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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/19/2024	11654	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to natural resources; establishing Keep It Clean program; appropriating

1.3 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97C.

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

1.5 Section 1. 97C.364 **KEEP IT CLEAN PROGRAM; GRANTS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner, in consultation with the Board of

1.7 Water and Soil Resources and the commissioners of the Pollution Control Agency and

1.8 health, must develop and administer a statewide Keep It Clean program to prevent water

1.9 pollution due to garbage and human waste left on the ice of state waters during winter use

1.10 activities. As part of the program, the commission must:

1.11 (1) coordinate and provide outreach to local units of government and nongovernmental

1.12 organizations;

1.13 (2) facilitate other state agencies' participation in local programs and projects;

1.14 (3) coordinate media efforts;

1.15 (4) establish a statewide education campaign; and

1.16 (5) develop and administer a grant program according to subdivision 2.

1.17 Subd. 2. Grants. The commissioner must develop a grant program to provide money

1.18 to local units of government and nongovernmental organizations to implement local programs

1.19 to prevent water pollution due to garbage and human waste left on the ice of state waters

1.20 during winter use activities. Activities eligible for grants under this section include but are

1.21 not limited to:

2.1 (1) installing and maintaining public, sanitary, winterized dumping stations at accessible,
2.2 designated locations near lake access points and major travel corridors;

2.3 (2) providing dedicated seasonal services, facilities, and containers to transport and
2.4 dispose of human and pet biowaste at preapproved locations;

2.5 (3) increasing enforcement of related state and local ordinances by providing the resources
2.6 needed to increase state and local law enforcement patrols during the winter months and
2.7 establishing volunteer county programs for winter lake patrol;

2.8 (4) education and outreach efforts promoting local and regional Keep It Clean activities;

2.9 (5) organizing spring cleanup efforts, excluding cleanup efforts after significant events,
2.10 including but not limited to festivals, ice fishing contests, and ice races; and

2.11 (6) local advertising and marketing efforts to educate and promote Keep It Clean
2.12 messaging and provide information about laws and regulations regarding Keep It Clean.

2.13 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.14 \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.15 natural resources to develop and administer the Keep It Clean program under Minnesota
2.16 Statutes, section 97C.364. Of this amount, at least \$..... is available for grants. The base
2.17 for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$.....