



COUNCIL INITIATIVE: UPDATE METROPOLITAN AREA WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATUTE

H.F. 3883 (Freiberg)

This proposal would update Minnesota Statutes, section 473.1565 to make changes to appointments to the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC). The proposal would also update some parts of law that are out of date.

Background

In 2005, the Minnesota State Legislature passed a measure that directed the Metropolitan Council to carry out planning activities addressing the water supply needs of the Twin Cities metro region. To assist the Met Council in its planning activities, the legislature established the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee.

MAWSAC, advised by the Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee and with robust input via a series of subregional engagements, plays a lead role in developing the [Metro Area Water Supply Plan](#). The Metro Area Water Supply Plan is included in the [Water Policy Plan](#) which sets the long-range policy foundation for water as part of the [Imagine 2050](#) regional development guide, which was adopted in February 2025. MAWSAC also provides periodic updates to the legislature and the Metropolitan Council. The next report is planned for 2027.

Why the Met Council is pursuing this legislation

Statute sets the membership for the advisory committee and includes local government officials from the seven-country metro area that comprises the Met Council's jurisdiction. The statute also includes local government officials from the counties of Chisago, Isanti, Wright, and Sherburne. This proposal would simplify the process for appointing the officials on MAWSAC from the greater Minnesota counties by allowing the greater Minnesota counties to make direct appointments to the advisory committee. The proposal would also add a Tribal representative to the advisory committee, appointed by the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC), and a Tribal representative to the technical advisory committee. Proposed language would also clarify terms for advisory committee members and remove antiquated language from the statute.

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