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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Civil Justice

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; classifying certain research, monitoring, and assessment
1.3 data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 13.643, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 13.643, is amended by adding a
1.6 subdivision to read:

1.7 Subd. 7. **Research, monitoring, or assessment data.** (a) Except as provided in
1.8 paragraph (b), the following data created, collected, and maintained by the Department of
1.9 Agriculture during research, monitoring, or the assessment of farm practices and related
1.10 to natural resources, the environment, agricultural facilities, or agricultural practices are
1.11 classified as private or nonpublic:

1.12 (1) names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of study participants
1.13 or cooperators; and

1.14 (2) location of research, study site, and global positioning system data.

1.15 (b) The following data is public:

1.16 (1) location data and unique well numbers for wells and springs unless protected
1.17 under section 18B.10 or another statute or rule; and

1.18 (2) data from samples collected from a public water supply as defined in Minnesota
1.19 Rules, part 4720.5100.

1.20 (c) The Department of Agriculture may disclose data collected under paragraph (a)
1.21 if the commissioner determines that there is a substantive threat to human health and
1.22 safety or to the environment, or to aid in the law enforcement process. The Department of
1.23 Agriculture may also disclose data with written consent of the subject of the data.