

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE **S.F. No. 987**

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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to state government; requiring a grant for community energy activities;
 1.3 appropriating money for utility regulation and related purpose.

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

1.5 Section 1. **SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.6 The amounts shown in this section summarize direct appropriations, by fund, made
 1.7 in this act.

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Total</u>
1.8 <u>General</u>	\$ <u>10,447,000</u>	\$ <u>10,447,000</u>	\$ <u>20,894,000</u>
1.9 <u>Telecommunications Access</u>			
1.10 <u>Minnesota</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>1,400,000</u>
1.11 <u>Minnesota</u>			
1.12 <u>Total</u>	\$ <u>11,147,000</u>	\$ <u>11,147,000</u>	\$ <u>22,294,000</u>

1.13 Sec. 2. **ENERGY FINANCE APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.14 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the
 1.15 agencies and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the general
 1.16 fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each
 1.17 purpose. The figures "2012" and "2013" used in this act mean that the appropriations
 1.18 listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, or June 30, 2013,
 1.19 respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2012. "The second year" is fiscal year 2013.
 1.20 "The biennium" is fiscal years 2012 and 2013. Appropriations for the fiscal year ending
 1.21 June 30, 2011, are effective the day following final enactment.

APPROPRIATIONS
Available for the Year

1.22
 1.23

	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
2.1		
2.2		
2.3	Sec. 3. <u>DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</u>	
2.4	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 4,965,000</u>
2.5		<u>\$ 4,965,000</u>
2.6	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
2.7	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
2.8	<u>General</u>	<u>4,265,000</u>
2.9	<u>Telecommunications</u>	<u>4,265,000</u>
2.10	<u>Access Minnesota</u>	<u>700,000</u>
2.11		<u>700,000</u>
2.12	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>	
2.13	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>	
2.14	<u>subdivisions.</u>	
2.15	<u>Subd. 2. Telecommunications</u>	<u>1,010,000</u>
2.16		<u>1,010,000</u>
2.17	<u>Subd. 3. Office of Energy Security</u>	<u>3,255,000</u>
2.18		<u>3,255,000</u>
2.19	<u>Subd. 4. Telecommunications Access</u>	
2.20	<u>Minnesota</u>	<u>300,000</u>
2.21		<u>300,000</u>
2.22	<u>\$300,000 the first year and \$300,000</u>	
2.23	<u>the second year are for transfer to the</u>	
2.24	<u>commissioner of human services to</u>	
2.25	<u>supplement the ongoing operational expenses</u>	
2.26	<u>of the Minnesota Commission Serving</u>	
2.27	<u>Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing People. This</u>	
2.28	<u>appropriation is from the telecommunication</u>	
2.29	<u>access Minnesota fund, and is added to the</u>	
2.30	<u>commission's base.</u>	
2.31	Sec. 4. <u>PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION</u>	<u>\$ 6,182,000</u>
2.32		<u>\$ 6,182,000</u>
2.33	Sec. 5. <u>TRANSFERS IN</u>	
2.34	<u>(a) The commissioner of management and</u>	
2.35	<u>budget shall transfer \$500,000 the first year</u>	
2.36	<u>and \$500,000 the second year to the general</u>	
2.37	<u>fund from the telephone assistance program</u>	
2.38	<u>established in Minnesota Statutes, section</u>	
2.39	<u>237.69.</u>	

3.1 (b) The remaining balance in the second year
3.2 of the appropriation in Laws 2007, chapter
3.3 57, article 2, section 3, subdivision 6, for
3.4 biogas recovery facilities, estimated to be
3.5 \$420,000, is canceled to the general fund.

3.6 (c) The remaining balance of the
3.7 appropriation in Laws 2007, chapter 57,
3.8 article 2, section 3, subdivision 6, clause
3.9 (7), as amended by Laws 2008, chapter 340,
3.10 section 5, for the Greenhouse Gas Advisory
3.11 Group, estimated to be \$7,000, is canceled to
3.12 the general fund.

3.13 (d) \$1,100,000 in the second year is
3.14 transferred from the telecommunications
3.15 access Minnesota fund established in
3.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 237.52, to the
3.17 general fund.

3.18 (e) In the first year, the remaining balance of
3.19 the appropriation in Laws 2007, chapter 57,
3.20 article 2, section 3, subdivision 6, clause (5),
3.21 for the hydrogen roadmap project, estimated
3.22 to be \$280,000, is canceled to the general
3.23 fund.

3.24 (f) The remaining balance of the
3.25 appropriation in Laws 2008, chapter 363,
3.26 article 6, section 3, subdivision 4, for
3.27 renewable grants, estimated to be \$368,000,
3.28 is canceled to the general fund.

3.29 (g) The remaining balance of the
3.30 appropriation in Laws 2008, chapter 363,
3.31 article 6, section 3, subdivision 4, for the
3.32 green economy projects, estimated to be
3.33 \$59,000, is canceled to the general fund.

3.34 (h) The remaining balance of the
3.35 appropriation in Laws 2007, chapter 57,

4.1 article 2, section 3, subdivision 6, clause
 4.2 (4), for automotive technology projects,
 4.3 estimated to be \$22,000, is canceled to the
 4.4 general fund.

4.5 (i) The remaining balance of the appropriation
 4.6 in Laws 2008, chapter 37, article 2, section
 4.7 13, paragraph (b), clauses (1) and (2), for
 4.8 renewable energy and energy efficiency
 4.9 projects, estimated to be \$600,000, is
 4.10 canceled to the general fund.

4.11	Sec. 6. <u>TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS</u>			
4.12	<u>MINNESOTA FUND</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>\$</u>
			<u>400,000</u>	

4.13 In addition to the appropriation authorized
 4.14 in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.52,
 4.15 \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
 4.16 second year are onetime appropriations from
 4.17 the telecommunications access Minnesota
 4.18 fund as follows:

4.19 (1) \$230,000 each year is to the Office of
 4.20 Enterprise Technology for coordinating
 4.21 technology accessibility and usability;

4.22 (2) \$20,000 each year is to the Commission
 4.23 of Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing
 4.24 Minnesotans to provide information on their
 4.25 Web site in American Sign Language and to
 4.26 provide technical assistance to state agencies;
 4.27 and

4.28 (3) \$150,000 each year is to the Legislative
 4.29 Coordinating Commission to provide
 4.30 captioning of live streaming of legislative
 4.31 activity on the commission's Web site and
 4.32 for a consolidated access fund for other state
 4.33 agencies.

4.34 **Sec. 7. COMMUNITY ENERGY ACTIVITIES; ASSESSMENT AND GRANT.**

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5.1 The commissioner of commerce shall grant \$500,000 in the fiscal year ending June
5.2 30, 2012, from assessments made under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.241, subdivision
5.3 1e, for the purpose of community energy technical assistance and outreach on renewable
5.4 energy and energy efficiency as described in Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.385.