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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying walleye stocking provisions; requiring a
1.3 report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97C.

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

1.5 Section 1. 97C.217 **WALLEYE RAISING AND STOCKING.**

1.6 The commissioner of natural resources may not raise walleye in any waters in which
1.7 walleye do not naturally occur and reproduce. The commissioner must acquire walleye for
1.8 stocking from waters in which walleye are naturally occurring and reproducing or through
1.9 purchases from private fish hatcheries.

1.10 Sec. 2. WALLEYE STOCKING REPORT.

1.11 By October 1, 2024, the commissioner of natural resources must report to the chairs and
1.12 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment
1.13 and natural resources finance on walleye stocking efforts in this state. The report must
1.14 include:

1.15 (1) an assessment of how and the extent to which walleye stocking has impacted the
1.16 ability of affected waters to sustain aquatic life; and

1.17 (2) an enumeration and analysis of all expenditures related to rearing and stocking
1.18 walleye.