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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1616

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for agriculture related business
1.3 assistance.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.6 (a) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from
1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for a grant to Greater Mankato Growth,
1.8 Inc. for assistance to agricultural-related businesses to promote jobs, innovation, and
1.9 development of a synergy. These appropriations are onetime.

1.10 (b) Grant recipients shall report to the commissioner by February 1 of each year and
1.11 include information on the number of customers served in each county; the number of
1.12 businesses started, stabilized, or expanded; the number of jobs created and retained; and
1.13 business success rates in each county. By April 1 of each year, the commissioner shall report
1.14 the information submitted by grant recipients to the chairs of the standing committees of
1.15 the house of representatives and the senate having jurisdiction over agriculture and rural
1.16 development issues.