

SUPPORT WATER

INFRASTRUCTURE BONDING



Minnesota Water Infrastructure Bonding

“Every Minnesotan deserves access to clean, safe water,” said Governor Walz. “Yet aging infrastructure threatens the safety of our drinking water, the vitality of local communities, and the quality of the lakes and rivers we treasure as Minnesotans. This investment will allow communities across the state to repair infrastructure, prepare for severe weather events, clean up existing water contamination, and upgrade facilities to prevent pollution from happening in the first place.” (Office of Governor Walz News Release, January 11, 2020)

Minnesota’s aging water infrastructure and water treatment facilities need upgrading to make sure everyone in the State has access to clean, safe drinking water. **Governor Walz’s \$300 million bonding proposal will make significant progress on essential water infrastructure projects.** This bill, which currently has bipartisan support, will provide funding to fix pipes and plans that process the State’s sewage and drinking water.

How the money will be spent:

- Governor Walz’s water package would generate:
 - \$200 million for programs under the Public Facilities Authority: State Match for Water Infrastructure Federal Grants, Water Infrastructure Funding Program, and Point Source Implementation Grants Program.
 - \$100 million for other water-related initiatives through Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Metropolitan Council, Water and Soil Resources Board, Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, and Local Government Projects

- For more information, visit:

https://mn.gov/governor/assets/Building%20One%20Minnesota%20-%20Water%20Quality%20and%20Infrastructure_tcm1055-416037.pdf



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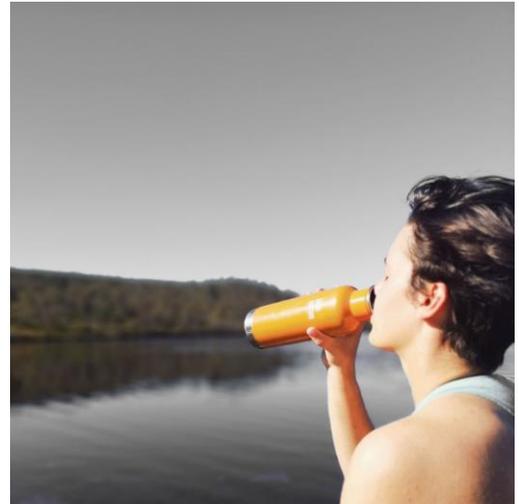
This bill will have significant impact on public health:

- **Public Health Protection**

- There are over 100 contaminants found in Minnesota's drinking water. For example: lead, copper, microbes, nitrates, and solvents.
- This bill improves the infrastructure of our water systems to reduce harmful contaminants.

- **Water and Health Equity**

- 1 in 5 Minnesotans have a private well, and 4 in 5 Minnesotans drink from public water supplies. Some Minnesota communities are financially challenged, and the inability to afford safe drinking water is a health-equity issue.
- This bill improves the water supply of the hardest hit Minnesota communities, so that everyone has access to safe drinking water.



MCEA supports the Governor's bonding bill, allocating \$300 million to water infrastructure improvements. It will have significant impacts for public health, generate critical jobs, keep dangerous contaminants out of Minnesota's lakes and rivers, and will help Minnesota mitigate future effects of climate change.

Please join us in supporting the Governor's \$300 million water infrastructure bonding proposal!



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