

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

S.F. No. 1751: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; implementing recommendations of Aggregate Resources Task Force; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.94, subdivision 4; 473.859, subdivision 2.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.859, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

(d) A land use plan must also include an assessment of the impact of all land use designations and easements on access to aggregate resources and the local government's goals, intentions, and priorities concerning aggregate and other natural resources, transportation infrastructure, land use compatibility, habitat, agricultural preservation, and other planning priorities, considering information regarding supply from the Minnesota Geological Survey Information Circular No. 46.

(e) A land use plan must also include an inventory and projections pertaining to greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled that are generated from activity that occurs within the local government's jurisdiction. The inventory and projections must include the emission sources from transportation, land use, energy use, solid waste, and, where available and applicable, livestock and agriculture. The inventory and projections must

2.1 include the estimated impact of strategies, including efficient land use and compact growth,
2.2 that reduce or naturally sequester greenhouse gas emissions across sectors.

2.3 **Sec. 2. AUDIT OF AGGREGATE TAX AND THE USE OF THE REVENUES**
2.4 **COLLECTED BY COUNTIES.**

2.5 The Office of the Legislative Auditor is directed to conduct a program audit of the
2.6 aggregate production tax established by Minnesota Statutes, section 298.75, to include the
2.7 following by individual participating county and covering all fiscal years since the county
2.8 established the tax:

2.9 (1) a report on total revenues collected by fiscal year;

2.10 (2) a report on how revenues are distributed between maintenance, construction, and
2.11 reconstruction of roads, highways, and bridges;

2.12 (3) a report as to the funding priority given to roads, highways, and bridges that service
2.13 or are impacted by aggregate operations;

2.14 (4) a report as to whether the county distributes aggregate tax revenues on a project or
2.15 formula basis;

2.16 (5) a report as to distribution and expenditure of funds for aggregate mine reclamation
2.17 activities; and

2.18 (6) a report on how tax revenue deposited in the special reserve fund established in
2.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 298.75, subdivision 7, paragraph (c), clause (3), has been
2.20 expended since each county began collecting the tax.

2.21 **Sec. 3. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERMITTING**
2.22 **CHANGES TO PROTECT AGGREGATE RESOURCES.**

2.23 By February 1, 2027, the commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the
2.24 Minnesota Asphalt Paving Association, the Aggregate and Ready Mix Association of
2.25 Minnesota, the Association of Minnesota Counties, and other interested stakeholders, must
2.26 make recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
2.27 committees with primary jurisdiction over environment and local government for statutory
2.28 changes that would facilitate local government permitting processes that adequately protect
2.29 the state's aggregate resources and foster environmentally responsible reclamation of former
2.30 aggregate mining sites.

4.1	March 13, 2025.....
4.2	(Date of Committee recommendation)