

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 4019 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.271, subdivision 4a, is amended to  
1.4 read:

1.5 Subd. 4a. **Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer.** (a) Except as provided under paragraphs (b)  
1.6 and (c), the commissioner may not issue new water-use permits that will appropriate water  
1.7 from the Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer unless the appropriation is for potable water use, there  
1.8 are no feasible or practical alternatives to this source, and a water conservation plan is  
1.9 incorporated with the permit.

1.10 (b) The commissioner may issue a new water-use permit to appropriate water from the  
1.11 Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer for a first priority water use as described in section 103G.261,  
1.12 paragraph (a), clause (1), if:

1.13 (1) the commissioner determines that there are no feasible or practical alternatives to  
1.14 this source;

1.15 (2) a water conservation plan that incorporates best available water conservation  
1.16 technology and practices is required in the permit; and

1.17 (3) the permit is consistent with the requirements of sections 103G.255 to 103G.2991,  
1.18 and the general permit requirements of sections 103G.301 and 103G.315, as applicable.

1.19 (c) The commissioner may issue a new water-use permit to appropriate water from the  
1.20 Mt. Simon-Hinckley aquifer for irrigation of a growing crop, if the requested appropriation  
1.21 is in Aitkin County, Carlton County, Chisago County, Isanti County, Kanabec County,  
1.22 Mille Lacs County, Pine County, or Sherburne County and:

2.1 (1) the commissioner determines that there are no feasible or practical alternatives to  
2.2 this source;

2.3 (2) a water conservation plan that incorporates best available water conservation  
2.4 technology and practices is required in the permit;

2.5 (3) the commissioner requires the installation and maintenance of monitoring equipment  
2.6 to evaluate water resource impacts from the permitted appropriation under section 103G.282;

2.7 (4) the commissioner requires an applicant to conduct an aquifer test as provided under  
2.8 section 103G.287;

2.9 (5) the permit is for the use of no more than 50,000,000 gallons per year; and

2.10 (6) the permit is consistent with the requirements of sections 103G.255 to 103G.2991,  
2.11 and the general permit requirements of sections 103G.301 and 103G.315, as applicable.

2.12 (d) For the purpose of this section, "growing crop" means an agricultural, horticultural,  
2.13 or forest crop that has been planted or regularly maintained and intended for harvest. It does  
2.14 not mean a permanent pasture, hay meadow, woodlot, or other noncrop area that contains  
2.15 native or seeded perennial plants used for grazing or hay purposes, and that is not harvested  
2.16 on a regular basis."

2.17 Amend the title accordingly