

**DOCUMENT A (revised): LCC Subcommittee on Water Policy, Draft Bills, 2019 Session, August 2020
Prioritized Legislative Water Issues—LCC Subcommittee on Water Policy**

The status of bills from the subcommittee were based on consensus decisions from the subcommittee members during the 2020 session. Most of these bills involved policy decisions that required minimal funding. Generally, these topics required reports to the legislative that would inform funding decisions for the next budget cycle. In so doing, this subcommittee has prepared a substantive legislative agenda for the 2021-22 budget cycle. Most of these bills were introduced and/or heard during the 2019 session. Progress stopped in early March. Details are available for each of the draft bills.

Bills having bipartisan support for the environment, bold

Bills that benefit the environment for all of Minnesotans in my opinion.

*Bills in italics have little impact on the General Fund***

1. ***HF 1439 (Poston, Fischer): SF 4206 (Wiger, Draheim, Eaton, Goggin, Weber, Eken): Compensation for Ag Buffers: Agricultural Riparian Buffer Credit*****
2. ***HF 3595 (Torkelson): SF 3864 (Weber, Franz) Water Retention, These bills are similar to those discussed by the subcommittee.***
3. ***HF3940: (Fisher), SF3952 (Wiger, Eaton, Eken): Requires collaboration among and a report from Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC), and the Clean Water Council.***
4. ***HF3941: (Torkelson, Lippert, Fischer, Heintzeman): SF4265: (Wiger, Draheim, Goggin, Weber, Eken): Soil and Water Conservation District Grands, Appropriation: Phases out some of the Clean Water Fund (CWF) as funding source Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). Reduce SWCD grants from CWF in FY21 by \$3 million; require CWF to fund SWCDs at \$6 million in FY22 and \$3 million in FY23*****
5. ***HF3942: (Lippert) SF? (Weber Wiger, Eaton, Eken): Sustainable Drinking Water: Pilot Program to Ensure Safe and Sustainable Drinking Water for the Future by enhancing and leveraging County Geologic Atlas data, Plan for Developing Network of Monitoring Wells and Well Owner Education with appropriations. Also creates a blank appropriation for a well monitoring and education program for private well owners Senator Weber signed, not sure if it was introduced.***
6. ***HF3943: (Lippert, Fischer): SF:3943 (Weber, Eaton, Wiger, Eken): Requires DNR report on sustainability on Minnesota's groundwater and surface water, with a particular focus on ways to prevent export of groundwater. Water Train Controversy: Report on ways to Ensure Sustainability of Minnesota's Groundwater and Surface Water*****
7. ***HF3944 (Fischer), SF 3925 (Weber): Emerging Contaminant Monitoring PFAS: Network for Monitoring Upregulated Contaminants in Sources of Drinking Water: Appropriates money to develop network for monitoring unregulated contaminants in sources of drinking water.***
8. ***HF3945 (Brand, Fischer, Lippert); SF 3961 (Wiger, Eken): Precision agriculture research and outreach funding provided, and money appropriated.***
9. ***HF 3946 (Lippert, Fischer, Brand): SF 3953 (Wiger, Eaton, Eken): Increase Ag BMP loan program: Agricultural Best Management Practices Loan Program***
10. ***HF3947: (Poston, Fischer): SF 3956 (Wiger, Eaton): Provides a third-party water-quality broker system and money appropriated. Encourages a pilot pollutant trading*****
11. ***HF3948: (Fischer): SF 3954 (Wiger, Eaton): Appropriates money to study storm water retention and infiltration. Policy on storm water infiltration: Stream Water Retention and Infiltration Study***
12. ***HF3950: (Lippert, Fischer), SF 3951 (Eaton, Wiger): Requires a well water test within six months of sale of property. Drinking Water Safety Private Wells: Safety Education for Private Well Owners: Requires well sampling and disclosure to buyers***
13. ***HF3951 (Lippert, Fischer), SF3996? (Weber): Encourage GW recharge policy and a report on artificial recharge. Artificial aquifer recharge use facilitated where appropriate, and report required *****
14. ***HF3952: (Fischer): SF? (Weber signed, Eaton, Wiger, Eken): Water quality at beaches funding provided for a monitoring program, and money appropriated.***
15. ***HF3967: (Heintzeman, Brand, Fischer), SF3413 (Weber, Eaton, Wiger, Eken): Chloride contamination in state waters reduction plan funding provided for training and for feasibility analysis of chloride alternatives and water softening changes**.***

16. **HF3968:** (Heintzeman, Poston Fischer); SF 3957 (Wiger, Eaton): *Water appropriation allocation priorities modified, Water Appropriation-Golf Courses***
17. **HF3969:** (Poston, Fischer): SF 3995 (Weber): *Water quality standards report required on methods to simplify and increase efficiency of process to adopt and amend standards. Simplifying and Increasing Efficiency of Process to Adopt and Amend Water Quality Standards***
18. **HF3971:** (Torkelson, Fischer, Heintzenan), SF 3958 (Weber, Wiger Eaton, Eken): *Advisory Council on Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities reestablished, and money appropriated to improve drinking water infrastructure**.*
19. *Flushable wipes- labeling or ban: Non-woven Personal Care Disposable Products; Senate: Wiger, Eaton, Weber, Eken, Heintzeman, Fischer. Clarflin and Fisher had similar bills in the House. Decision made to not introduce the subcommittee bill. Similar bill in the Senate (SF3139)***
20. **Keeping water on the land, water storage: Pilot Program to Enhance Efforts to Keep Water on the land: Appropriation: Senate interest: Wiger and Weber. This bill was put on hold as per Fischer and Brand. Torkelson and Weber authored similar bills in the House and Senate.**
21. **State Wetlands Assumption: Heintzeman et al. Bill not needed at this time. Following federal legislation by agency staff.**
22. **SF 4007 (Eken, Wiger Eaton) HF(Fischer to drop on House) Best models for BMP evaluation: Water Quality: Evaluating Models for Assessing Best management Practices: Appropriation**
23. **Combine CWC, LCC Water Commission. Discussed with Rep Lillie, Hold hearings this summer?**
24. **SF3955 (Wiger Eaton) HF (Heintzeman): Forever chemicals in food waste, Accepting Certain Compostable Products Containing PFAS, Water Quality Monitoring for PFAS; Appropriation. The committee's bill was not introduced in the House. Rep Clafin introduced a simile bill in the House. (HF318-Claflin_ SF 3955 is similar.****
25. **SF 3958 (Wiger, Eaton), HF# (Heintzeman, Fischer, Brand)" Wastewater Treatment: Advisory Council on Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities; Wastewater and Storm water Infrastructure, Appropriations****
26. **SF 3959 (Wiger and Eaton), HF(?) Lippert and Fisher: Soil Health: Statewide Soil Health Action Plan, Appropriations. May not have been dropped in the House.****
27. **Dedicated Funds for Conservation: Constitutionally dedicated funding and analysis with recommendations: Wiger and Fischer. Bill not introduced.**
28. **Waters of the United States: Wiger, Eken, Lippert, Fischer. Following the process. Bill not needed at this time.**
29. **SF2102 Draheim: Creating a Department of Water Resources: Draheim and Fischer SF2102. Bill not introduced in the House.**
30. **Evaluate and update 1989 GW Act; Wiger, Brand, Fischer. Bill not needed, following MGWA process**
31. **Preparing for an uncertain Future: Wiger, Fischer: Following EQB efforts**
32. **Increase generic EIS process: Wiger, Fischer. Little support for this bill**
33. **Environmentally responsible mining: Sandell, Fischer. SC6024. Did not originate in this committee**