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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **1136**

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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 agriculture; allocating money for agriculture research, education,  
1.3 extension, and technology transfer.

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

1.5 Section 1. **TRANSFER.**

1.6 \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are transferred from  
1.7 the general fund to the agriculture research, education, extension, and technology transfer  
1.8 account under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 3. Of these amounts: at least  
1.9 \$600,000 each year is for the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station's agriculture rapid  
1.10 response fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 1, clause (2);  
1.11 \$2,000,000 each year is for grants to the Minnesota Agriculture Education Leadership  
1.12 Council to enhance agricultural education with priority given to Farm Business Management  
1.13 challenge grants; \$350,000 each year is for potato breeding; and \$450,000 each year is for  
1.14 the cultivated wild rice breeding project at the North Central Research and Outreach Center  
1.15 to include a tenure track/research associate plant breeder. The commissioner must transfer  
1.16 the remaining funds each year to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for  
1.17 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14. Of the amount transferred to the Board of  
1.18 Regents, up to \$1,000,000 each year is for research on avian influenza, including prevention  
1.19 measures that can be taken. To the extent practicable, funds expended under Minnesota  
1.20 Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2), must supplement and not supplant  
1.21 existing sources and levels of funding. The commissioner may use up to one percent each  
1.22 year for costs incurred to administer the program.