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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4786

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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 environment; appropriating money to provide grants to counties to  
1.3 evaluate impaired lakes and waters.

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

1.5 Section 1. **GRANTS FOR PILOT PROJECTS TO TEST AND EVALUATE NEW**  
1.6 **METHODS TO IMPROVE IMPAIRED LAKES AND WATERS; APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Water  
1.8 and Soil Resources to provide grants of equal amounts to no more than three counties or  
1.9 county joint powers boards in the area covered by Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation  
1.10 Districts Northwest Area 1, South Central Area 6, and North Central Area 8 to evaluate  
1.11 impaired lakes and waters through water quality testing technology, such as wireless testing  
1.12 probe buoys and portable testing devices, used alone or in coordination with new nonchemical  
1.13 treatment technologies that increase the recreational user days of the lakes and waters by  
1.14 improving water quality, dissolved oxygen, and related parameters. The Board of Water  
1.15 and Soil Resources must award the grants within 14 days of receiving an application from  
1.16 a county or joint powers board. This is a onetime appropriation.

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