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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 water; appropriating money for water supply planning.

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

1.4 Section 1. **NORTH AND EAST METRO WATER SUPPLY PLANNING;**  
1.5 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 (a) \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
1.7 commissioner of natural resources to provide financial assistance to the cities of Stillwater,  
1.8 Mahtomedi, Hugo, Lake Elmo, Lino Lakes, North St. Paul, Oakdale, Vadnais Heights, and  
1.9 White Bear Lake and the town of White Bear to evaluate and prepare contingency plans  
1.10 for converting water supplies from groundwater sources to total or partial supplies from  
1.11 surface water sources and to prepare a final report with the contingency plans and any  
1.12 recommendations. Each contingency plan must include a schedule for funding the design,  
1.13 construction, and conversion to surface water supplies. Contingency plans must include  
1.14 sufficient detail regarding preliminary design considerations, including supply source,  
1.15 treatment, distribution, operation, and financing, to inform the commissioner and legislature  
1.16 of the options to be considered. The commissioner must compile a final report to the  
1.17 legislature with the contingency plans and any recommendations in consultation and  
1.18 coordination with the Metropolitan Council, St. Paul Regional Water Services, industrial  
1.19 water permit holders, and other entities with a demonstrated interest in the water supply  
1.20 challenges facing the North and East Metro Groundwater Management Area. By December  
1.21 31, 2024, the commissioner must submit the report to the chairs and ranking minority  
1.22 members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction

2.1 over environment and natural resources finance and policy. This is a onetime appropriation  
2.2 and is available until June 30, 2024.

2.3 (b) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.4 of natural resources to provide financial assistance to the cities of Stillwater, Mahtomedi,  
2.5 Hugo, Lake Elmo, Lino Lakes, North St. Paul, Oakdale, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear  
2.6 Lake and the town of White Bear to develop plans to phase down per capita residential  
2.7 water use to 75 gallons per day and total per capita water use to 90 gallons per day and to  
2.8 develop irrigation plans that include an irrigation ban if the water level of White Bear Lake  
2.9 falls below 923.5 feet and continues until the lake has reached an elevation of 924 feet. This  
2.10 is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2024.