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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 Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; establishing Legislative Commission on Waste
1.3 Management; providing for appointments; appropriating money; proposing coding
1.4 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

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

1.6 Section 1. [115A.141] LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Creation; membership; vacancies. (a) The Legislative Commission on
1.8 Waste Management is created in the legislative branch. The commission consists of ten
1.9 members appointed as follows:

1.10 (1) five members of the senate to be appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees
1.11 and to serve until their successors are appointed; and

1.12 (2) five members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the
1.13 house and to serve until their successors are appointed.

1.14 (b) Vacancies occurring on the commission do not affect the authority of the remaining
1.15 members of the commission to carry out the functions of the commission. Vacancies must
1.16 be filled in the same manner as the original positions.

1.17 Subd. 2. Staff. The commission may, without regard to civil service laws and rules,
1.18 appoint and fix the compensation of personnel and consultants as may be necessary to enable
1.19 the commission to carry out its functions or to contract for services to supply necessary
1.20 data, except that any state employees subject to civil service laws and rules who may be
1.21 assigned to the commission retain civil service status without interruption or loss of status
1.22 or privilege.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Data from state agencies; availability.** The commission may request
2.2 information from any state officer or agency to assist the commission in carrying out its
2.3 duties, and the officer or agency is authorized and directed to promptly furnish any data
2.4 required, subject to applicable requirements or restrictions imposed by chapter 13 and section
2.5 15.17.

2.6 Subd. 4. **Powers and duties.** (a) The commission must oversee the activities of the
2.7 agency and Metropolitan Council relating to solid and hazardous waste management,
2.8 including but not limited to converting waste to energy, addressing more environmentally
2.9 sustainable waste management practices, developing strategies with the agency and the
2.10 Association of Minnesota Counties on attaining recycling goals, and directing changes or
2.11 additions in the work plan of the agency and council relating to solid and hazardous waste
2.12 management as the commission deems fit.

2.13 (b) The commission must make recommendations to the legislative committees having
2.14 jurisdiction over finance and appropriations on expenditures for environmental response,
2.15 compensation, and compliance from the remediation fund under section 115B.20.

2.16 (c) The commission may conduct public hearings and otherwise secure data and
2.17 expressions of opinion. The commission must make recommendations as it deems proper
2.18 to assist the legislature in formulating legislation. Any data or information compiled by the
2.19 commission must be made available to any legislative committee upon request of the chair
2.20 of the committee.

2.21 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.22 \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative
2.23 Coordinating Commission for administrative expenses of the Legislative Commission on
2.24 Waste Management and for compensating and reimbursing expenses of commission
2.25 members.