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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2316**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring establishment of watershed districts in
1.3 Minnesota River Basin.

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

1.5 Section 1. **MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN; ESTABLISHMENT OF WATERSHED**
1.6 **DISTRICTS.**

1.7 (a) By December 31, 2021, a watershed district for each of the 13 watersheds in the
1.8 Minnesota River Basin must be established according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.9 103D. For watersheds in the Minnesota River Basin where a watershed district does not
1.10 exist on the effective date of this section, one or more of the groups under Minnesota
1.11 Statutes, section 103F.205, subdivision 3, must submit a watershed district establishment
1.12 petition no later than July 1, 2021.

1.13 (b) The Board of Water and Soil Resources must award grants of \$100,000 to each
1.14 new watershed district established under paragraph (a) to fund initial administrative
1.15 expenses.