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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 603

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; requesting the University of Minnesota conduct a
1.3 review of research related to exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances;
1.4 requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. REVIEW OF RESEARCH RELATED TO PFAS EXPOSURE.

1.7 The University of Minnesota is requested to conduct a review of the health issues
1.8 potentially related to exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and submit a report
1.9 on its findings by January 15, 2020, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
1.10 house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over health policy and
1.11 finance. The scope of the review and report must include:

1.12 (1) an in-depth review of health studies and health assessments conducted by the
1.13 Department of Health and other institutions that were used to develop the health
1.14 recommendations from the Department of Health;

1.15 (2) an in-depth review of the methodology and data sources that the Department of
1.16 Health had available for its assessments and the conclusions drawn from those assessments;

1.17 (3) listening sessions with community members and key stakeholders to understand their
1.18 concerns, perception of risk, and understanding of public health information;

1.19 (4) identification of additional scientifically warranted analyses that could use the
1.20 available data to create a more complete picture of exposure and health risks to community
1.21 members;

1.22 (5) review of evidence of other potentially exposed populations in Minnesota; and

2.1 (6) identification of priorities for scientifically sound research and public health  
2.2 assessments to advance the understanding of the nature of the risk of per- and polyfluoroalkyl  
2.3 substances, including the development of preliminary protocols and cost estimates to achieve  
2.4 up to five of these top priorities.

2.5 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.6 \$315,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of  
2.7 Regents of the University of Minnesota for the review and report requested under section  
2.8 1.