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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to solid waste; establishing a task force to advise the commissioner of the
1.3 Pollution Control Agency on ways to increase the recovery of critical materials
1.4 from end-of-life products; requiring a report.

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

1.6 Section 1. CRITICAL MATERIALS RECOVERY ADVISORY TASK FORCE.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "critical materials" means
1.8 materials on the final 2023 Critical Materials List published by the United States Secretary
1.9 of Energy in the Federal Register on August 4, 2023, as amended, as required under section
1.10 7002 of the Energy Act of 2020.

1.11 Subd. 2. Composition of task force. The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency
1.12 must, no later than October 1, 2024, establish and appoint a Critical Materials Recovery
1.13 Advisory Task Force consisting of ten members appointed as follows:

1.14 (1) the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency or the commissioner's designee;

1.15 (2) the commissioner of employment and economic development or the commissioner's
1.16 designee;

1.17 (3) one representative from the Solid Waste Administrators Association;

1.18 (4) one representative from a company that disassembles electronic waste;

1.19 (5) one representative from an energy advocacy organization;

1.20 (6) one representative from an organization that is primarily involved in environmental
1.21 justice issues;

2.1 (7) one representative from organized labor;

2.2 (8) one representative from a manufacturer that uses critical materials as inputs;

2.3 (9) one representative of a Minnesota Tribal government, as defined in Minnesota
2.4 Statutes, section 10.65, subdivision 2; and

2.5 (10) one representative of a utility providing retail electric service to customers in
2.6 Minnesota.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The task force must advise the commissioner of the Pollution Control
2.8 Agency with respect to policy and program options designed to increase the recovery of
2.9 critical materials from end-of-life products by:

2.10 (1) investigating emerging technologies employed to recover critical materials from
2.11 electronic waste, components of renewable energy generating systems, and other end-of-life
2.12 products;

2.13 (2) evaluating the economic, environmental, and social costs, benefits, and impacts
2.14 associated with various methods of recovering critical materials from end-of-life products;

2.15 (3) identifying options to prevent products containing critical materials from being
2.16 disposed of in a landfill or waste combustor;

2.17 (4) consulting with stakeholders regarding recycling and end-of-life management options
2.18 for products containing critical materials that enhance the possibility of recovery; and

2.19 (5) identifying infrastructure needed to develop an integrated system to collect, transport,
2.20 and recycle products for critical materials recovery.

2.21 Subd. 4. **Task force; administration.** (a) The task force must elect a chair by majority
2.22 vote at its initial meeting. The task force must meet quarterly. Additional meetings may be
2.23 held at the call of the chair.

2.24 (b) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must provide staff to the task
2.25 force.

2.26 Subd. 5. **Report.** No later than June 30, 2025, the task force must submit a written report
2.27 containing its findings and recommendations for administrative and legislative action to the
2.28 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency and the chairs and ranking minority members
2.29 of the senate and house of representatives committees with primary jurisdiction over solid
2.30 waste.

2.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.