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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying authority to regulate wells; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 110A.02, subdivision 4; 412.221, subdivision
1.4 11.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 110A.02, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Works; system.** "Works" and "system" include all lands, property, rights,
1.8 rights-of-way, easements, and related franchises deemed necessary or convenient for their
1.9 operation, all water rights acquired or exercised by the board in connection with works,
1.10 all means of conserving, controlling, and distributing water, including, but not limited to
1.11 outlets, treatment plants, pumps, lift stations, service connections, mains, valves, hydrants,
1.12 public wells, reservoirs, tanks and other appurtenances of public water systems. A work or
1.13 system may be used for domestic, commercial, industrial and stock watering purposes
1.14 only and shall not be used for irrigation purposes.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 412.221, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 11. **Waterworks.** The council shall have power to provide and by ordinance
1.17 regulate the use of public wells, cisterns, reservoirs, waterworks, and other means of
1.18 public water supply.