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Overview

This bill would prohibit the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) from increasing fees for certain water related activities and require the agency to submit a report to the legislature on the use of water quality permit fee revenues.

In June of 2017, the PCA published a request for comments on planned amendments to agency rules that would increase the fees the agency charges for certain water quality related permitting and certifications.

Section

- 1** **Generally.** Amends § 115.03, subd. 1. Prohibits the PCA from increasing fees to train water pollution control personnel without legislative action beginning June 1, 2018.
- 2** **Fees.** Amends § 115.77, subd. 1. Prohibits the PCA from increasing fees for reviewing applications and issuing certifications for water supply system operators and wastewater treatment facility operators without legislative action beginning June 1, 2018.
- 3** **Fees.** Amends § 115.84, subd. 3. Prohibits the PCA from increasing fees to cover the costs of certifying wastewater laboratories without legislative action beginning June 1, 2018.
- 4** **Permit fees.** Amends § 116.07, subd. 4d. Prohibits the PCA from increasing fees for water quality permits without legislative action beginning June 1, 2018.
- 5** **Report on use of fee proceeds.** Requires the PCA to submit a report to the legislature on the expenditures of water quality permit fee revenue for fiscal year 2019. The report is due October 1, 2019.