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Overview

House File 3666 makes changes in the Pollution Control Agency's small business environmental-improvement loan program, and requires a rule change regarding training for operators of certain waste disposal facilities.

Section

- 1 **[116.993] Subd. 2. Eligible borrower.** Amends the eligibility requirements of the small business environmental-improvement loan program by requiring that the borrower have fewer than 100 FTE employees (the current requirement is fewer than 50 FTE) and eliminating the \$1,000,000 cap on a borrower's net worth.
- 2 **[116.993] Subd. 6. Loan conditions.** Amends the conditions of a small business environmental-improvement loan by requiring that the interest rate be at or below one-half the level of the prime interest rate, not to exceed five percent. (The current statute specifies the greater of four percent or one-half the prime rate.) The maximum loan amount is also increased from \$50,000 to \$75,000.
- 3 **Rulemaking; disposal facility certificates.** Requires the commissioner to amend Minnesota Rules to reduce from nine to six the number of contact hours of training necessary to renew a certificate for an operator of a facility that disposes on land sewage sludge or semisolid materials from a commercial or industrial process. Authorizes the commissioner to use the good cause exemption to amend the rule, allowing the process to be expedited.