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Overview

Makes many technical and housekeeping changes to modernize the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) statutes, chapter 446A, and improve consistency and clarity. Contains two articles.

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Article 1: Public Facilities Authority Technical And Housekeeping Changes

- 1 - 4** Clarifies the role and responsibilities of the PFA Executive Director in reporting to the Department of Employment and Economic Development. Clarifies the PFA role in determining the appropriate financing program for eligible recipients.
- 5-6, 10-15** Changes names and terms for consistency sake, including the name of the water pollution control revolving fund to the Clean Water Revolving Fund to match federal law. Clarifies loan terms for funding received under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
- 7-9, 16** Establishes a total maximum daily load (TMDL) grant cap of \$3,000,000 per municipality, and sets funding priorities based on the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) project priority list.

Places a \$500,000 cap on the clean water legacy phosphorus wastewater treatment reduction grants, and sets funding priorities based on the PCA project priority list.

Establishes up-front technical assistance grants to help small communities analyze possible

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wastewater alternatives. Allows up to \$40,000 for an individual septic tank system professional to conduct a preliminary feasibility analysis, and for the University of Minnesota extension service to advise a community on its capacity to own and operate individual wastewater treatment systems.

Repeals PFA statutes made outdated by this act.

Article 2: Pollution Control Agency Project Priority Rule Modification

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Contains one section amending the PCA statutes that modify their project priority rules in assigning additional points for stormwater projects needed to meet TMDL plan requirements.