

1.1 **Senator Hawj from the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy, to which**  
1.2 **was referred**

1.3 **S.F. No. 1526:** A bill for an act relating to animal health; declassifying certain data;  
1.4 modifying requirements for certain owners of farmed Cervidae; prohibiting certain  
1.5 registrations; establishing civil liability; modifying disposition of certain federal funds;  
1.6 requiring live-animal testing for chronic wasting disease; transferring certain duties from  
1.7 the Board of Animal Health to the commissioner of natural resources; appropriating money;  
1.8 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.643, subdivision 6; 35.155, subdivisions  
1.9 1, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, by adding subdivisions; 35.156, subdivision 2, by adding subdivisions.

1.10 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.11 Page 1, delete section 1

1.12 Page 3, line 5, reinstate the stricken language and after "must" insert "immediately" and  
1.13 after "deficiency" insert ". All other deficiencies must be repaired"

1.14 Page 3, line 6, reinstate the stricken "Health, not to exceed"

1.15 Page 4, line 17, delete everything after the period

1.16 Page 4, delete lines 18 and 19

1.17 Page 4, line 20, delete everything before "A"

1.18 Page 6, delete section 10

1.19 Page 7, delete section 13 and insert:

1.20 "Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 35.156, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.21 to read:

1.22 Subd. 5. **Annual testing required.** (a) Annually beginning July 1, 2023, the Board of  
1.23 Animal Health must have each farmed white-tailed deer possessed by a person registered  
1.24 under section 35.155 tested for chronic wasting disease using a real-time quaking-induced  
1.25 conversion (RT-QuIC) test offered by a public or private diagnostic laboratory. Live-animal  
1.26 testing must consist of an ear biopsy, the collection of which must be managed by the Board  
1.27 of Animal Health, with each laboratory reporting RT-QuIC results to both the commissioner  
1.28 of natural resources and the Board of Animal Health in the form required by both agencies.  
1.29 If a white-tailed deer tests positive, the owner must have the animal tested a second time  
1.30 using an RT-QuIC test performed on both a second ear biopsy and a tonsil or rectal biopsy.

1.31 (b) If a farmed white-tailed deer tests positive using an RT-QuIC test performed on both  
1.32 a second ear biopsy and a tonsil or rectal biopsy, the owner must have the animal destroyed  
1.33 and tested for chronic wasting disease using a postmortem test approved by the Board of  
1.34 Animal Health.

2.1 (c) If a farmed white-tailed deer tests positive for chronic wasting disease under paragraph  
 2.2 (b), the owner must depopulate the premises of farmed Cervidae as required under section  
 2.3 35.155, subdivision 11."

2.4 Page 8, after line 4, insert:

2.5 "Sec. 15. **APPROPRIATION; CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TRANSMISSION**  
 2.6 **CONTINGENCY PLANNING.**

2.7 \$1,632,612 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,845,700 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from  
 2.8 the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for chronic wasting  
 2.9 disease contingency plans developed by the Center for Infectious Disease Research and  
 2.10 Policy. The center must develop, refine, and share with relevant experts and stakeholders  
 2.11 contingency plans regarding the potential transmission of chronic wasting disease from  
 2.12 Cervidae to humans, livestock, and other species. The contingency plans must provide a  
 2.13 blueprint for preparedness and response planning documents including authoritative risk  
 2.14 communication, education, and outreach materials. The base for this appropriation is  
 2.15 \$1,603,000 in fiscal year 2026, \$1,603,000 in fiscal year 2027, and \$0 in fiscal year 2028  
 2.16 and beyond."

2.17 Renumber the sections in sequence

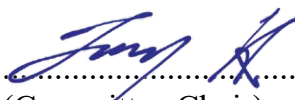
2.18 Amend the title as follows:

2.19 Page 1, line 2, delete "declassifying certain data;"

2.20 Page 1, line 4, delete "modifying disposition of certain federal funds;"

2.21 Amend the title numbers accordingly

2.22 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on  
 2.23 Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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 2.25 (Committee Chair)

2.26 March 10, 2023.....  
 2.27 (Date of Committee recommendation)