









## **Legislative Water Commission**

## Minnesota:

## the land of sky blue waters & 10,000 lakes

Water is important to Minnesotans. Lakes, streams, and wetlands cover about 20% of our landscape. Our bodies and businesses depend on clean and plentiful water that comes from underground aquifers and surface water. But human activities impact our water resources. Over 40% of our surface waters don't meet water quality standards and much of our groundwater is susceptible to contamination. Sound laws protect water resources.



In October 2014, a bipartisan group of six senators and six representatives from throughout Minnesota began studying Minnesota's water management policies and programs. Moving forward, the LWC will provide guidance about future legislation affecting Minnesota's waters.



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