

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act allows permits to be issued to public entities to temporarily drawdown public waters under certain conditions.

### Section

- 1** **Temporary drawdown of public waters.** Adds § 103G.408. (a) Allows the commissioner to issue a permit to a public entity to temporarily drawdown public waters if the permit is for a project that is beneficial and the commissioner makes findings of fact that the drawdown is in the public interest and the public entity has received permission from 75 percent of the riparian landowners and conducted a public hearing.
- (b) Requires an applicant for a temporary drawdown permit to serve a copy of the application to each county and municipality where the public water is located, and to a lake improvement district and watershed management organization if they exist.
- (c) Allows a county, municipality, watershed management organization, or lake improvement district served with a copy of an application under paragraph (b) or a watershed district required to be served with a copy of general water permit applications under 103G.301, subdivision 6, to file a written recommendation or objection to the issuance of the permit within 30 days of receiving the copy of the application.
- (d) Establishes requirements for notices of public hearings that are required under paragraph (a).
- (e) States that the section does not apply to public waters designated for wildlife management by the commissioner under section 97A.101.