

1.1 Freiberg and Quam from the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations  
1.2 to which was referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 4348, A bill for an act relating to local government; designating thermal energy  
1.4 networks as public improvements and waterworks; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024,  
1.5 sections 429.021, subdivision 1; 444.075, subdivision 1.

1.6 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.7 Page 1, after line 5, insert:

1.8 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 429.011, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 2a. **Municipality; certain counties.** "Municipality" also includes the following:

1.10 (1) a county in the case of construction, reconstruction, or improvement of a county  
1.11 state-aid highway;

1.12 (2) a county in the case of construction, reconstruction, or improvement of a county  
1.13 highway as defined in section 160.02 including curbs and gutters and storm sewers;

1.14 (3) a county exercising its powers and duties under section 444.075, subdivision 1;

1.15 (4) a county for expenses not paid for under section 403.113, subdivision 3, paragraph  
1.16 (b), clause (3);

1.17 (5) a county in the case of the abatement of nuisances; ~~and~~

1.18 (6) a county operating an energy improvements financing program under section  
1.19 216C.436 or 216C.437; and

1.20 (7) a county in the case of construction, reconstruction, extension, or maintenance of  
1.21 thermal energy networks as defined in section 216B.2427, subdivision 1, paragraph (s)."

1.22 Renumber the sections in sequence

1.23 Correct the title numbers accordingly

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With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be placed on the General

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Register.

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This Committee action taken March 25, 2026

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