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Overview

This bill makes a number of changes impacting groundwater appropriation permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Section

- 1 **Calcareous fens.** Amends § 103G.223. Requires the DNR to allow temporary reductions, on a seasonal basis, to groundwater resources under an approved management plan for the appropriation of water that might otherwise impact a calcareous fen which is prohibited under current law.
- 2 **Transfer of permit.** Amends § 103G.271, subd. 7. Requires the DNR to transfer a water use permit to a new owner if requested.
- 3 **Management plans; economic impacts.** Adds § 103F.271, subd. 8. Requires the DNR to provide certain economic impact estimates when requiring a change in a water appropriation management plan and requires strategies to address economic impacts in the plan.
- 4 **Applications for groundwater appropriations; preliminary well construction approval.** Amends § 103G.287, subd. 1. Requires the DNR to include the requirements for obtaining a groundwater appropriation permit within preliminary well approval letters. Also requires the DNR to provide applicants denied or issued a groundwater appropriation permit that is reduced from the original request all the information that was used in making the determination on the permit.

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- 5** **Groundwater management areas.** Amends § 103G.287, subd. 4. Requires the DNR to provide certain economic impact estimates when making a change to a groundwater management area plan and requires strategies to address economic impacts in the plan.

- 6** **Well interference; well sealing.** Amends § 103G.289. Requires agreements, offers, and settlements between a person making a well interference claim and a permittee or permit applicant to take into account depreciation of 2.5 percent per year when determining the cost the permittee or permit applicant is responsible for.