



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 21

Introduced by: The Senate Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

1 **An Act to make an appropriation for costs related to the Black Hills National Forest**
 2 **Land and Resource Management Plan revision process and to declare an**
 3 **emergency.**

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$500,000 to the
 6 Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, for the purpose of creating a one-to-one
 7 cost-share program, available to the five counties in this state that have Black Hills National
 8 Forest System lands within their boundaries, to allow for the counties' participation in the
 9 Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan revision process.

10 The Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry, within the Department of
 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources, shall design and administer the cost-share program
 12 and provide grants to the eligible counties, provided no one county is entitled to receive
 13 more than fifty-five percent of the moneys allocated for the program.

14 **Section 2.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$450,000 to the
 15 Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, for the purpose of employing one full-time-
 16 equivalent staff person, during the Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management
 17 Plan revision process.

18 The state forester shall fill the position, with the consent of the Department of Agriculture
 19 and Natural Resources. The person employed in accordance with this section shall:

20 (1) Participate with forest resource stakeholders, on behalf of the state forester; and
 21 (2) Complete other duties as assigned, to facilitate the engagement of the state
 22 forester with the Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan
 23 revision process.

1 **Section 3.** The secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources shall
2 approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized
3 by this Act.

4 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
5 revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

6 **Section 5.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
7 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
8 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.