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S.F. No. 1678 – Reuse and Redevelopment of Closed Landfills (As Amended by the A-1 Amendment)

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Section 1. Response to releases. Authorizes the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to implement reuse and redevelopment strategies as part of the landfill cleanup program.

Section 2. Land management plans. Allows a land use plan for a qualified facility to include the following potential reuse and redevelopment provisions:

- solar photovoltaic equipment;
- energy storage;
- landfill gas;
- pollinator habitat; or
- another environmentally beneficial reuse as determined by the commissioner through a notice and comment period process.

Section 3. Closed landfill redevelopment pilot project. Paragraph (a) appropriates \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 from the renewable development account to the commissioner of management and budget to retire general obligation bonds associated with the Anoka-Ramsey closed landfill in order to remove restrictions placed on the closed landfill due to the bond to help facilitate a solar pilot project at the closed landfill site to be owned and operated by an electric cooperative association (Connexus).

Paragraph (b) specifies that the appropriation is only available when the commissioner of management and budget determines that the closed landfill site may be released from the state's bonding restrictions. Requires the commissioner to conduct a feasibility analysis of the proposed retiring of the general obligation bonds to make this determination. Requires the commissioner to submit the analysis to the legislature by June 15, 2021.

Section 4. Pilot project; reporting requirements. Requires the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, in cooperation with the electric cooperative association, to report to the legislature

on the pilot project upon completion of the pilot project or by January 15, 2023, whichever is earlier.