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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPECIAL SESSION

H. F. No. 145

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Agriculture and Food Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for food security direct purchases in
1.3 response to COVID-19.

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

1.5 Section 1. COVID-19 CRISIS; FOOD SECURITY DIRECT PURCHASES;
1.6 APPROPRIATION.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Food security direct purchases. \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 is
1.8 appropriated from the federal coronavirus relief fund to the commissioner of agriculture for
1.9 grants to nonprofit organizations to purchase food for distribution to individuals and families
1.10 in need through the emergency feeding network and for associated administrative costs. Of
1.11 this amount:

1.12 (1) \$5,700,000 is for grants to Second Harvest Heartland, which must give preference
1.13 to food produced by emerging farmers and must use at least 50 percent of this amount to
1.14 acquire food from Minnesota producers and processors negatively impacted by COVID-19;
1.15 and

1.16 (2) \$300,000 is for grants to The Food Group, which must use at least 50 percent of this
1.17 amount to acquire food from Minnesota producers and processors negatively impacted by
1.18 COVID-19.

1.19 Subd. 2. Reports. No later than February 1, 2021, the commissioner of agriculture must
1.20 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
1.21 jurisdiction over agriculture finance the amounts and sources of food purchased under this
1.22 section and the organizations to which this food was distributed.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Eligible expenditures; availability.** (a) Money appropriated in subdivision 1
2.2 may not be spent until the commissioner of management and budget determines that the
2.3 expenditure is an eligible use of the federal coronavirus relief fund.

2.4 (b) The appropriation in subdivision 1 is available until December 30, 2020.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.