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# State of Minnesota

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. **4438**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying provisions for watershed projects initiated  
1.3 by managers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103D.601, subdivision  
1.4 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103D.601, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) The managers may initiate a project by resolution of  
1.8 at least a majority of the managers if:

1.9 (1) the project is financed by grants totaling at least 50 percent of the estimated project  
1.10 cost; and

1.11 (2) the engineer's estimate of costs to parties affected by the watershed district, including  
1.12 assessments against benefited properties but excluding state, federal, or other grants, is not  
1.13 more than ~~\$750,000~~ \$500,000 for the project.

1.14 (b) A resolution under this subdivision may not be used to establish a project that has  
1.15 drainage as its essential nature and purpose.