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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill would require local governments in the seven-county metropolitan area and first class cities outside of the seven-county metropolitan area (currently Duluth and Rochester) to have a 10 to 15 foot buffer surrounding storm water retention ponds located on their property.

- 1 Urban storm water retention pond buffers.** Adds § 103F.812. Defines "metropolitan local government" and "storm water retention pond" for purposes of the section. Requires the metropolitan local governments to maintain a 10 to 15 foot buffer around any storm water retention pond on their property. Prohibits mowing, tilling, trimming, and the use of herbicides within the buffer between March 31 to August 31 each year. States that if property boundaries or other barriers prevent maintenance of the required buffer, that the largest buffer possible shall be maintained.