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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 Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to pipelines; prohibiting pipelines near wild-rice waters; proposing coding
1.3 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216G.

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

1.5 Section 1. [216G.025] PROTECTING WILD-RICE WATERS.

1.6 (a) No portion of a pipeline that is within one mile of a wild-rice water may be constructed
1.7 or rerouted in this state.

1.8 (b) For purposes of this section, "wild-rice water" means a body of water, or specific
1.9 portion thereof, to which wild-rice water-quality standards apply, as listed in the Pollution
1.10 Control Agency's wild-rice database developed pursuant to Laws 2011, First Special Session
1.11 chapter 2, article 4, section 32.

1.12 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and
1.13 applies to a pipeline for which construction begins on or after July 1, 2017.