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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

March 19, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to the environment; requiring a report on the issuance of permits for
1.3 biofuel processing facilities.

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

1.5 Section 1. **BIOFUEL PERMITTING REPORT.**

1.6 By January 15, 2008, the Pollution Control Agency, the commissioner of natural
1.7 resources, and the Environmental Quality Board shall report to the house and senate
1.8 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture and environment policy
1.9 and budget on the process to issue permits for biofuel production facilities. The report
1.10 shall include:

1.11 (1) information on the timing of the permits and measures taken to improve the
1.12 timing of the permitting process;

1.13 (2) recommended changes to statutes, rules, or procedures to improve the biofuel
1.14 facility permitting process and reduce the groundwater needed for production; and

1.15 (3) other information or analysis that may be helpful in understanding or improving
1.16 the biofuel production facility permitting process.

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