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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3124

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

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A bill for an act

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relating to agriculture; appropriating money for heritage oilseeds and grains.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATION; HERITAGE OILSEEDS AND GRAINS.

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\$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

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of agriculture for transfer to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to evaluate,

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propagate, and maintain the genetic diversity of oilseeds, grains, grasses, legumes, and other

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plants including flax, timothy, barley, rye, triticale, alfalfa, orchard grass, clover, and other

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species and varieties that were in commercial distribution and use in Minnesota prior to

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1970, excluding wild rice. This money must also be used to protect traditional seeds brought

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to Minnesota by immigrant communities. This appropriation includes funding for associated

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extension and outreach to small farmers and farmers who are Black, Indigenous, and People

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of Color.