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Section

1 Water supply plans; demand reduction. Strikes the requirement that metropolitan area local government water supply plans be consistent with the metropolitan area master water supply plan prepared by the Metropolitan Council.

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2 Metropolitan Area Water Supply Planning Activities; Advisory Committees.

Subd. 1. Planning activities. Provides that the metropolitan area master water supply plan prepared by the Metropolitan Council is subject to approval by the policy advisory committee established in subdivision 2, instead of DNR.

Subd. 2. Policy advisory committee. Adds St. Paul and Minneapolis water suppliers to the existing advisory committee, designates the committee as the policy advisory committee, and directs the governor to consult with local government associations in making appointments to the policy advisory committee. Strikes the expiration date for the committee.

Subd. 2a. Technical advisory committee. Establishes a technical advisory committee, appointed by the policy advisory committee, to inform the policy advisory committee's work by providing scientific and engineering expertise necessary to providing the region an adequate and sustainable water supply.

Subd. 3. Reports to legislature. Requires the policy advisory committee to report to the Metropolitan Council and to the Legislative Water Commission and legislative committees on the information required in this section. Requires the report to include the information provided by the technical advisory committee.

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- 3** **North and East Metro Groundwater Management Area Plan suspension.** Prohibits the Department of Natural Resources from implementing the groundwater appropriation permit changes proposed in the North and East Metro Groundwater Management Area Plan Draft, or requiring communities to connect to a regional surface water source or otherwise expend resources to plan or prepare for regional surface water connection, until the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Policy Advisory Committee's report is submitted as required under section 1.

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- 4** **Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the Metropolitan Council for the purposes in section 2.