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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. **2251**

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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 water; temporarily prohibiting modifications to the public water
1.3 inventory; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **PUBLIC WATERS INVENTORY MODIFICATIONS MORATORIUM;**
1.6 **REPORT.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner of natural resources may not modify the public waters inventory
1.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.201, until July 1, 2023.

1.9 (b) By January 15, 2023, the commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with
1.10 counties, cities, townships, watershed districts, soil and water conservation districts, and
1.11 other interested parties, must submit a report to the legislature on the public waters inventory
1.12 modification process, including any necessary legislative changes, to ensure all modifications
1.13 to the public waters inventory provide an opportunity for local government involvement
1.14 and public comment.

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.