

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 2698

(SENATE AUTHORS: HOWE and Mathews)

DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/08/2023	1429	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for analysis to resolve water-use

1.3 conflict in Little Rock Creek area.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; ANALYSIS OF LITTLE ROCK CREEK WATER**

1.6 **USE.**

1.7 \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

1.8 of natural resources to prepare an analysis of alternative sources of water to resolve the

1.9 water-use conflict in the Little Rock Creek area and to protect the stream from negative

1.10 impacts due to groundwater use. The analysis must include:

- 1.11 (1) a conceptual engineering plan;
- 1.12 (2) an estimate of implementation costs and funding needs;
- 1.13 (3) governance and operational considerations;
- 1.14 (4) a development schedule; and
- 1.15 (5) an economic evaluation of lost revenue if no action is taken.

1.16 (b) The commissioner must submit the analysis to the legislative committees and divisions

1.17 with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources no later than June 30, 2027.