A bill for an act

relating to bioenergy production; appropriating money for study of plasma gasification process to convert cellulose, plastics, and other components of municipal solid waste into methanol for use in biodiesel production.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

(a) $250,000 in fiscal year 2008 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for a grant to the Elk River Economic Development Authority for upfront engineering and a feasibility study of the Elk River renewable fuels facility. The facility must use a plasma gasification process to convert primarily cellulosic material, but may also use plastics and other components from municipal solid waste, as feedstock for the production of methanol for use in biodiesel production facilities.

(b) Any unencumbered balance in fiscal year 2008 does not cancel but is available for fiscal year 2009. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.285, the agency must not transfer this appropriation.