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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 2528

03/02/2023 Authored by Brand, Frederick, Edelson and Feist The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; appropriating money for water safety plans for cities.

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

1.4 Section 1. WATER SAFETY ACTION PLAN; APPROPRIATION.

1.5 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.6 of health to prepare a statewide drinking water safety action plan in consultation with the
1.7 Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation. The plan
1.8 must include recommendations for:

1.9 (1) protecting and improving the state's public drinking water through research,
1.10 implementation, and outreach;

1.11 (2) providing educational programs for later implementation that focus on water safety
1.12 for public water supplies;

1.13 (3) providing resources to identify hazards associated with aquifers and wells of particular
1.14 designs and ages;

1.15 (4) preparing a prototype plan that would combine source-water protection plans, water
1.16 supply safety plans, emergency response plans, treatment options, distribution-network
1.17 diagrams, and best operating procedures; and

1.18 (5) a template and funding options for a pilot study.

1.19 (b) The plan must be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house
1.20 of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment
1.21 and natural resources and health by June 30, 2025.