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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 environment; establishing a working group on ending land disposal of  
1.3 mixed municipal solid waste in Minnesota; appropriating money for the working  
1.4 group; providing appointments.

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

1.6 Section 1. WORKING GROUP ON ENDING LAND DISPOSAL OF MIXED  
1.7 MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must  
1.9 establish a working group on ending the practice of land disposal of mixed municipal solid  
1.10 waste in the state.

1.11 Subd. 2. Membership. The working group consists of 21 members, which must be  
1.12 appointed no later than October 1, 2022, as follows:

1.13 (1) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

1.14 (2) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house  
1.15 of representatives;

1.16 (3) one member of the senate appointed by the senate majority leader;

1.17 (4) six elected county officials appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties;

1.18 (5) two representatives of the solid waste industry appointed by the governor;

1.19 (6) two representatives of environmental groups appointed by the governor;

1.20 (7) two representatives of business interests appointed by the governor;

1.21 (8) three members of the public appointed by the senate majority leader; and

2.1 (9) three members of the public appointed by the speaker of the house.

2.2 Subd. 3. **Compensation.** The compensation of working group members for each day  
 2.3 spent on working group activities, when authorized by the working group, is the same as  
 2.4 compensation provided for other members of boards and commissions under Minnesota  
 2.5 Statutes, section 15.0575, subdivision 3, plus expenses in the same manner and amount as  
 2.6 provided in the commissioner's plan adopted under Minnesota Statutes, section 43A.18,  
 2.7 subdivision 2.

2.8 Subd. 4. **Duties; report.** The working group must study steps that can be taken to end  
 2.9 the practice of land disposal of mixed municipal solid waste and must report its findings  
 2.10 and recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
 2.11 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources by  
 2.12 January 1, 2025. The report and recommendations must:

2.13 (1) identify steps that, if implemented in 2025, would eliminate the practice of landfilling  
 2.14 in the state by 2040;

2.15 (2) assess the monetary and other costs of implementing each step identified, including  
 2.16 how each step is likely to affect state and local governments, businesses and industry, and  
 2.17 households and members of the public; and

2.18 (3) assess the long-term cost savings that are likely to be realized if each step is  
 2.19 implemented.

2.20 Subd. 5. **Open meetings.** Working group meetings are subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
 2.21 chapter 13D.

2.22 Subd. 6. **Expiration.** The working group expires upon submission of the report and  
 2.23 recommendations required by subdivision 4.

2.24 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; WORKING GROUP ON ENDING LAND DISPOSAL**  
 2.25 **OF MIXED MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE IN MINNESOTA.**

2.26 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
 2.27 of the Pollution Control Agency for the expenses of the working group established in section  
 2.28 1. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.