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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 139

01/19/2021 Authored by Freiberg and Xiong, J., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money to modify public spaces for
1.3 disability accommodations.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SENSORY ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS.

1.6 (a) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from
1.7 the general fund to the Department of Administration, Office of Grant Management to fund
1.8 building modifications. The Office of Grant Management, in consultation with the Governor's
1.9 Council on Developmental Disabilities, shall award grants to state organizations, counties,
1.10 cities, and private holders of public access space to fund building modifications to provide
1.11 sensory accessibility or accommodations to increase accessible community involvement
1.12 and access for individuals who have autism spectrum disorder or a related disability or other
1.13 nonvisible health issue with sensory impacts. Grantees can use the grant to modify public
1.14 space to:

- 1.15 (1) create sensory friendly spaces;
1.16 (2) modify public use space to meet sensory friendly design standards;
1.17 (3) equip a facility with mobile tool kits to support sensory needs; or
1.18 (4) provide quiet zones or times of service.

1.19 Grantees must also complete disability training to provide staff with the skills necessary to
1.20 successfully incorporate building modifications that support individuals within the sensory
1.21 modifications made.

2.1 (b) The commissioner may use up to ten percent of this appropriation for grants
2.2 administration.

2.3 (c) By February 15, 2024, the commissioner shall report to the legislative committees
2.4 having jurisdiction over health and public safety policy on how this appropriation was spent
2.5 and what results were achieved.