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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 3591

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Legacy Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to clean water; appropriating money for study of chronic wasting disease
1.3 and water.

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

1.5 Section 1. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE PRIONS AND WATER;
1.6 APPROPRIATION.

1.7 (a) \$2,700,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the Board
1.8 of Regents of the University of Minnesota to study water's role in transporting chronic
1.9 wasting disease prions, including:

1.10 (1) identifying mechanisms for the accumulation, persistence, and spread of chronic
1.11 wasting disease prions through waterways;

1.12 (2) characterizing chronic wasting disease prion abundance in waterways immediately
1.13 downstream of regions known to be positive for chronic wasting disease;

1.14 (3) modeling and forecasting chronic wasting disease contamination and spread based
1.15 on landscape ecology and hydrology; and

1.16 (4) developing and evaluating remediation strategies for prion-contaminated waterways.

1.17 (b) The Board of Regents must submit a report with the results of the study to the chairs
1.18 and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and
1.19 divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and the clean water fund
1.20 no later than January 15, 2022. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June
1.21 30, 2022.