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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1250

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for the Minnesota
1.3 Inventors Congress.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; MINNESOTA INVENTORS CONGRESS.**

1.6 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2015 are appropriated from
1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development to the
1.8 Minnesota Inventors Congress to accomplish the following:

1.9 (1) growing direct outreach to inventors by building and expanding one-to-one
1.10 invention and new product development coaching services;

1.11 (2) offering "Inventing Success Workshops" in nine key geographical areas across
1.12 the state;

1.13 (3) producing a yearly national-caliber expo where inventors can exhibit their
1.14 inventions, get public feedback, and network with professionals who can help them take
1.15 their invention to market; and

1.16 (4) collaborating with minority economic development groups to reach inventors
1.17 who are members of various minority communities.

1.18 Of this amount, at least \$15,000 each year is for the Minnesota Student Inventors Congress
1.19 and other educational programs for youth inventors.