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H. F. No. 1474

02/08/2023 Authored by Frederick; Brand; Anderson, P. H., and Nelson, N., 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; requiring a report; appropriating money for biofuel financial
1.3 assistance.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS; BIOFUEL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

1.6 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the
1.7 general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants that enable retail petroleum
1.8 dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and other equipment to dispense biofuels to the public in
1.9 accordance with the biofuel replacement goals established under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.10 239.7911. A retail petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use in spark ignition engines
1.11 for vehicle model years after 2000 is eligible if the retail petroleum dispenser has no more
1.12 than ten retail petroleum dispensing sites and each site is located in Minnesota. The grant
1.13 money must be used to replace or upgrade equipment that does not have the ability to be
1.14 certified for E25. A grant award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost of the appropriate
1.15 technology. A grant award must not exceed \$200,000 per station.

1.16 (b) The commissioner must cooperate with biofuel stakeholders in the implementation
1.17 of the grant program. The commissioner, in cooperation with any economic or community
1.18 development financial institution and any other entity with which the commissioner contracts,
1.19 must submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure financial assistance program by January
1.20 15 of each year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
1.21 and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance. The annual report must
1.22 include but is not limited to a summary of the following metrics:

1.23 (1) the number and types of projects financed;

- 2.1 (2) the amount of dollars leveraged or matched per project;
- 2.2 (3) the geographic distribution of financed projects;
- 2.3 (4) any market expansion associated with upgraded infrastructure;
- 2.4 (5) the demographics of the areas served;
- 2.5 (6) the costs of the program; and
- 2.6 (7) the number of grants to minority-owned or female-owned businesses.