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Chair Swedzinski and members of the Energy Finance and Policy Committee,

Sierra Club's Minnesota North Star Chapter represents 50,000 members and supporters working to help our state's communities flourish through environmental protection, and we appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony.

The Sierra Club strongly opposes HF 75, which would allow new large hydroelectric power to count as clean energy.

Large hydroelectric dams have significant negative environmental and human costs.

Northern Indigenous Communities have experienced enormous harms due to large hydro dams, such as the First Nations that have been impacted by Manitoba Hydro.

The well-known drawbacks of large hydro include displacement of human and natural communities, inundation of large natural areas, substantial damage to fish and wildlife, and interference with fish migration and reproduction. There is also evidence that large dam impoundments can emit significant amounts of methane and CO₂.

In closing, I urge you to stay Minnesota's course and commitment to proven solutions that protect our communities, environment and climate. Please vote no on HF 75.

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