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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill requires the University of Minnesota's Water Resource Center to develop a 25-year, comprehensive statewide sustainable water resources framework and appropriates money from the new clean water fund for the project.

Section

1 **Comprehensive statewide sustainable water resources detailed framework.** Paragraph (a) appropriates $750,000 to the University of Minnesota to develop a long-range, 25-year, comprehensive statewide sustainable water resources framework. Specifies the contents of the framework, including an implementation schedule and benchmarks, and provides a definition of sustainable water use for purposes of the framework.

Paragraph (b) requires the University of Minnesota's Water Resource Center to develop the framework and work in cooperation with federal, state, local, and private entities with expertise in water resources. Requires water resource plans of organizations with water resources expertise to be considered when developing the framework. Requires the framework to identify infrastructure needs, water needs for various purposes, and the effects of climate change, development, land use, and demographics, and identify best management practices and methods for determining their effectiveness.

Paragraph (c) requires the framework to be submitted to the legislature by January 1, 2011.

Paragraph (d) requires the University of Minnesota to work through the Legislative-Citizen Committee on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) work program process, including the submission of a work program and progress reports and requires the same information, and any comments on the plan, to be submitted to the legislature.