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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 706

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; appropriating money for the University of Minnesota's
1.3 Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach Engagement Center.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; ROBERT J. JONES URBAN RESEARCH AND
1.6 OUTREACH ENGAGEMENT CENTER.

1.7 (a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from
1.8 the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for research and
1.9 outreach at the Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach Engagement Center. \$250,000
1.10 each year is to invest in:

1.11 (1) applied research for community and economic development, health and wellness,
1.12 and education and lifelong learning partnerships with rural communities;

1.13 (2) creating admission paths for communities of color, indigenous communities, and
1.14 communities with high poverty; and

1.15 (3) outreach specific to urban communities of color, indigenous communities, and
1.16 communities with high poverty.

1.17 (b) Participatory action research funded by this appropriation must target:

1.18 (1) reducing placing children in foster care;

1.19 (2) improving seniors aging in place;

1.20 (3) workforce improvement in specific marginalized communities;

1.21 (4) entrepreneurship for businesses with less than \$50,000 in annual revenue; and

- 2.1 (5) education efficacy for children of color, indigenous children, and children in poverty.
- 2.2 (c) Outreach funded by this appropriation must focus on supporting community assets
- 2.3 in resolving challenges in mental health, out of school time resources for children in
- 2.4 kindergarten through grade 12, and resources for seniors to age in place.