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A bill for an act

relating to the environment; providing for greenhouse gas emissions registry; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216H.

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

Section 1. **[216H.021] GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REPORTING.**

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner to establish reporting system and maintain inventory.** In order to measure the progress in meeting the goals of section 216H.02, subdivision 1, and to provide information to develop strategies to achieve those goals, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency shall establish a system for reporting and maintaining an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions. The commissioner must consult with the chief information officer of the Office of Enterprise Technology about system design and operation. Greenhouse gas emissions include those emissions described in section 216H.01, subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **Reporting system design.** The commissioner shall, to the extent practicable, design the system to coordinate with other regional or federal greenhouse gas emissions-reporting and inventory systems. The coordination may, without limitation, include the use of similar forms and reports, the sharing of information, and the use of common facilities, systems, and databases. The reporting system need not include all sources of emissions nor all amounts of emissions but, at its outset, should attempt to include most if not all stationary sources of emissions above a specified level. The commissioner may set a threshold amount for the level of emissions that requires reporting consistent with the goal of accurately tracking progress in attaining emissions-reduction goals and the need for information to develop emissions-reduction strategies.

Subd. 3. **Rules.** The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency may adopt rules for the purposes of this section.

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