

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINNESOTA WATER POLICY

Hybrid Information Meeting

JUNE 6, 2022

9:00 AM

Co-Chairs:

Sen. Chris Eaton; Rep. John Poston (presiding)

Jim Stark, Director

Subcommittee Support: Carol Bisbee

AGENDA

- **Call to order/ Approval of Subcommittee minutes: April 22**
- **Presentation: Jesse Martus, MPCA: Lake Superior Action and Management Plan**
- **Presentation: Barbara Huberty, MPCA: St Louis River Area of Concern Program**
- **Legislative Update, Progress and Plans, Jim Stark**
- **Testifiers, if any**
- **Adjourn**

PRESENTATION 1

- **Presentation: Jesse Martus, MPCA: Lake Superior Action and Management Plan**

PRESENTATION 2

- **Barbara Huberty, MPCA: St Louis River Area of Concern Program**

UPDATE

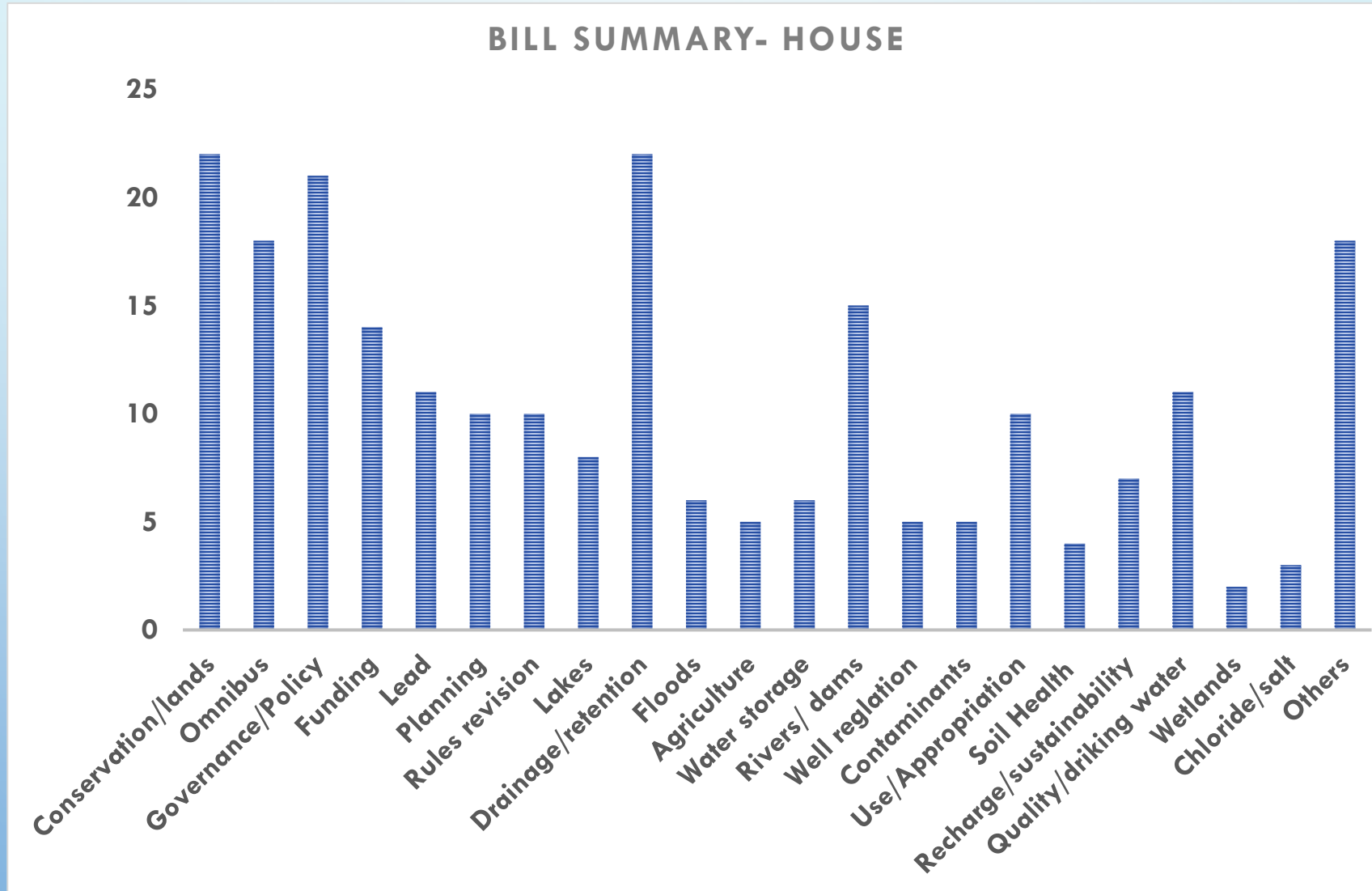
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THIS SESSION

- **About 4,600 bills were introduced in the Senate and House during the 2021-22 session**
- **Of those, about 350 are related to water**
- **Some are included in Omnibus bills, including bills from the Subcommittee.**
- **Here is a summary of water related bills.**

WATER BILLS-HOUSE

BILL SUMMARY- HOUSE



SUBCOMMITTEE BILL PROGRESS

- B1: Sustainable Water
- **B15: Watershed District Funding**
- **B3: Improving Water and Agriculture: Precision Ag**
- **B5: Voluntary private well testing:**
- B7: Water safety plans for cities– a pilot
- **B8: Soil-health action plan including research, implementation, and outreach**
- **B6: Identifying vulnerable aquifers– coordinated monitoring**
- **B9: Water Commission and the Wastewater Advisory Council**
- B10: Complete land preservation goals for the Upper Mississippi
- **B11: Ensure drinking water free from lead**
- **B4: Riparian buffer tax credit**
- **B12: Encourage groundwater recharge where needed**
- **B 13: Keeping water on the land, water retention**

PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA FOR NEXT SESSION

Focus on the following:

- **Subcommittee bills that were heard this session**
- **Select bills from the most important categories of bills introduced this session (e.g. drinking water)**
- **New issues that may arise, including:**
 - **Review and revision water appropriation priorities**
 - **Review and selected revision of 1989 GW Protection Act (MGWA)**
 - **Review and consolidation of several water-planning bills: (existing and proposed this session)**
 - **Propose process for encouraging regionalization for gw supply**

BILL DISCUSSIONS

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