SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

S.F. No. 2106

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to environment; appropriating money for a pilot program for wastewater
1.3   treatment facility heat capture.

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

1.5   Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; WASTEWATER TREATMENT WASTE HEAT**

1.6   **RECOVERY PILOT PROGRAM.**

1.7   (a) $....... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

1.8   of the Pollution Control Agency for a pilot program to capture waste heat from wastewater

1.9   treatment facilities to provide heat through integration with a new or existing district energy

1.10   system or other means. The commissioner must use this appropriation to:

1.11   (1) identify wastewater facilities throughout the state where waste heat from wastewater

1.12   treatment could feasibly be captured and integrated;

1.13   (2) quantify the total amount of energy available for heating purposes;

1.14   (3) fund engineering review and design for one project located in the seven-county

1.15   metropolitan area and one project located outside the metropolitan area; and

1.16   (4) produce the report required by paragraph (b).

1.17   (b) By December 1, 2027, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking

1.18   minority members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over environment

1.19   policy and finance on the pilot project funded under this section. The report must include:

1.20   (1) the sites identified under paragraph (a), clause (1);

2.1   (2) an explanation of the potential challenges to implementing waste heat capture systems

2.2   at wastewater treatment plants and the benefits of doing so; and

2.3   (3) identification of potential funding sources to implement such projects in the future.