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Overview

This bill includes a number of policy changes recommended by the Pollution Control Agency (PCA).

Section

- 1 **Purchases.** For a public entity, specifies the categories of paper (copy, office, printing) that should be made from environmentally preferable materials and manufacturing processes.
- 2 **Definitions.** Amends § 115.55, subd. 1. Adds “building sewer connected to a subsurface treatment system” to what is included in a subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) and defines it for purposes of SSTS requirements.
- 3 **License required.** Amends § 115.56, subd. 2. Increases the corporate surety bond amount necessary to obtain a license to install or service a SSTS from \$10,000 to \$25,000.
- 4 **License and registration required.** Amends § 115A.93, subd. 1. Requires a local unit of government to submit a list of all licensed collectors of municipal solid waste to the agency. Prohibits a person from collecting recyclable materials without a license issued by a local unit of government or without registering with the agency. Specifies reporting requirements for collectors and charges the agency with developing uniform reporting forms in consultation with stakeholders.
- 5 **Property damage losses.** Amends § 115B.34, subd. 2. Allows the cost of installing a mitigation system at the principal residence of a claimant to be reimbursed from the remediation fund, up to \$25,000, if recommended by the agency to protect residents from vapor intrusion resulting from release of a hazardous substance.

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- 6** **Program established.** Amends § 446A.073, subd. 1. Modifies the point source implementation grants program administered by the Public Facilities Authority to allow water infrastructure projects in general (rather than wastewater treatment or storm water projects) to be eligible for funding. The grants are available to government units to address certain water quality issues.
- 7** **Project priorities.** Amends § 446A.073, subd. 3. Allows the PCA to rank drinking water infrastructure projects on its priority list for purposes of the point source implementation grant program.
- 8** **Grant approval.** Amends § 446A.073, subd. 4. Technical.
- 9** **Required rulemaking; subsurface sewage treatment systems.** Requires the PCA to adopt rules to conform with the changes to the SSTS program requirements in this bill and to streamline SSTS license application and renewal process to allow licensed SSTS businesses to meet SSTS and plumbing license requirements pertaining to surety bonds and allow SSTS installers to work on building sewers.