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A bill for an act
relating to agriculture; appropriating money to the commissioner of agriculture
for grants to retail petroleum dispensers.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; RETAIL PETROLEUM DISPENSER GRANTS.**

\$1,500,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2016 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to retail petroleum dispensers to enable retail petroleum dispensers to dispense biofuels to the public in accordance with the biofuel replacement goals established under Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use in spark ignition engines for vehicle model years after 2000 is eligible for grant money under this section if the retail petroleum dispenser has no more than 15 retail petroleum dispensing sites and each site is located in Minnesota. The grant money under this section must be used for the installation of appropriate technology that uses fuel dispensing equipment appropriate for at least one fuel dispensing site to dispense gasoline that is blended with 15 percent of agriculturally derived, denatured ethanol, by volume, and appropriate technical assistance related to the installation. A grant award under this section must not exceed 85 percent of the cost of the technical assistance and appropriate technology, including remetering of and retrofits for retail petroleum dispensers and replacement of petroleum dispenser projects. The commissioner may use up to \$35,000 of the appropriation amount for administration expenses. The commissioner shall cooperate with the Minnesota Biofuels Association in the implementation of the grant program under this section. This appropriation is available until expended. The commissioner must report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agricultural policy and finance by February 1 each year, until the

- 2.1 appropriation is expended, detailing the number of grants awarded under this section
- 2.2 and the projected effect of the grant program on meeting the biofuel replacement goals
- 2.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911.