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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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A bill for an act

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relating to agriculture; appropriating money for grants and to identify best

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practices for food hubs and alternative community-based food distribution

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systems; requiring a report.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATION; FOOD HUBS AND ALTERNATIVE FOOD

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DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS.

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\$350,000 in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the general fund to the

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commissioner of agriculture for grants to communities to develop or expand food hubs and

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other alternative community-based food distribution systems. Of this amount, \$50,000

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is appropriated to the commissioner to consult with existing food hubs and alternative

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community-based food distribution systems to identify best practices for use by other

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Minnesota communities. No later than December 15, 2015, the commissioner must report

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to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture and health regarding the

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status of emerging alternative community-based food distribution systems in the state

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along with recommendations to eliminate any barriers to success.