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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

03/29/2016 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to higher education; providing funding to the University of Minnesota  
1.3 for mineral research; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MINERAL**  
1.6 **RESEARCH.**

1.7 \$3,600,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2017 to the Board  
1.8 of Regents of the University of Minnesota for academic and applied research through  
1.9 MnDRIVE at the Natural Resources Research Institute to develop new technologies that  
1.10 enhance the long-term viability of the Minnesota mining industry. The research must be  
1.11 done in consultation with the Mineral Coordinating Committee established by Minnesota  
1.12 Statutes, section 93.0015. The budget base for this program in fiscal years 2018 and  
1.13 2019 is \$3,600,000 per year.