

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 4269 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **CLEAN WATER FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Department of Agriculture.** \$500,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated  
1.5 from the clean water fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to the Board of  
1.6 Regents of the University of Minnesota to fund the Forever Green Agriculture Initiative  
1.7 and to protect the state's natural resources while increasing the efficiency, profitability, and  
1.8 productivity of Minnesota farmers by incorporating perennial and winter-annual crops into  
1.9 existing agricultural practices. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June  
1.10 30, 2022.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Public Facilities Authority.** \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated  
1.12 from the clean water fund to the Public Facilities Authority for the point source  
1.13 implementation grants program under Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This is a  
1.14 onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2022.

1.15 Subd. 3. **Pollution Control Agency.** \$10,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from  
1.16 the clean water fund to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to support activities  
1.17 of the Clean Water Council according to Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision  
1.18 1. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.19 Subd. 4. **Department of Natural Resources.** \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is  
1.20 appropriated from the clean water fund to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
1.21 permanent conservation easements in targeted areas to protect the forests and shorelands  
1.22 that supply clean water to lakes, rivers, and streams under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66.  
1.23 This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2022.

1.24 Subd. 5. **Board of Water and Soil Resources.** (a) \$3,671,000 in fiscal year 2018 and  
1.25 \$629,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the clean water fund to the Board of

2.1 Water and Soil Resources for a pilot program to provide performance-based grants to local  
2.2 government units. The grants may be used to implement projects that protect, enhance, and  
2.3 restore surface water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; protect groundwater from  
2.4 degradation; and protect drinking water sources. Projects must be identified in a  
2.5 comprehensive watershed plan developed under the One Watershed, One Plan or metropolitan  
2.6 surface water management frameworks or groundwater plans. Grant recipients must identify  
2.7 a nonstate match and may use other legacy funds to supplement projects funded under this  
2.8 paragraph.

2.9 (b) \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the Board  
2.10 of Water and Soil Resources for grants to protect and restore drinking water and groundwater,  
2.11 including feedlot water quality and subsurface sewage treatment system projects. The  
2.12 projects must use practices demonstrated to be effective, be of long-lasting public benefit,  
2.13 and include a match. A portion of these funds may be used to seek administrative efficiencies  
2.14 through shared resources by multiple local governmental units.

2.15 (c) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the  
2.16 Board of Water and Soil Resources to purchase and restore permanent conservation sites  
2.17 via easements or contracts to treat and store water on the land for water quality improvement  
2.18 purposes and related technical assistance. This work may be done in cooperation with the  
2.19 United States Department of Agriculture with a first priority use to accomplish a conservation  
2.20 reserve enhancement program, or equivalent, in the state. Up to \$1,080,000 is for deposit  
2.21 in a monitoring and enforcement account.

2.22 (d) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the Board  
2.23 of Water and Soil Resources for grants to soil and water conservation districts for cost-sharing  
2.24 contracts with landowners or authorized agents to implement riparian buffers or alternative  
2.25 practices on public waters or public ditches consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.26 103F.48. Of this amount, up to \$2,500,000 may be targeted outside the 54-county  
2.27 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Area.

2.28 (e) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the Board  
2.29 of Water and Soil Resources to provide support to the University of Minnesota Water  
2.30 Resources Center and partners to further develop and expand the use of the existing Irrigation  
2.31 Management Assistance tool, and implement an outreach and education program that  
2.32 supports the tool in consultation with the University of Minnesota Extension Service. The  
2.33 Water Resource Center must explore supplemental funding opportunities with the United  
2.34 States Department of Agriculture to further this activity. The Board of Water and Soil  
2.35 Resources must approve a spending plan prior to making money available.

3.1 (f) The board may shift grant or cost-share funds in this section and may adjust the  
3.2 technical and administrative assistance portion of the funds to leverage federal or other  
3.3 nonstate funds or to address oversight responsibilities or high-priority needs identified in  
3.4 local water management plans.

3.5 (g) The board shall require grantees to specify the outcomes that will be achieved by  
3.6 the grants prior to any grant awards.

3.7 (h) The appropriations in this subdivision are onetime and available until June 30, 2022.  
3.8 Returned grant funds must be regranted consistent with the purposes of this subdivision.

3.9 Subd. 6. **University of Minnesota.** \$343,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from  
3.10 the clean water fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to provide  
3.11 guidance documents and tools evaluating the clean water fund's return on investment to  
3.12 measure impacts on water quality and human well-being as well as assist in future funding  
3.13 decisions. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2022.

3.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

3.15 Amend the title accordingly