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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. **3661**

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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 water policy; requiring the governor to appoint a water policy
1.3 manager; establishing water policy manager qualifications and duties; proposing
1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[4.70] WATER POLICY MANAGER.**

1.7 The governor must appoint a trained hydrologist who reports directly to the governor
1.8 to serve as the state's water policy manager to ensure the state's water laws are enforced.

1.9 The water policy manager must oversee water policy among executive branch agencies so
1.10 as to ensure the protection and restoration of, and prevention of degradation to, the state's
1.11 surface water and groundwater resources for the benefit of current and future generations
1.12 of Minnesotans. The water policy manager acts as the governor's representative to the
1.13 Legislative Water Commission established under section 3.886.

1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.