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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring Environmental Quality Board to develop
1.3 plan to protect Minnesota's lakes.

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

1.5 Section 1. PROTECT MINNESOTA'S LAKES FOR THE FUTURE.

1.6 The Environmental Quality Board, in consultation with the commissioners of natural
1.7 resources and the Pollution Control Agency, must analyze the various state programs that
1.8 monitor, manage, protect, and enhance lakes in the state and must develop a plan for
1.9 identifying which lakes need accelerated lake management. The plan must also specify how
1.10 existing programs may need to be altered to ensure that management of Minnesota's lakes
1.11 is prioritized appropriately and that the various programs are coordinated effectively. The
1.12 Environmental Quality Board must submit the plan developed under this section to the
1.13 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
1.14 environment and natural resources policy and finance by November 1, 2020. The report
1.15 must include recommendations for regulatory, policy, and statutory changes designed to
1.16 further the purposes of this section.