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## **Bill Summary**

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## Overview

This bill would establish a Legislative Water Commission consisting of ten legislators (five from each legislative body) with various duties, including reviewing water related reports and making legislative recommendations.

## **Section**

1 Legislative Water Commission. Adds § 3.886. Establishes a ten-member Legislative Water Commission. The commission consists of five members from each legislative body to be appointed by the speaker (for house of representative members) and the Subcommittee on Committees (for senate members). Minority representation must be proportionate to the minority membership in the respective body. Allows the commission to appoint staff and consultants as necessary.

Requires the commission to: review water policy reports and recommendations provided by various state entities; oversee the activities of the Pollution Control Agency's under the Minnesota state water pollution control program; and make recommendations to assist the legislature in formulating legislation.