Legislative Coordinating Commission Resolution Establishing the LCC Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

Senator Pappas moves that the Legislative Coordinating Commission adopt the following resolution:

Whereas: Under Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 3.305, subdivision 6, the Legislative Coordinating Commission may establish joint commissions, committees, or subcommittees and delegate to them specific powers and duties of the Legislative Coordinating Commission; now, therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Legislative Coordinating Commission of the State of Minnesota:

- **1. Duties.** The Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy ("Subcommittee") is established to:
 - (a) review water policy reports and recommendations of the Environmental Quality Board, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Pollution Control Agency, the Departments of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, the Metropolitan Council, and other water-related reports as may be required by law or the legislature.
 - (b) conduct public hearings and otherwise secure data and comments.
 - (c) make recommendations as it deems proper to assist the legislature in formulating legislation.
- **2. Coordination.** Data or information compiled by the Subcommittee shall be made available to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources, the Clean Water Council, and standing and interim committees of the legislature on request of the chair of the respective commission, council, or committee.

The Subcommittee shall coordinate with the Clean Water Council.

3. Membership.

- (a) The Subcommittee consists of 12 members appointed as follows:
 - (1) six members of the senate, including three majority party members appointed by the majority leader and three minority party members appointed by the minority leader; and
 - (2) six members of the house of representatives, including three majority party members appointed by the speaker of the house and three minority party members appointed by the minority leader.
- (b) Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and continue to serve until their successors are appointed or until a member is no longer a member of the legislative body that appointed the member to the Subcommittee. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original positions. Vacancies occurring on the

- Subcommittee do not affect the authority of the remaining members of the Subcommittee to carry out the functions of the Subcommittee.
- (c) Members shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and other officers as determined by the Subcommittee. The chair may convene meetings as necessary to conduct the duties prescribed by this section.
- **4. Subcommittee staffing**. The Legislative Coordinating Commission must employ staff and contract with consultants as necessary to enable the Subcommittee to carry out its duties and functions.
- **5. Expiration.** As provided in Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 3.305, Subdivision 6, the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy expires January 1, 2023 unless it is renewed by affirmative action of the Legislative Coordinating Commission.

Adopted February 24, 2021