

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H. F. No. 2634

A bill for an act  
relating to natural resources; expanding prohibitions on the appropriation of  
water from the Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008,  
section 103G.271, subdivision 4a.

May 7, 2010

The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable James P. Metzen  
President of the Senate

We, the undersigned conferees for H. F. No. 2634 report that we have agreed upon  
the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendment and that H. F. No. 2634 be further  
amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 103G.271, subdivision 4a, is amended to  
read:

Subd. 4a. **Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph  
(b), the commissioner may not issue new water use permits that will appropriate water  
from for the Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer in a metropolitan county, as defined in section  
473.121, subdivision 4, unless the appropriation is for potable domestic water use, there  
are no feasible or practical alternatives to this source, and a water conservation plan  
is incorporated with the permit. Domestic water uses include water used for general  
household purposes for essential human needs such as cooking, cleaning, drinking,  
washing, and waste disposal.

(b) ~~The commissioner shall terminate all permits authorizing appropriation and~~  
~~use of water from the Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer for once-through systems in a~~  
~~metropolitan county, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, by December 31, 1992.~~  
Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner may issue a new water use permit for

2.1 the Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer for nondomestic use if there are no feasible or practical  
2.2 alternatives to the use of the aquifer, and water recycling and water conservation plans,  
2.3 as determined by the commissioner, are required under the permit. The commissioner  
2.4 shall ensure that a holder of a permit issued under this paragraph is implementing all  
2.5 water recycling and conservation plans required under the permit. This paragraph does  
2.6 not apply within a metropolitan county, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4,  
2.7 or Chisago County."

3.1 We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

3.2 House Conferees:

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3.4	Jeremy Kalin	Paul Gardner

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3.6	Jenifer Loon

3.7 Senate Conferees:

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3.9	Rick Olseen	Kathy Sheran

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3.11	Dennis Frederickson