

Subject Extreme Weather and Infrastructure Design Study

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Summary

House File 1135 appropriates \$690,000 in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund to the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment to research how state and local government buildings can be designed to reduce energy use and prevent or minimize damage from drought, floods, elevated temperatures, and other extreme weather conditions. The study will also examine whether those conditions will require additional or different human-built infrastructure in order to maintain the level and quality of food and wood production, reduce fire risk in forests, and preserve water quality and wildlife habitat.