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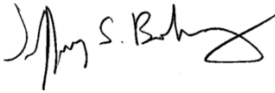
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St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: MNWOO Supports HF 1338

The Minnesota Well Owners Organization (MNWOO) is a statewide advocacy group working to assure safe drinking water at the kitchen sink for Private Well Users (PWUS). We are writing today in strong support of the re-establishment of the Legislative Water Commission as proposed in HF 1338.

Water connects everything. In Minnesota clean, healthy water helps define our culture, infrastructure, recreation, health, and our economy. The connections seem complex and therefore MNWOO believes that the focus on water coming from a new Legislative Water Commission would be a powerful way for the Legislature to recognize the connections and to assure sustainable water for our future.

Sincerely: 

Jeffrey S. Broberg, LPG, Director: Minnesota Well Owners Organization



MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

Connecting People. Protecting Water.

Chair Rick Hansen
Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Hansen,

On behalf of Minnesota Watersheds, I would like to express our support for HF1338, the reestablishment of the Legislative Water Commission. The Commission and Subcommittee have proven to be very beneficial for those of us involved in water management in Minnesota. To have a group of legislators willing to dig into some of the complex issues we face is certainly a benefit to water management in Minnesota.

We appreciate the past efforts and look forward to working with the Commission in the future should it be reinstated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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Testimony: Re-creation of the Legislative Water Commission
House File 1338; Senate File 1918

CHAIR HANSON AND MEMBERS

ATTACHED -WRITTEN TESTIMONY-FOR “ SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINNESOTA
WATER POLICY-(LCC)-DIRECTOR REVIEW & -DISTRIBUTION-THANK

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN-INVOLVING-SENATE AND HOUSE-
LEGISLATIVE “-MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS -(WRITTEN TESTIMONY -
AS FOLLOWS

FROM DICK MYERS

PREVIOUSLY - SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINNESOTA WATER POLICY -(LCC)
REGIONAL VOLUNTEER STAKEHOLDER REP. GREATER MINNESOTA - AREA -
CURRENT ONGOING - CONSULTATION- JIM STARK - DIRECTOR
SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINNESOTA WATER POLICY
(LCC)

SUBJECT: SF-1918-HF-1338-BILLS- INTRODUCED- SENATE -SENATOR-HAWJ,
FOUNG-” ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER- THE “ HOUSE “ - & OTHER
LEGISLATIVE-”REPS” AND CO-INTRODUCED-BY REP. PAUL TORKELSON-
DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER - REP. PETER FISHER-MEMBER-”ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE AND POLICY-
COMMITTEE”

WE: MEANING (REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS) - GREATER MINNESOTA -
AND WITH “ EXPECTED LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT “ , HAVE CONCLUDED THE
FOLLOWING:

A. THE REPLACEMENT OF THE “ SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINNESOTA WATER
POLICY -(LCC) WITH THE “ LEGISLATIVE WATER COMMISSION “ AND IS
VIEWED AS LEGISLATIVLY “ ACCEPTABLE“ BASED THE (2023) LEGISLATIVE
SESSION TIME LINES AND OUTCOMES AS PRESENTED.AND WITH
POSSIBLE SENATE BI-PARTISAN CO-INTRODUCTION

B. AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE CONTENT INVOLVING BOTH - THE “
LEGISLATIVE WATER COMMISSION AND SUBCOMMITTEE- ON MINNESOTA

WATER POLICY) THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE - BASIC AGREEMENT- OF
POLCY & PROCESS-, INVOLVING -SUB-GROUPS- AND STATE AGENCIES-

PLEASE NOTE-” SUBED.-4-POWERS AND DUTIES-PART (A)-BELOW. AND
MOVING FORWARD ,MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE - REVIEW-BY
MEMBERS OF THE- HOUSE & SENATE-ENVIRONMENT , CLIMATE AND
LEGACY COMMITTEE AND HOUSE-ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES FINANCE AND POLICY-COMMITTEE” WITH OVER SITE BY THE “
LEGISLATIVE WATER COMMISSION DIRECTOR “

IN CONCLUSION-THERE IS CLEARLY A NEED FOR A CONTINUATION OF AN
BI-PARTISAN- BICAMERAL APPROACH THAT MAY UNDER THE CURRENT
LEGISLATIVE TIME FRAME, BE POSSIBLE AND ACHIEVEABLE NEXT (
SESSION) - AS PESENTED BELOW

WE THANK YOU FOR THE OPPOTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE.
SINCERELY-DICK MYERS- AND REGIONAL-STAKEHOLDERS CONSTITUENTS-
STEARNS-SHERBURNE-BENTON-WADENA-BECKER-HUBBARD-CLEARWATER
BELTRAMI-CROW WING-CASS- RENVILLE-COUNTIES-FORWARD AS DEEMED
APPROPRIATE-IE.-DISTRICT’S-13A-14A-14-02-05- 5A-15B-16-44A-67-AaRON
PERSON “ UPPER RED LAKE KEEP IT CLEAN COMMITTEE

Testimony: Re-creation of the Legislative Water Commission
House File 1338; Senate File 1918

History:

Chair Hanson and Members,

I am writing to you in support of House File 1338, the bill to reconstitute the Legislative Water Commission.

Back in 1989, the original Legislative Water Commission was formed to help the Legislature understand and manage water issues at the Capitol. The Commission members became quite knowledgeable - not only about Minnesota's water resources - but also about how the water agencies worked, their roles in water management and the needs of the regulatory system.

The responsibility for Minnesota's water is spread across many units of government at the city, county, watershed and state levels. All these units do their jobs and coordination happens through a variety of mechanisms. But in a way, our water regulation system is like a growing child, with lots of busy hands and feet but with still developing executive function*. Reconstitution of the Legislative Water Commission will help to provide that executive function to the water regulatory system in Minnesota as well as to build water expertise at the Capitol.

Gretchen Sabel, Andover, Minnesota

Retired, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (also MN Environmental Quality Board)

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***Executive function** is the mental processes that enable us to plan, focus attention, remember instructions, and juggle multiple tasks successfully. From [Harvard Center for the Developing Child](#)