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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 639

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to clean water; appropriating money for the reinvest in Minnesota reserve
1.3 program.

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

1.5 Section 1. **REINVEST IN MINNESOTA (RIM) RESERVE PROGRAM;**
1.6 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$1,208,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the Board
1.8 of Water and Soil Resources to purchase and restore permanent conservation sites via
1.9 easements or contracts to treat and store water on the land for water quality improvement
1.10 purposes and related technical assistance. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section
1.11 103F.515, apply to this program. The board must give priority to leveraging federal money
1.12 by enrolling targeted new lands or enrolling environmentally sensitive lands that have
1.13 expiring federal conservation agreements. The board is authorized to enter into new
1.14 agreements and amend past agreements with landowners as required by Minnesota Statutes,
1.15 section 103F.515, subdivision 5, to allow for restoration. Up to \$..... is for deposit in a
1.16 monitoring and enforcement account.