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03/09/2017	1245	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to water; establishing Human Right to Water Act; proposing coding for

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new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103A.

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

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Section 1. [103A.215] RIGHT TO WATER POLICY.

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(a) It is the policy of the state that every human being has the right to safe, clean,

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affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary

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purposes.

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(b) All state agencies, departments, and boards must consider this state policy when

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revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, and grant criteria when those policies,

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regulations, and criteria are pertinent to the uses of water described in this section.

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(c) This section does not expand any obligation of the state to provide water or to require

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expenditure of additional resources to develop water infrastructure beyond the obligations

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that may exist pursuant to paragraph (b).

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(d) Implementation of this section does not infringe on the rights or responsibilities of

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a public water system.

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Sec. 2. CITATION.

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Section 1 may be known and cited as the "Human Right to Water Act."