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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 941

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for veterinary diagnostic laboratory  
1.3 equipment and facilities.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.**

1.6 \$9,800,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$9,800,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated  
1.7 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to the Board of  
1.8 Regents of the University of Minnesota for veterinary diagnostic laboratory equipment  
1.9 and facilities, as follows:

1.10 (1) \$450,000 each fiscal year is to purchase a state-of-the-art transmission electron  
1.11 microscope;

1.12 (2) \$150,000 each fiscal year is to remodel the sample receiving area in St. Paul to  
1.13 ensure optimum sample handling;

1.14 (3) \$400,000 each fiscal year is to develop a state-of-the-art pathology training site  
1.15 for veterinary students and veterinarians in St. Paul;

1.16 (4) \$550,000 each year is to upgrade the molecular diagnostics facilities and  
1.17 equipment including a high throughput genetic sequencer, bioinformatics equipment,  
1.18 and serum sampler robotics; and

1.19 (5) \$8,250,000 each year is to establish a statewide telepathology and telemedicine  
1.20 veterinary network with three regional sites.