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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to environment; requiring certain review of wastewater treatment projects
- 1.3 receiving financial assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116.182,
- 1.4 subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116.182, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
- 1.8 subdivision have the meanings given them.
- 1.9 (b) "Agency" means the Pollution Control Agency.
- 1.10 (c) "Authority" means the Public Facilities Authority established in section 446A.03.
- 1.11 (d) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency.
- 1.12 (e) "Essential project components" means those components of a wastewater disposal
- 1.13 system that are necessary to convey or treat a municipality's existing wastewater flows and
- 1.14 loadings.
- 1.15 (f) "Geographic watershed" means the watershed that contains the potable water source
- 1.16 supplying a wastewater treatment project.
- 1.17 (g) "Geographic aquifer" means the aquifer that supplies the potable water supplying a
- 1.18 wastewater treatment project.
- 1.19 ~~(f)~~ (h) "Municipality" means a county, home rule charter or statutory city, town, the
- 1.20 Metropolitan Council, an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization; or any
- 1.21 other governmental subdivision of the state responsible by law for the prevention, control,
- 1.22 and abatement of water pollution in any area of the state.

2.1 ~~(g)~~ (i) "Outstanding international resource value waters" are the surface waters of the
2.2 state in the Lake Superior Basin, other than Class 7 waters and those waters designated as
2.3 outstanding resource value waters.

2.4 ~~(h)~~ (j) "Outstanding resource value waters" are those that have high water quality,
2.5 wilderness characteristics, unique scientific or ecological significance, exceptional recreation
2.6 value, or other special qualities that warrant special protection.

2.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116.182, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.8 read:

2.9 Subd. 3b. **Aquifer recharge review.** After January 1, 2020, the commissioner's review
2.10 must include a review of the proper return of treated wastewater and recharge of the
2.11 geographic aquifer within the geographic watershed for all wastewater treatment projects.