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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1561

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a grant to FilmNorth.
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. FILMNORTH; APPROPRIATION.

1.5 \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.6 of employment and economic development for a grant to FilmNorth, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
1.7 organization, to renovate property located at 2447 University Avenue West in the city of
1.8 St. Paul, to serve as a multiuse facility. The facility will include a dedicated workforce
1.9 training center for film industry jobs; an archive for short films, documentaries, experimental
1.10 films, and narrative films made by Minnesota media artists, accessible to the public; a
1.11 soundstage and community events space; and affordable office space for low income artists.
1.12 This is a onetime appropriation and is available until the project is completed or abandoned,
1.13 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.