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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2354

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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 drainage; establishing drainage registry information portal; appropriating
1.3 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E.

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

1.5 Section 1. [103E.122] DRAINAGE REGISTRY INFORMATION PORTAL.

1.6 (a) By December 31, 2023, the executive director of the Board of Water and Soil
1.7 Resources must establish and permanently maintain a drainage registry information portal
1.8 that includes a publicly searchable electronic database. The portal must allow a drainage
1.9 authority to electronically submit information on:

1.10 (1) a petitioned drainage project; and

1.11 (2) a petition or order for reestablishment of records.

1.12 (b) Within ten days of appointing an engineer for a petitioned drainage project or within
1.13 ten days of a finding that a record is incomplete under section 103E.101, subdivision 4a,
1.14 paragraph (a), a drainage authority must file the following information with the Board of
1.15 Water and Soil Resources through the registry information portal established under paragraph
1.16 (a):

1.17 (1) the name of the drainage authority;

1.18 (2) whether the filing results from a petitioned drainage project or a petition or order for
1.19 reestablishment of records;

1.20 (3) the date that the petition or order was filed;

1.21 (4) information for a local contact that can provide additional information; and

2.1 (5) a copy of the filed petition or order.

2.2 (c) A drainage authority may not take further action on a petitioned drainage project or
2.3 a petition or order for reestablishment of records until the information under paragraph (b)
2.4 is available for public viewing on the registry information portal.

2.5 (d) The registry information portal must allow members of the public to electronically
2.6 search for and retrieve information by the data fields specified in paragraph (b), clauses (1)
2.7 to (5).

2.8 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; DRAINAGE REGISTRY INFORMATION PORTAL.**

2.9 \$200,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Water
2.10 and Soil Resources to establish the drainage registry information portal under Minnesota
2.11 Statutes, section 103E.122. This is a onetime appropriation.