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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2465

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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 natural resources; appropriating money to develop recommendations  
1.3 for creating aquatic invasive species surveillance and early detection system.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SURVEILLANCE  
1.6 AND EARLY DETECTION SYSTEM FOR AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.

1.7 (a) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.8 of natural resources for a grant to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center  
1.9 at the University of Minnesota to develop, in conjunction with the commissioner of natural  
1.10 resources, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, counties, and other  
1.11 stakeholders, recommendations for establishing a statewide surveillance and early detection  
1.12 system for aquatic invasive species. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.13 (b) By March 1, 2020, the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center must  
1.14 submit a report and recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
1.15 legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources  
1.16 policy and finance. The report must include recommendations on all of the following:

1.17 (1) the most effective structure for a statewide surveillance and early detection system  
1.18 for aquatic invasive species;

1.19 (2) whether to employ eco-epidemiological models, optimized decision models, or related  
1.20 tools as a mechanism for determining how best to deploy limited resources;

1.21 (3) how the statewide system should be funded and at what levels; and

- 2.1 (4) regulatory, policy, and statutory changes that would be needed to fully implement
- 2.2 the statewide system.