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| 01/24/2019 | 157  | Introduction and first reading                                     |
|            |      | Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections      |
| 02/28/2019 |      | Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Capital Investment |

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A bill for an act

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relating to capital investment; appropriating money for equipment grants to public

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television stations.

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

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Section 1. **PUBLIC TV EQUIPMENT GRANTS.**

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(a) \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the

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commissioner of administration for equipment grants to public stations, as defined in

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Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.12, subdivision 2. Prior to this grant distribution, the

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commissioner may use up to 1.5 percent of this appropriation for administrative costs.

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(b) To qualify for an equipment grant the station must meet the eligibility criteria defined

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in Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.12. Before receiving an equipment grant, a station must

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submit to the commissioner a list of the equipment the station plans to purchase with the

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equipment grant. The commissioner may not require the station to purchase equipment

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before receiving the grant money. A station must report to the commissioner a list of the

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equipment purchased with the grant.

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(c) "Equipment" means the physical infrastructure, hardware, and software used for the

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production, dissemination, interconnection, and transmission of digital media content, the

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useful life of which may range from seven to 40 years.

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(d) These grants shall be allocated as follows: two-sevenths of these funds shall be

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awarded to Twin Cities PBS; one-seventh to KSMQ public television in Austin; one-seventh

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to Pioneer Public Television in Granite Falls; one-seventh to Lakeland PBS in Bemidji;

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- one-seventh to Prairie Public in Fargo/Moorhead; and one-seventh to WDSE public television
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- in Duluth.