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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to clean waters; appropriating money from clean water legacy fund.  
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. CLEAN WATER FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

1.5 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies  
1.6 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the clean water fund  
1.7 and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the Minnesota  
1.8 Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2018" and "2019" used in this act mean  
1.9 that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
1.10 2018, or June 30, 2019, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2018. "The second year"  
1.11 is fiscal year 2019. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2018 and 2019. The appropriations in  
1.12 this act are onetime.

1.13	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
1.14	<u>Available for the Year</u>
1.15	<u>Ending June 30</u>
1.16	<u>2018</u> <u>2019</u>

1.17 Sec. 2. CLEAN WATER

1.18 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation                      \$                      -0- \$                      25,765,000

1.19 The amounts that may be spent for each  
1.20 purpose are specified in the following sections.

1.21 Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

2.1 Money appropriated in this act may not be  
 2.2 spent on activities unless they are directly  
 2.3 related to and necessary for a specific  
 2.4 appropriation. Money appropriated in this act  
 2.5 must be spent in accordance with Minnesota  
 2.6 Management and Budget's Guidance to  
 2.7 Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure.  
 2.8 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 2.9 16A.28, the appropriations in this act are  
 2.10 available until June 30, 2022. If a project  
 2.11 receives federal funds, the period of the  
 2.12 appropriation is extended to equal the  
 2.13 availability of federal funding. Returned grant  
 2.14 funds must be regranted consistent with the  
 2.15 purpose specified in this act.

2.16 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

2.17 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean  
 2.18 water funds, in consultation with the Council  
 2.19 on Disability and other appropriate  
 2.20 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,  
 2.21 committees, and commissions, should make  
 2.22 progress toward providing greater access to  
 2.23 programs, print publications, and digital media  
 2.24 for people with disabilities related to the  
 2.25 programs the recipient funds using  
 2.26 appropriations made in this act.

2.27 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
 2.28 **RESOURCES**

<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
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2.29 \$1,000,000 the second year is for the purposes  
 2.30 specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66.

2.31 **Sec. 4. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**  
 2.32 **RESOURCES**

<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>24,422,000</u>
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2.33 (a) \$5,000,000 the second year is for grants to  
 2.34 protect and restore drinking water sources.

3.1 The projects must use practices demonstrated  
3.2 to be effective, be of long-lasting public  
3.3 benefit, and include a match. Projects must be  
3.4 consistent with wellhead protection, protection  
3.5 plans for surface water intake, strategies for  
3.6 groundwater restoration and protection, or  
3.7 local water management plans or their  
3.8 equivalents. A portion of these funds may be  
3.9 used to seek administrative efficiencies  
3.10 through shared resources by multiple local  
3.11 governmental units.

3.12 (b) \$15,000,000 the second year is to purchase  
3.13 and restore permanent conservation sites via  
3.14 easements or contracts to treat and store water  
3.15 on the land for water quality improvement and  
3.16 related technical assistance. This work may  
3.17 be done in cooperation with the United States  
3.18 Department of Agriculture with a first priority  
3.19 use to accomplish a conservation reserve  
3.20 enhancement program, or equivalent, in the  
3.21 state. Up to \$1,500,000 is for deposit in a  
3.22 monitoring and enforcement account.

3.23 (c) \$4,422,000 the second year is to provide  
3.24 performance-based grants to local government  
3.25 units. The grants may be used to implement  
3.26 projects that protect, enhance, and restore  
3.27 surface water quality in lakes, rivers, and  
3.28 streams; protect groundwater from  
3.29 degradation; and protect drinking water  
3.30 sources. Projects must be identified in a  
3.31 comprehensive watershed plan developed  
3.32 under the One Watershed, One Plan or  
3.33 metropolitan surface water management  
3.34 frameworks or groundwater plans. Grant  
3.35 recipients must identify a nonstate match and

4.1 may use other legacy funds to supplement  
 4.2 projects funded under this paragraph.

4.3 Sec. 5. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA                    \$                    -0- \$                    343,000

4.4 \$343,000 the second year is to provide  
 4.5 guidance documents and tools evaluating the  
 4.6 clean water fund's return on investment to  
 4.7 measure impacts on water quality and human  
 4.8 well-being as well as assist in future funding  
 4.9 decisions.