

Subject PFAS Task Force

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Overview

This bill would establish the PFAS (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) Task Force and appropriate money for the task force.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	PFAS Task Force.
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Subd. 1. PFAS Task Force; membership. Creates the task force and specifies that there are 15 members, including commissioners from relevant state agencies, relevant experts, and members from communities affected by PFAS.

Subd. 2. Chair. Requires the task force to pick a chair from its members.

Subd. 3. Open meetings. Subjects meetings of the task force to the state's open meeting law (chapter 13D).

Subd. 4. Duties. Specifies the duties of the task force, including creating interagency response plan strategies to address PFAS, identifying gaps in PFAS knowledge, estimating PFAS mitigation costs, and developing strategies and recommendations to meet the goals established in the next subdivision.

Subd. 5. Goals. Requires the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to lead an effort to reduce PFAS contamination by 50 percent by 2026, and 90 percent by 2030. Requires the Department of Health (MDH) and the PCA to lead an effort to increase public awareness of PFAS risks by 50 percent by 2024.

Subd. 6. Administrative support. Requires the PCA to provide administrative support to the task force.

Subd. 7. Report. Requires the task force to submit an annual report to the legislature.

Section	Description
	Subd. 8. Expiration. States that the section expires July 1, 2025.
2	Initial appointments and first meeting. Requires task force member appointments to be made by July 15, 2020, and the first meeting to be held by August 1, 2020.
3	Appropriation. Appropriates \$150,000 from the general fund to the PCA for the task force.



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