteria and prioritization process have historically assisted the Board in insulating the grant program from political influence. Expenditures from the MNRTF are subject to legislative appropriation.

The five-person MNRTF Board providing oversight and direction for the program includes the Director of the Department of Natural Resources (or a member of the Natural Resources Commission), and four members appointed by the Governor to four-year terms. The five current board members are:

Mr. Samuel Cummings, Chair	(term expiring 10/01/2018)
Mr. Brad Canale	(term expiring 10/01/2016)
Mr. Steve Hamp	(term expiring 10/01/2015)
Ms. Erin McDonough	(term expiring 10/01/2017)
Mr. Keith Creagh	Director, Department of Natural Resources

Attachments

SUMMARY OF MAJOR LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

FY2015 Supplemental (HB 4078)

(Amounts in thousands)

	Executive Recommendation		Enrolled Bill	
	GF/GP	ALL FUNDS	GF/GP	ALL FUNDS
	$0.0	$24,729.5	$0.0	$24,729.5
% Change - from Executive Recommendation			0.0%	0.0%

		Letter Number	EXECUTIVE REC. GF/GP	EXECUTIVE REC. ALL FUNDS	CONFERENCE / ENROLLED GF/GP	CONFERENCE / ENROLLED ALL FUNDS
KEY ISSUES						
1	Capital Outlay (Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund) - For 69 different land acquisitions and recreation development projects around the state to purchase land for outdoor recreation, protection of natural resources and open spaces, and develop land for public outdoor recreation funded with Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)	*2015-2*	$0.0	$24,729.5	$0.0	$0.0
	Subtotal of Changes		$0.0	$24,729.5	$0.0	$0.0
FY2015 TOTAL			**$0.0**	**$24,729.5**	**$0.0**	**$24,729.5**

MAJOR BOILERPLATE CHANGES:

None