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FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

Referred by Chair to Education Finance and Economic Competitiveness Finance Division.

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Returned to the Committee on Finance as Amended.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to disaster relief; appropriating money for lake cleanup in LeSueur
1.3 County; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[103G.122] COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY TO REMOVE**
1.6 **DEBRIS.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner shall remove debris from public waters that was:
1.8 (1) caused by a disaster or a public emergency as defined in chapter 12; and
1.9 (2) constitutes a threat to public safety in any way, including swimming, boating, or
1.10 other recreational use of the public waters.

1.11 (b) A statutory or home rule charter city or county may allow residents and adjacent
1.12 property owners to place debris retrieved from public waters onto the public access for
1.13 pickup.

1.14 Sec. 2. **PUBLIC WATERS DEBRIS CLEARANCE FUND.**

1.15 Subdivision 1. **Fund created.** A public waters debris clearance fund is created to
1.16 assure that public waters are cleaned and maintained from debris that is deposited into the
1.17 public waters by disasters, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12.

1.18 If the governor has declared a state of emergency, money in this fund shall be
1.19 appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources for the removal of debris, which
1.20 were deposited by a disaster, from public waters. The commissioner of natural resources
1.21 may contract or provide grants to local governments to accomplish these purposes.

1.22 If a federal disaster is declared, the reimbursement for debris removal from public
1.23 waters must be deposited into the public waters debris clearance fund.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund for fiscal
2.2 year 2008 to the commissioner of natural resources, for deposit into the public waters
2.3 debris clearance fund. This is a onetime appropriation that is available until expended.

2.4 **Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION; TORNADO RELIEF.**

2.5 \$79,000 is appropriated from the general fund for fiscal year 2007 to the
2.6 commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to Le Sueur County
2.7 for the cost of cleaning debris from lakes in Le Sueur County, caused by the August
2.8 24, 2006, tornado in southern Le Sueur County. This appropriation is available until
2.9 June 30, 2008.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.