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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4189**

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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; appropriating money to monitor and model water
1.3 levels in certain open-pit mines.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; WATER LEVELS IN OPEN-PIT MINES.**

1.6 \$200,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of natural resources to expand monitoring and modeling of water levels in the Canisteo and
1.8 Arcturus to Hill Annex open-pit mine groups, with priority on the latter. The monitoring
1.9 and modeling results must be used by the commissioner to develop plans to control and
1.10 reduce the water levels in each pit group and ameliorate, mitigate, or eliminate the public
1.11 safety hazards and groundwater contamination concerns resulting from rising water in both
1.12 open-pit groups. This is a onetime appropriation.