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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1314

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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 water; appropriating money to expand Department of Health's source
1.3 water protection program to include rivers and sources of drinking water for private
1.4 wells.

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

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; PROTECTING SOURCE WATER FOR DRINKING
1.7 WATER.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. \$..... in fiscal year 2020 and \$..... in fiscal year 2021
1.9 are appropriated from the ..... fund to the commissioner of health to expand protection
1.10 efforts for source water to include rivers and groundwater sources that serve private wells.

1.11 These appropriations must be used to do all of the following:

1.12 (1) collect new water-quality information and use available data to identify, map, and
1.13 make available to the public information about the state's most vulnerable aquifers that serve
1.14 as primary sources of drinking water for private wells;

1.15 (2) prepare draft policy and plans to protect the state's most vulnerable aquifers used as
1.16 sources of domestic drinking water;

1.17 (3) develop and implement two real-time pilot monitoring sites above municipal drinking
1.18 water intakes on one or more rivers in the state to detect potential threats to sources of public
1.19 water supplies; and

1.20 (4) improve monitoring for and dissemination of information to the public about
1.21 contaminants in sources of drinking water used by private wells and in rivers and lakes used
1.22 as sources of municipal drinking water.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Report.** By November 1, 2020, the commissioner of health must report to the  
2.2 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with  
2.3 jurisdiction over environment and natural resources policy and finance and health and human  
2.4 services policy and finance on implementing this act. The report must include  
2.5 recommendations for regulatory, policy, and statutory changes designed to encourage  
2.6 protection of vulnerable aquifers used by private wells and protection of rivers and lakes  
2.7 used as sources of municipal drinking water.

2.8 Subd. 3. **Assistance from other state agencies.** The commissioners of agriculture,  
2.9 natural resources, and the Pollution Control Agency and all other state agencies must  
2.10 cooperate with the Department of Health in implementing this act, as applicable.