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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Energy and Climate Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; establishing a net zero emissions project; requiring a report;
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. PRAIRIE ISLAND NET ZERO PROJECT.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Program established. The Prairie Island Net Zero Project is established
1.7 with the goal of the Prairie Island Indian Community developing an energy system that
1.8 results in net zero emissions.

1.9 Subd. 2. Grant. The commissioner of commerce must enter into a grant contract with
1.10 the Prairie Island Indian Community to provide the amount appropriated under section 2 to
1.11 stimulate research, development, and implementation of renewable energy projects benefiting
1.12 the Prairie Island Indian Community or its members. Any examination conducted by the
1.13 commissioner of commerce to determine the sufficiency of the financial stability and capacity
1.14 of the Prairie Island Indian Community to carry out the purposes of this grant is limited to
1.15 the Community Services Department of the Prairie Island Indian Community.

1.16 Subd. 3. Plan; report. (a) The Prairie Island Indian Community must file a
1.17 comprehensive project plan with the commissioner of commerce and the legislative
1.18 committees with jurisdiction over energy policy no later than January 1, 2021, describing
1.19 the Prairie Island Net Zero Project elements and implementation strategy, including the
1.20 total cost and timelines for project completion.

1.21 (b) The Prairie Island Indian Community must file a report with the commissioner of
1.22 commerce and the legislative committees with jurisdiction over energy policy on July 1,

2.1 2021, and each July 1 thereafter until the project is complete, describing the progress made
2.2 in implementing the project and the uses of expended funds. A final report must be completed
2.3 within 90 days of the date the project is complete.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2020.

2.5 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; UNSPENT FUNDS.**

2.6 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j),
2.7 \$46,200,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the renewable development account
2.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the commissioner of commerce
2.9 for a grant to the Prairie Island Indian Community to establish the Net Zero Project under
2.10 section 1.

2.11 (b) No later than 30 days after the final report under section 1, subdivision 3, is submitted,
2.12 the Prairie Island Indian Community must return any unspent funds from the appropriation
2.13 under paragraph (a) to the commissioner of management and budget. The commissioner of
2.14 management and budget must deposit the unspent funds received in the renewable
2.15 development account under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1.