

**LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES
FUNDING BILL
H.F. 293 (Chapter 30)**

SUMMARY: The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) reviewed 85 proposals for the 2007 legislative session totaling \$62 million. The LCCMR recommended 29 proposals for funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. Minnesota State University, Mankato received funding for two projects and St. Cloud State University received funding for one project as noted below.

Section

2 Minnesota resources.

Subdivision 4. Land. (j). Neutralization of reed canary grass root exudates. This section appropriates \$115,000 from the trust fund to Minnesota State University, Mankato, to assess plant-soil feedback contribution to the invasiveness of reed canary grass through identification and neutralization of inhibitory root exudates.

Subd. 5. Water resources. (e) Improved river quality monitoring using airborne remote sensing. This section appropriates \$159,000 from the trust fund to Minnesota State University, Mankato, to monitor river water quality and riparian habitat through airborne dynamic hyperspectral remote sensing on the Blue Earth River.

(m) Threat of emerging contaminants to Upper Mississippi walleye. This section appropriates \$97,000 from the trust fund to St. Cloud State University to assess whether the genetic diversity of walleye in the Upper Mississippi is negatively impacted by emerging contaminants at pollution hotspots where feminized male fish have been identified.

Subd. 8. Availability of appropriations. This section clarifies that unless otherwise provided, the amounts are available until June 30, 2009, when projects must be completed and final products delivered.