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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1845

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; requiring interagency feasibility study.

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

1.4 Section 1. **FEASIBILITY STUDY; IMPORTING BAIT FISH FOR RESALE.**

1.5 The commissioner of agriculture shall conduct a study to assess the feasibility of a  
1.6 Minnesota company with a valid importation permit under Minnesota Statutes, section  
1.7 97C.515, procuring health-certified, farm-raised bait fish from an out-of-state facility and  
1.8 transporting the fish directly to a Minnesota facility for the purpose of a resale transaction.  
1.9 The commissioner shall appoint a working group of seven individuals to conduct the  
1.10 study, to include representatives of the Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources,  
1.11 Explore Minnesota, and private aquaculture, a University of Minnesota aquatic invasive  
1.12 species specialist, a Minnesota aquaculture extension agent, and a United States Fish and  
1.13 Wildlife aquatic invasive species specialist. The work group shall report the study to the  
1.14 legislative policy and finance committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture,  
1.15 environment, and natural resources by February 1, 2016.