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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; implementing recommendations of Aggregate
1.3 Resources Task Force; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.94, subdivision 4; 473.859, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.94, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Local action.** Each planning authority of a county or municipality receiving
1.8 information pursuant to subdivision 3 ~~shall consider the protection of~~ must protect identified
1.9 and important aggregate resources, and access to those resources, in their land use decisions
1.10 and must incorporate those protections in their comprehensive land use plans, zoning
1.11 ordinances, and other land use controls.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.859, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.13 Subd. 2. **Land use plan.** (a) A land use plan must include the water management plan
1.14 required by section 103B.235, and shall designate the existing and proposed location,
1.15 intensity and extent of use of land and water, including lakes, wetlands, rivers, streams,
1.16 natural drainage courses, and adjoining land areas that affect water natural resources, for
1.17 agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial and other public and private purposes, or
1.18 any combination of such purposes.

1.19 (b) A land use plan must contain a protection element, as appropriate, for historic sites,
1.20 the matters listed in the water management plan required by section 103B.235, and an
1.21 element for protection and development of access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems.

2.1 (c) A land use plan must also include a housing element containing standards, plans and
 2.2 programs for providing adequate housing opportunities to meet existing and projected local
 2.3 and regional housing needs, including but not limited to the use of official controls and land
 2.4 use planning to promote the availability of land for the development of low and moderate
 2.5 income housing.

2.6 (d) A land use plan must also include an element for protecting and developing access
 2.7 to aggregate resources and the local government's goals, intentions, and priorities concerning
 2.8 ~~aggregate and~~ other natural resources, transportation infrastructure, land use compatibility,
 2.9 habitat, agricultural preservation, and other planning priorities, considering information
 2.10 regarding supply from the Minnesota Geological Survey Information Circular No. 46.

2.11 (e) A land use plan must also include an inventory and projections pertaining to
 2.12 greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled that are generated from activity that
 2.13 occurs within the local government's jurisdiction. The inventory and projections must include
 2.14 the emission sources from transportation, land use, energy use, solid waste, and, where
 2.15 available and applicable, livestock and agriculture. The inventory and projections must
 2.16 include the estimated impact of strategies, including efficient land use and compact growth,
 2.17 that reduce or naturally sequester greenhouse gas emissions across sectors.

2.18 **Sec. 3. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERMITTING**
 2.19 **CHANGES TO PROTECT AGGREGATE RESOURCES.**

2.20 By February 1, 2026, the commissioner of natural resources must make recommendations
 2.21 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with primary
 2.22 jurisdiction over environment and local government for statutory changes that would facilitate
 2.23 local government permitting processes that adequately protect the state's aggregate resources
 2.24 and foster environmentally responsible reclamation of former aggregate mining sites. In
 2.25 developing the recommendations, the commissioner must work with interested stakeholders.

2.26 **Sec. 4. APPROPRIATION; AGGREGATE MAPPING.**

2.27 (a) \$950,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$950,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from
 2.28 the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources to:

2.29 (1) map the aggregate resource potential of additional counties outside the metropolitan
 2.30 area, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, and make the information available
 2.31 in print and electronic format to local units of government for use in planning and zoning;

3.1 (2) update the department's A Handbook for Reclaiming Sand and Gravel Pits in
3.2 Minnesota; and

3.3 (3) provide technical assistance as needed to local units of government in making sound
3.4 land-use decisions that preserve the availability of aggregate resources.

3.5 (b) The commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the Minnesota Geological
3.6 Survey and the commissioners of transportation and employment and economic development,
3.7 must examine whether a regional approach to aggregate mapping could yield financial or
3.8 time efficiencies. If the commissioner determines that a regional approach would yield
3.9 efficiencies, the commissioner must complete aggregate mapping for counties that have
3.10 already requested aggregate mapping and then must implement a regional approach to
3.11 mapping the remaining counties, notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 84.94.

3.12 (c) The base amount for this appropriation in fiscal year 2035 and thereafter is \$0.

3.13 **Sec. 5. APPROPRIATION; AGGREGATE RESOURCE INVENTORY.**

3.14 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
3.15 of natural resources for the aggregate resource mapping program to update Information
3.16 Circular 46, Aggregate Resources Inventory of the Seven-County Metropolitan Area,
3.17 Minnesota (Minnesota Geological Survey 2000), with particular emphasis on projected
3.18 needs and the estimated time until the aggregate resource is exhausted, and to perform duties
3.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.94.