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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2443

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for wellhead protection;
1.3 authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **WELLHEAD PROTECTION; BONDS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. (a) \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the bond
1.7 proceeds fund to the commissioner of health for competitive grants to public water
1.8 suppliers to acquire land in fee to protect community water systems within drinking
1.9 water supply management areas with very high and high vulnerability to contamination.
1.10 Land acquired in fee under this paragraph must be maintained in a manner that protects
1.11 groundwater from contamination and may be used to provide multiple benefits, including:
1.12 wildlife habitat; park, trail, and other open space; and land for the installation of solar and
1.13 wind energy facilities. To be eligible for a grant under this section, a public water supplier
1.14 must have a wellhead protection plan or alternative water source protection plan for river
1.15 or other surface water sources approved by the commissioner of health. Priority must be
1.16 given to projects that provide multiple benefits and are matched with other state funds
1.17 for those purposes, including the outdoor heritage fund, the clean water fund, and the
1.18 environment and natural resources trust fund. Any money earned from the installation of
1.19 solar and wind energy facilities installed on land purchased under this paragraph must be
1.20 used for the acquisition of additional land for the purposes of this paragraph.

1.21 (b) \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner
1.22 of natural resources to acquire land in fee for wildlife management area purposes under
1.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and for scientific and natural area
1.24 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5. Land acquired under

2.1 this paragraph must be located within a drinking water supply management area with very
2.2 high or high vulnerability to contamination.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in subdivision 1 from
2.4 the bond proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and
2.5 issue bonds of the state in an amount up to \$30,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms,
2.6 and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and
2.7 by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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