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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to environment; appropriating money to study septic systems' impact on  
1.3 the environment and provide technical assistance.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION**  
1.6 **SERVICE.**

1.7 \$3,100,000 in fiscal year 2008 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
1.8 University of Minnesota Board of Regents for the University of Minnesota Extension  
1.9 Service to study the impact of septic systems on the environment and to provide technical  
1.10 assistance related to septic systems to small communities and citizens. The money is  
1.11 available until expended. Of the amount:

1.12 (1) \$1,150,000 is for a long-term study of medium and large soil treatment systems  
1.13 to assess water table mounding and nitrogen removal, inspect cluster system designs, and  
1.14 develop cluster system training materials;

1.15 (2) \$150,000 is for a septic tank monitoring study;

1.16 (3) \$450,000 is for a study of soil-based treatment system options;

1.17 (4) \$500,000 is to study the effectiveness of pretreatment technologies and soil-based  
1.18 treatment systems in removing pharmaceuticals from the waste stream;

1.19 (5) \$550,000 is to study the movement of phosphorus from soil treatment areas  
1.20 to surface waters;

1.21 (6) \$150,000 is to provide technical assistance to small communities; and

1.22 (7) \$150,000 is to provide technical assistance to citizens, in cooperation with the  
1.23 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.