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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Housing Finance and Policy Division

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to housing; appropriating money for housing discrimination testing.
- 1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.4 Section 1. **HOUSING DISCRIMINATION TESTING.**
- 1.5 \$500,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the Minnesota
- 1.6 Housing Finance Agency to make grants to nonprofit organizations to investigate and report
- 1.7 on housing discrimination based on race, national origin, disability, or familial status by
- 1.8 conducting fair housing testing statewide. The grant funds may be used to recruit and train
- 1.9 testers and analyze test results to evaluate evidence of housing discrimination in the rental
- 1.10 or purchase of a home, apartment, or other dwelling. The organizations receiving grant
- 1.11 funds may convey test results to state or federal agencies that receive and have the authority
- 1.12 to act on fair housing discrimination complaints or otherwise use the information to advocate
- 1.13 for the rights of the prospective renter or purchaser. The organizations receiving grant funds
- 1.14 must provide a preliminary report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
- 1.15 legislative committees with jurisdiction over housing policy and finance by February 15,
- 1.16 2021, and a final report by February 15, 2022, identifying the organizations receiving grants
- 1.17 and how the grant funds were spent, the number of investigations or tests conducted, the
- 1.18 types of housing tested, location of tests, any other activities undertaken, and, if known, the
- 1.19 outcomes of the cases.