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02/22/2024	11718	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to water; appropriating money for a 50-year clean water plan.

1.3BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4Section 1. **50-YEAR CLEAN WATER PLAN; APPROPRIATION.**

1.5(a) \$14,600,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board

1.6of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the University of Minnesota Water Council

1.7to engage with partners and develop a 50-year clean water plan, according to the scope of

1.8work developed under Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 9, section 12, that:

1.9(1) provides a literature-based assessment of the current status and trends regarding the

1.10quality and quantity of Minnesota waters, both surface and subsurface;

1.11(2) identifies gaps in data or understanding and provides recommended steps to address

1.12the gaps;

1.13(3) identifies existing and potential future threats to Minnesota's waters; and

1.14(4) proposes a road map of scenarios and policy recommendations designed to proactively

1.15protect, remediate, and conserve clean water for human use and biodiversity for the next

1.1650 years.

1.17(b) The Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota is requested to submit to the

1.18chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees

1.19and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources:

1.20(1) by June 30, 2025, a status report that includes:

1.21(i) a directory of existing data, databases, and decision support tools; and

- 2.1 (ii) an assessment of gaps in data and understanding;
- 2.2 (2) by June 30, 2026, a status report that includes:
- 2.3 (i) a list of steps to take to address gaps in data and understanding; and
- 2.4 (ii) a set of policy scenarios and forecasting inputs;
- 2.5 (3) by June 30, 2027, a status report that includes:
- 2.6 (i) policy scenario and forecasting results for existing or potential threats; and
- 2.7 (ii) recommendations for tools and policy recommendations to address existing or
- 2.8 potential threats;
- 2.9 (4) by June 30, 2028, a status report that includes an evaluation of existing policies and
- 2.10 funding mechanisms; and
- 2.11 (5) by June 30, 2029, a final report that includes a summary of activities and findings
- 2.12 funded with this appropriation and final policy and programmatic recommendations.
- 2.13 (c) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2029.