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02/25/2021	547	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for applied research in forestry

1.3 and bioeconomy.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; APPLIED RESEARCH IN FORESTRY AND**

1.6 **BIOECONOMY.**

1.7 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of

1.8 Regents of the University of Minnesota for academic and applied research through the

1.9 MnDRIVE program at the Natural Resources Research Institute to develop and demonstrate

1.10 technologies that enhance the long-term health and management of Minnesota's forest

1.11 resources, extend the viability of incumbent forest-based industries, and accelerate emerging

1.12 industry opportunities. Of this amount, \$500,000 is to extend the demonstrated forest

1.13 management assessment tool to statewide application and \$1,500,000 is for developing

1.14 biochar opportunities associated with Minnesota biomass resources to support attracting

1.15 industry investment. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2023.