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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3677

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; directing the Board of Water and Soil Resources
1.3 to coordinate goals and strategies for the Minnesota River basin; appropriating
1.4 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103B.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[103B.70] MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN PLAN DEVELOPMENT**
1.7 **AND COORDINATION.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Coordination.** The Board of Water and Soil Resources shall develop
1.9 and coordinate Minnesota River basin goals and strategies for sediment reduction, flow
1.10 reduction, and nutrient reduction. The goals and strategy must be completed by December
1.11 31, 2017.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Comprehensive watershed management plans.** Comprehensive
1.13 watershed management plans developed under section 103B.801 for the 13 major
1.14 watersheds within the Minnesota River basin must include the goals and strategies
1.15 developed under subdivision 1. The comprehensive watershed management plans for the
1.16 13 major watersheds within the Minnesota River basin must be completed by December
1.17 31, 2020. If a comprehensive watershed management plan is not completed by December
1.18 31, 2020, or the Board of Water and Soil Resources determines a plan is not being
1.19 implemented for any of the 13 major watersheds, the county or counties within the
1.20 watershed shall petition for the establishment of a watershed district under chapter 103D.

1.21 Subd. 3. **Local advisory committee.** The Board of Water and Soil Resources shall
1.22 establish a local advisory committee to advise the board in developing goals and strategies
1.23 under subdivision 1. The advisory committee must be representative of the 13 major
1.24 watersheds within the Minnesota River basin and must represent the diversity of interests

2.1 and sectors in the Minnesota River basin. Members of the Minnesota River Congress must
2.2 be appointed to the advisory committee. The board shall convene a meeting of the local
2.3 advisory committee at least once annually.

2.4 Subd. 4. **Report.** By January 15, 2018, and every two years thereafter, the Board
2.5 of Water and Soil Resources shall report to the legislature, as provided in section 3.195,
2.6 on the goals and strategies developed by the board for the Minnesota River basin and the
2.7 progress in meeting those goals and strategies.

2.8 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.9 \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the fund to the Board of
2.10 Water and Soil Resources for implementation of Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.70. Of
2.11 this amount, \$1,000,000 is for grants of up to \$250,000 to local government units within
2.12 a single watershed in the Minnesota River basin to initiate comprehensive watershed
2.13 management plans under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.801.