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H. F. No. 1147

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; increasing funding for the agriculture research, education,
1.3 extension, and technology transfer grant program and Farm Business Management
1.4 challenge grants; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS; AGRICULTURE RESEARCH, EDUCATION,
1.7 EXTENSION, AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (AGRETT) GRANT PROGRAM.

1.8 (a) \$10,300,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,300,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for transfer
1.9 to the agriculture research, education, extension, and technology transfer account under
1.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 3. Of these amounts:

1.11 (1) at least \$600,000 each year is for the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station's
1.12 agriculture rapid response fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14, subdivision 1,
1.13 clause (2);

1.14 (2) \$3,000,000 each year is for grants to the Minnesota Agriculture Education Leadership
1.15 Council to enhance agricultural education with priority given to Farm Business Management
1.16 challenge grants;

1.17 (3) \$350,000 each year is for potato breeding; and

1.18 (4) \$450,000 each year is for the cultivated wild rice breeding project at the North Central
1.19 Research and Outreach Center to include a tenure track/research associate plant breeder.

1.20 (b) The commissioner shall transfer the remaining funds in this appropriation each year
1.21 to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for purposes of Minnesota Statutes,
1.22 section 41A.14. Of the amount transferred to the Board of Regents, up to \$1,000,000 each

- 2.1 year is for research on avian influenza, salmonella, and other turkey-related diseases. To
2.2 the extent practicable, money expended under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.14,
2.3 subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (2), must supplement and not supplant existing sources and
2.4 levels of funding. The commissioner may use up to one percent of the appropriation each
2.5 year to administer the program.