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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4213

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Agriculture and Food Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to environment; requiring development of water quality management plan
1.3 for Red River of the North; appropriating money.

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

1.5 **Section 1. APPROPRIATION; RED RIVER OF THE NORTH; WATER QUALITY**
1.6 **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Appropriation; plan contents. \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 is
1.8 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for a grant to the Red
1.9 River Basin Commission to facilitate developing a phosphorous water quality plan for the
1.10 Red River of the North. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until December 31,
1.11 2024. The commission may contract with outside experts or academic institutions in
1.12 developing the plan. The plan:

1.13 (1) must address applicable water quality targets for phosphorous loading;
1.14 (2) must include an allocation of phosphorus between point and nonpoint sources;
1.15 (3) must identify cost-effective implementation strategies to reduce nutrients; and
1.16 (4) may include other state water quality goals and objectives.

1.17 Subd. 2. Advisory group. In developing the plan, the Red River Basin Commission
1.18 must work in cooperation with an advisory group consisting of representatives from the
1.19 Minnesota Agricultural Water Resource Center, the Red River Watershed Management
1.20 Board, other agricultural groups, watershed districts, and cities located in the Red River
1.21 basin. The Red River Basin Commission may also work with representatives from similar
1.22 organizations from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Manitoba.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** By December 31, 2024, the Red River Basin Commission must
2.2 submit the final plan to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of
2.3 representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance.
2.4 By December 31 each year before the final plan is submitted, the commission must submit
2.5 a progress report on the plan's development to these same recipients.