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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

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Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to state government; requiring interagency feasibility study.

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

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Section 1. **FEASIBILITY STUDY; IMPORTING BAIT FISH FOR RESALE.**

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The commissioner of agriculture shall conduct a study to assess the feasibility of a

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Minnesota company with a valid importation permit under Minnesota Statutes, section

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97C.515, procuring health-certified, farm-raised bait fish from an out-of-state facility and

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transporting the fish directly to a Minnesota facility for the purpose of a resale transaction.

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The commissioner shall appoint a working group of seven individuals to conduct the

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study, to include representatives of the Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources,

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Explore Minnesota, and private aquaculture, a University of Minnesota aquatic invasive

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species specialist, a Minnesota aquaculture extension agent, and a United States Fish and

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Wildlife aquatic invasive species specialist. The work group shall report the study to the

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legislative policy and finance committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture,

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environment, and natural resources by February 1, 2016.