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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 waters; appropriating money for a water ecology pilot project for
1.3 certain K-12 schools.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; WATER ECOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM;**
1.6 **RESPONSIBLE WATER ECOLOGY IN TARGETED MINNESOTA K-12**
1.7 **SCHOOLS.**

1.8 (a) \$2,625,000 in fiscal year 2010, beginning August 1, 2009, is appropriated
1.9 from the clean water fund to the South Central Service Cooperative for a grant to ten
1.10 K-12 school districts and the South Central Service Cooperative for a water ecology
1.11 pilot program to protect and help restore the quality of surface water and groundwater.
1.12 Of this amount:

1.13 (1) \$196,350 is for each of ten K-12 school districts for green jobs staff related
1.14 to water and ecological planning, health and safety issues related to water quality, and
1.15 educational water ecology curriculum. The ten school districts are: Crookston, Duluth,
1.16 Cambridge-Isanti, St. Francis, Anoka-Hennepin, Stillwater, Lakeville, Montevideo, St.
1.17 Peter, and Austin; and

1.18 (2) \$661,500 is for the South Central Service Cooperative for project administration,
1.19 public health consulting, eco-consulting, and related costs to create environmentally
1.20 and ecologically sensitive water control systems that reduce costs associated with water
1.21 disposal and energy and that protect and help restore surface water and groundwater
1.22 quality.

1.23 (b) \$3,455,000 in fiscal year 2011 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the
1.24 South Central Service Cooperative for a grant to ten K-12 school districts and the South

2.1 Central Service Cooperative for a water ecology pilot program to protect and help restore
2.2 the quality of surface water and groundwater. Of this amount:

2.3 (1) \$288,750 is for each of ten K-12 school districts for green jobs staff related
2.4 to eco-renovations or engineering controls, water and ecological planning, health and
2.5 safety issues related to water quality, and educational water ecology curriculum. The ten
2.6 school districts are: Crookston, Duluth, Cambridge-Isanti, St. Francis, Anoka-Hennepin,
2.7 Stillwater, Lakeville, Montevideo, St. Peter, and Austin; and

2.8 (2) \$567,500 is for the South Central Service Cooperative for project administration,
2.9 public health consulting, eco-consulting, and related costs to create environmentally
2.10 and ecologically sensitive water control systems that reduce costs associated with water
2.11 disposal and energy and that protect and help restore surface water and groundwater
2.12 quality.

2.13 (c) The South Central Service Cooperative shall report on the activities and
2.14 expenditures related to the pilot program created in paragraphs (a) and (b) and prepare an
2.15 evaluation of the pilot program. By January 15, 2012, the report shall be submitted to the
2.16 legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over K-12 schools and environment
2.17 and natural resources policy and finance.

2.18 (d) This appropriation is available until June 30, 2011.