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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill would make wellhead protection areas eligible for the reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) reserve program and appropriate money for this purpose.

Section

- 1** **Eligible land.** Amends § 103F.515, subd. 2. Adds wellhead protection areas that have a wellhead protection plan approved by the commissioner of health to the list of lands eligible for the RIM reserve program and makes changes to the RIM reserve program also proposed in H.F. 591 (currently on the General Register).
- 2** **Nature of property rights required.** Amends § 103F.515, subd. 4. Permits the harvest of perennial crops or native grasses for use in seed production of bioenergy on wellhead protection area lands in the RIM reserve program and makes changes to the RIM reserve program also proposed in H.F. 591 (currently on the General Register).
- 3** **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$5,000,000 to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for RIM conservation easements on wellhead protection areas.