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

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A bill for an act

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relating to economic development; appropriating money for robotics team grants.

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

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Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

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\$100,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

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of employment and economic development for a grant to FIRST in Upper Midwest to

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support competitive robotics teams. Funds must be used to make up to five awards of no

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more than \$20,000 each to Minnesota-based public entities or private nonprofit organizations

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for the creation of competitive robotics hubs. Awards may be used for tools, equipment,

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and physical space to be utilized by robotics teams. At least 50 percent of grant funds must

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be used outside of the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined under Minnesota Statutes,

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section 473.121, subdivision 2. The grant recipient shall report to the chairs and ranking

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minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over jobs and economic

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growth by February 1, 2023, on the status of awards and include information on the number

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and amount of awards made, the number of customers served, and any outcomes resulting

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from the grant. The grant requires a 50 percent match from nonstate sources.