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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 natural resources; appropriating money to inventory, assess, and
1.3 monitor springs.

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

1.5 Section 1. **MINNESOTA SPRINGS INITIATIVE.**

1.6 \$..... in fiscal year 2010 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the
1.7 commissioner of natural resources to inventory, assess, and monitor the state's springs on
1.8 a comprehensive statewide basis in order to protect and enhance water quality in lakes,
1.9 rivers, and streams fed by springs and to protect groundwater from degradation. As part
1.10 of this initiative, the commissioner shall:

1.11 (1) inventory the state's springs by collecting and consolidating data from existing
1.12 sources and conducting field surveys in cold water and cool water streams across the state;

1.13 (2) establish a statewide network to monitor spring flow and water quality to provide
1.14 information about aquifer characteristics and withdrawals and land use impacts on
1.15 groundwater and surface waters fed by springs; and

1.16 (3) develop springshed maps that identify the contribution areas for springs and a
1.17 methodology to be used to assess spring vulnerability.

1.18 The commissioner shall make data collected under this section available on the
1.19 department's Web site.