

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3595 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 5, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103A.212, is amended to read:

1.4 **103A.212 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT POLICY.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. Purpose. The quality of life of every Minnesotan depends on water.
1.6 Minnesota's rivers, lakes, streams, wetlands, and groundwater provide a foundation for
1.7 drinking water and the state's recreational, municipal, commercial, industrial, agricultural,
1.8 environmental, aesthetic, and economic well-being. The legislature finds that it is in the
1.9 public interest to manage groundwater and surface water resources from the perspective of
1.10 aquifers, watersheds, and river basins to achieve protection, preservation, enhancement,
1.11 and restoration of the state's valuable groundwater and surface water resources.

1.12 Subd. 2. Coordination and cooperation. In implementing the policy under this section,
1.13 state agencies and local and regional governments with authority for local water management,
1.14 conservation, land use, land management, and development plans must take into consideration
1.15 the manner in which their plans are consistent with the policy. To the extent practicable,
1.16 state agencies and local and regional governments must endeavor to enter into formal and
1.17 informal agreements and arrangements to jointly utilize staff and educational, technical,
1.18 and financial resources to deliver programs or conduct activities to achieve the intent of the
1.19 policy."

1.20 Page 1, line 6, delete "MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN"

1.21 Page 1, line 13, delete "located in the Minnesota River basin"

1.22 Page 1, line 21, after the period, insert "The board may adopt procedures based on the
1.23 provisions of section 103C.501 for cost-sharing contracts needed to implement this program."

1.24 Page 3, after line 5, insert:

2.1 "Sec. 3. **WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRESS; REPORT.**

2.2 The Board of Water and Soil Resources must seek recommendations from: local units
2.3 of government; the Clean Water Council; the commissioners of natural resources, health,
2.4 the Pollution Control Agency, and agriculture; the Metropolitan Council; and the Drainage
2.5 Work Group, to accelerate watershed management progress consistent with the policy under
2.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 103A.212, and prepare and submit the recommendations to the
2.7 house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over
2.8 environment and natural resources by February 1, 2021.

2.9 Sec. 4. **FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR MERGING SOIL AND WATER**
2.10 **CONSERVATION DISTRICTS AND WATERSHED DISTRICTS;**
2.11 **APPROPRIATION.**

2.12 \$...... in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Water
2.13 and Soil Resources to prepare, in consultation with soil and water conservation districts,
2.14 watershed districts, and other local units of government, a feasibility study on voluntarily
2.15 merging soil and water conservation districts and watershed districts that have completed
2.16 a plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.801. By January 15, 2022, the board must
2.17 submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives
2.18 and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources
2.19 policy and finance with the study and any recommendations for legislation necessary for
2.20 implementation. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2022."

2.21 Page 3, line 8, delete "Minnesota River basin"

2.22 Amend the title as follows:

2.23 Page 1, line 2, delete "Minnesota River basin"

2.24 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.25 Amend the title accordingly