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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. **1640**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money to preserve the oral  
1.3 histories of Hmong veterans of the Secret War in Laos.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; PRESERVING HISTORY OF HMONG VETERANS**  
1.6 **OF THE SECRET WAR IN LAOS.**

1.7 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the  
1.8 arts and cultural heritage fund to the commissioner of administration for a grant to Special  
1.9 Guerrilla Units Veterans and Families of USA, Inc. to collect, document, archive, and  
1.10 preserve the oral histories of Hmong veterans of the United States-sponsored Secret War  
1.11 in Laos and to create programming and educational resources to teach the public and future  
1.12 generations about the history, legacy, and cultural heritage of the Hmong in Minnesota.