

Subject Conservation Materials Containing Plastics

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Overview

This bill would require the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to identify and list materials containing plastic used in conservation and bioengineering projects that have feasible alternatives. The materials would be prohibited from being purchased with state funds or used in a state funded project beginning January 1, 2023. The bill also requires a report and appropriates an unspecified amount to BWSR for purposes of the bill.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Conservation materials containing plastics.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Identifying and listing. Requires BWSR to identify materials used in conservation and bioengineering projects that contain plastic that are likely to be used in state-funded projects, determine if there are feasible alternatives that do not contain plastic, and list those that have feasible alternatives as ineligible for state funding on the board's website.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Prohibition. Beginning January 1, 2023, prohibits a person from purchasing a material listed by BWSR in the previous subdivision with state funds or using it in a project funded with state funds.</p>
2	<p>Appropriation.</p> <p>Provides an unspecified appropriation to BWSR to: (1) identify and list the materials as required under section 1; (2) assess the viability of replacing plastic materials with organic materials; and (3) prepare and submit a report to the legislature (due November 1, 2020). Requires BWSR to consult with certain entities and allows the board to contract with the University of Minnesota as necessary.</p>