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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4019

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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 natural resources; expanding eligibility criteria for Mt. Simon-Hinckley
1.3 aquifer appropriation permits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section
1.4 103G.271, subdivision 4a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.271, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4a. **Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer.** The commissioner may not issue new water-use
1.8 permits that will appropriate water from the Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer unless the
1.9 appropriation is for potable water use; or for agricultural irrigation outside a metropolitan
1.10 county, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4; there are no feasible or practical
1.11 alternatives to this source; and a water conservation plan is incorporated with the permit.