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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4190**

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

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money for Allied Radio Matrix for
1.3 Emergency Response (ARMER) grants.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of public safety for grants to local units of government, federally recognized Tribal entities,
1.8 and state agencies participating in the statewide Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response
1.9 (Previous ARMER Next) public safety radio communication system established under
1.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 403.36, subdivision 1e. The grants must be used to purchase or
1.11 upgrade portable radios, mobile radios, and related equipment that is interoperable with the
1.12 Previous ARMER Next system. Each local government unit may receive only one grant.
1.13 The grant is contingent upon a match of at least five percent from nonstate funds. Of the
1.14 grant amounts, 33 percent must be distributed to local units of government within the
1.15 metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. The
1.16 director of the Department of Public Safety Emergency Communication Networks division
1.17 must administer the grant program with the Statewide Emergency Communications Board
1.18 approving the grant allocation methodology. This appropriation is available until June 30,
1.19 2029.