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FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment Policy and Oversight

March 16, 2009

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

Referred by Chair to Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division.

March 19, 2009

Returned to the Committee on Finance as Amended.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to water; appropriating money for a comprehensive statewide sustainable
1.3 water resources detailed framework.

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

1.5 Section 1. **COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE SUSTAINABLE WATER**
1.6 **RESOURCES DETAILED FRAMEWORK.**

1.7 (a) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2010 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the
1.8 University of Minnesota for the development of a comprehensive statewide sustainable
1.9 water resources detailed framework to protect, conserve, and enhance the quantity and
1.10 quality of the state's ground and surface waters. The detailed framework shall be a
1.11 long-range, 25-year detailed framework, with an implementation schedule and associated
1.12 benchmarks, for policy, research, monitoring, and evaluation in order to achieve
1.13 sustainable ground and surface water use, including the ecological benefits provided by
1.14 water resources to humans and fish and wildlife habitat. For the purposes of the detailed
1.15 framework, water use is sustainable when the use does not harm ecosystems, degrade
1.16 water quality, or compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

1.17 (b) The detailed framework shall be developed by the University of Minnesota Water
1.18 Resources Center in cooperation with federal, state, and local government and private
1.19 nonprofits with expertise in water resources. In developing the detailed framework, the
1.20 water resources plans of organizations with water resources expertise shall be considered.
1.21 The detailed framework must include, but is not limited to, identification of infrastructure
1.22 needs, drinking water, ground and surface waters, storm water, agricultural and industrial
1.23 needs, the interfaces of climate change, development and land use, and demographics.
1.24 The detailed framework must identify best practices and methods for determining the

2.1 effectiveness of those practices for wastewater treatment, drinking water source protection,
2.2 pollution prevention, conservation, and water valuation.

2.3 (c) The University of Minnesota shall submit the detailed framework to the chairs of
2.4 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources policy
2.5 and finance by January 1, 2011.

2.6 (d) It is a condition of acceptance of this appropriation that the University of
2.7 Minnesota must submit a work plan, a timeline, a budget, and periodic progress reports to
2.8 the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources office and the Clean Water
2.9 Council for review. After review, the work plan, progress reports, and any comments on
2.10 the plan must be submitted to the house of representatives and senate environment finance
2.11 and policy committees.