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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for urban reforestation;

1.3 authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.5 Section 1. **URBAN REFORESTATION.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** \$16,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds

1.7 fund to the commissioner of natural resources for grants to cities, counties, townships, and

1.8 park and recreation boards in cities of the first class, for the removal and the planting of

1.9 shade trees on public land to provide environmental benefits; replace trees lost to forest

1.10 pests, disease, or storm; or to establish a more diverse community forest better able to

1.11 withstand disease and forest pests. The commissioner must give priority to grant requests

1.12 to remove and replace trees with active infestations of emerald ash borer. For purposes of

1.13 this appropriation, "shade tree" means a woody perennial grown primarily for aesthetic or

1.14 environmental purposes with minimal to residual timber value. Any tree planted with money

1.15 under this subdivision must be a climate-adapted species to Minnesota.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond

1.17 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of

1.18 the state in an amount up to \$16,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect

1.19 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota

1.20 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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