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		Referred to Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development
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A bill for an act
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relating to agriculture; establishing a program to provide grants to prevent the
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spread of avian influenza; appropriating money.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. AVIAN INFLUENZA PREVENTION PROGRAM.
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(a) The commissioner of agriculture may award grants to poultry producers to install
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avian influenza prevention measures to prevent transmission of avian influenza from wild
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birds to domestic poultry. The commissioner may establish a cap on the amount of grant
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money that a recipient is eligible to receive annually.
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(b) To be eligible for a grant under this section, a poultry producer must raise poultry
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within Minnesota. Poultry producers must use grant money to reimburse themselves for the
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cost of preventing the spread of avian influenza during operations in Minnesota.
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(c) A grant applicant must document a cost-share of 20 percent for activities covered
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by a grant under this program. A grant applicant's cost-share amount may be reduced up to
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\$2,000 to cover the time and labor costs of avian influenza prevention activities.
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(d) Eligible avian influenza prevention measures include but are not limited to:
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(1) lasers or lighting systems;
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(2) visual deterrents such as air socks, plastic predators, and animal decoys; and
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(3) sound systems or air cannons.
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(e) Eligible grant recipients must:
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(1) make a good faith effort to avoid the spread of avian influenza;

- 2.1 (2) retain proper documentation of expenses;
- 2.2 (3) report annually to the commissioner on the effectiveness of the methods employed;
- 2.3 and
- 2.4 (4) allow follow-up evaluations and monitoring by the commissioner.
- 2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 2.6 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**
- 2.7 \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the general
- 2.8 fund to the commissioner of agriculture for avian influenza prevention grants under section
- 2.9 1.
- 2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.