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Overview

This bill would modify certain water management provisions of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and establish a pilot program in the North and East Metro Groundwater Management Area.

Section

- 1 Water use permit processing fee.** Amends § 103G.271, subd. 6. Establishes a minimum penalty amount of \$150 a month for failing to pay water use permit fees. Requires the DNR to waive water use permit fees for installations that use storm water runoff from impervious surfaces, unless the commissioner determines that the proposed use adversely affects surface water or groundwater.
- 2 Groundwater management areas.** Amends § 103G.287, subd. 4. Allows the DNR to require tamper proof flow meters on new wells constructed in groundwater management areas in order to measure the quantity of water.
- 3 North and East Metro Groundwater Management Area Pilot Program.**

Subd. 1. Alternative water use fees. Establishes a pilot program for the North and East Metro Groundwater Management Area. Allows the DNR to establish alternative water use permit fees within the area that encourage water conservation.

Subd. 2. Surcharge. Allows the DNR to establish a surcharge, if requested by the North and East Metro Groundwater Management Area Project Advisory Team, to be added to water use fees and states that revenues raised by the surcharge are to be deposited in the water management account and appropriated to the Public Facilities

Section

Authority (PFA) for grants as provided in the next subdivision.

Subd. 3. Grants. Requires the PFA to award grants to governmental units within the North and East Metro Groundwater Management Area for projects that reduce the use of groundwater in the area.

Subd. 4. Revenue bonds. Allows the PFA to sell and issue revenue bonds to be paid by a surcharge in order to fund the grants.