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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to energy; appropriating money to plan and construct an anaerobic digester

1.3 or biomass thermal generation facility.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; BIOMASS ENERGY FACILITY.**

1.6 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j),

1.7 \$...... in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the renewable development account established

1.8 in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the commissioner of commerce

1.9 for a grant to Liberty Diversified International to plan and construct an anaerobic digester

1.10 or a biomass thermal generation facility in the city of Becker. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.11 (b) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given:

1.12 (1) "anaerobic digester" means a facility that uses diverted food and organic waste to

1.13 generate renewable natural gas and biochar;

1.14 (2) "biochar" means a solid substance, made from burning organic material, that

1.15 sequesters carbon and is capable of being used as a soil application; and

1.16 (3) "biomass thermal generation facility" means a facility that generates energy for

1.17 commercial heat or industrial process heat from the combustion of organic material.

1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.