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02/26/2024	11804	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
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A bill for an act

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relating to natural resources; appropriating money for a sustainable water pilot

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program; requiring a report.

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

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Section 1. **SUSTAINABLE DRINKING WATER PILOT PROGRAM;**

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**APPROPRIATION.**

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(a) \$..... in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

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of natural resources, in cooperation with the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota,

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Minnesota Geological Survey, to ensure safe and sustainable drinking water by:

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(1) selecting a pilot program area consisting of a multicounty area that includes only

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counties for which county geologic atlases have been completed and in which a priority

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regional aquifer or watershed is located;

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(2) synthesizing county geologic atlas mapping on an aquifer or watershed basis in the

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pilot program area in a manner to best support modeling. The data compilation must include

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information about discharge and recharge as well as other data required for modeling;

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(3) constructing a computer flow model to determine the water budget for the aquifer

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or watershed in the pilot program area in a manner intended to support ongoing determination

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of prudential limits on sustainable water appropriations from the aquifer or watershed; and

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(4) submitting a report no later than October 1, ....., to the chairs and ranking minority

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members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction

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over environment and natural resources policy and finance that summarizes the synthesis

- 2.1 and model for the aquifer or watershed and makes recommendations for a program to
- 2.2 complete similar aquifer or watershed studies in other areas of the state.
- 2.3 (b) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, .....