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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; defining project for purposes of environmental review;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 116D.04, subdivision 1a.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 116D.04, subdivision 1a, is amended to
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter and rules adopted thereunder,
1.8 the following terms have the meanings given to them in this subdivision.

1.9 (a) "Natural resources" has the meaning given it in section 116B.02, subdivision 4.

1.10 (b) "Pollution, impairment or destruction" has the meaning given it in section
1.11 116B.02, subdivision 5.

1.12 (c) "Environmental assessment worksheet" means a brief document which is
1.13 designed to set out the basic facts necessary to determine whether an environmental
1.14 impact statement is required for a proposed action.

1.15 (d) "Governmental action" means activities, including projects wholly or partially
1.16 conducted, permitted, assisted, financed, regulated, or approved by units of government
1.17 including the federal government.

1.18 (e) "Governmental unit" means any state agency and any general or special purpose
1.19 unit of government in the state including, but not limited to, watershed districts organized
1.20 under chapter 103D, counties, towns, cities, port authorities, housing authorities, and
1.21 economic development authorities established under sections 469.090 to 469.108, but not
1.22 including courts, school districts, and regional development commissions other than
1.23 the Metropolitan Council.

2.1 (f) "Project" means a governmental action, the results of which would cause
2.2 physical manipulation of the environment, directly or indirectly. The determination of
2.3 whether a project requires environmental documents shall be made by reference to the
2.4 physical activity to be undertaken and not to the governmental process of approving the
2.5 project. Project includes registration of pesticides containing atrazine, chlorpyrifos, or
2.6 acetochlor under section 18B.26.