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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/05/2020	5253	Introduction and first reading Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Policy
03/11/2020		Author added Hoffman Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to environment; requiring development of water quality management plan

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for Red River of the North; appropriating money.

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

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Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; RED RIVER OF THE NORTH; WATER QUALITY**

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MANAGEMENT PLAN.

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Subdivision 1. **Appropriation; plan contents.** \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 is

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appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for a grant to the Red

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River Basin Commission to facilitate developing a phosphorous water quality plan for the

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Red River of the North. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until December 31,

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2024. The commission may contract with outside experts or academic institutions in

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developing the plan. The plan:

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(1) must address applicable water quality targets for phosphorous loading;

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(2) must include an allocation of phosphorus between point and nonpoint sources;

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(3) must identify cost-effective implementation strategies to reduce nutrients; and

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(4) may include other state water quality goals and objectives.

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Subd. 2. **Advisory group.** In developing the plan, the Red River Basin Commission

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must work in cooperation with an advisory group consisting of representatives from the

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Minnesota Agricultural Water Resource Center, the Red River Watershed Management

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Board, other agricultural groups, watershed districts, and cities located in the Red River

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basin. The Red River Basin Commission may also work with representatives from similar

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organizations from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Manitoba.

- 2.1 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** By December 31, 2024, the Red River Basin Commission must
- 2.2 submit the final plan to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of
- 2.3 representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance.
- 2.4 By December 31 each year before the final plan is submitted, the commission must submit
- 2.5 a progress report on the plan's development to these same recipients.