

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2926 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; NATURAL RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE.**

1.4 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j),
1.5 \$650,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the renewable development account in
1.6 the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the
1.7 Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research Institute
1.8 to evaluate the state's geologic hydrogen potential.

1.9 (b) The evaluation must include:

1.10 (1) the availability of the mined hydrogen resource;

1.11 (2) the feasibility of extracting the hydrogen from underground deposits;

1.12 (3) the potential environmental, surface, and groundwater management challenges
1.13 associated with the full process chain of developing geologic hydrogen;

1.14 (4) the potential safety and public health impacts on communities, including Tribal
1.15 communities;

1.16 (5) opportunities to maximize economic benefits for local communities; and

1.17 (6) cost-effective strategies for safely storing and transporting mined hydrogen.

1.18 (c) The Natural Resources Research Institute must submit the evaluation and interim
1.19 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
1.20 jurisdiction over energy policy and finance by May 15, 2027, and a final report by May 15,
1.21 2028."

1.22 Amend the title accordingly