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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4241**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; limiting the amount of Volkswagen settlement funds that
1.3 may be spent on administrative expenses; prohibiting hiring additional personnel
1.4 to administer the settlement.

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

1.6 Section 1. **VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT; LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE**
1.7 **EXPENSES; PROHIBITION ON HIRING.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "settlement money" means
1.9 money awarded to the state under the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State
1.10 Beneficiaries described in Attachment A to the United States' Notice of Filing of Trust
1.11 Agreements in the case of United States v. Volkswagen AG et al., Case No. 16-cv-295
1.12 (N.D. Cal.).

1.13 Subd. 2. **Limitation on administrative expenses.** The commissioner of the Pollution
1.14 Control Agency must use no more than three percent of any settlement money for
1.15 administering grant programs, delivering technical services, providing fiscal oversight, and
1.16 ensuring accountability.

1.17 Subd. 3. **Prohibition on hiring.** The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency
1.18 must not hire additional staff using settlement money or to administer settlement money.