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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1581

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for farmer mental health counseling;
1.3 canceling an appropriation.

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

1.5 Section 1. CANCELLATION.

1.6 Of the amount appropriated to the commissioner of agriculture for the agricultural growth,
1.7 research, and innovation program for fiscal year 2019 in Laws 2017, chapter 88, article 1,
1.8 section 2, subdivision 4, \$100,000 is canceled to the general fund.

1.9 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

1.10 (a) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.11 of agriculture for the following purposes:

1.12 (1) \$15,000 is for transfer to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
1.13 Universities to increase compensation for the counselor currently providing statewide mental
1.14 health counseling support to farm families and business operators;

1.15 (2) \$40,000 is for transfer to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
1.16 Universities to provide additional statewide mental health counseling support to farm families
1.17 and business operators;

1.18 (3) \$30,000 is for farmer mental health marketing and training coordination; and

1.19 (4) \$15,000 is to increase funding for farm advocate services and farmer-lender mediators.

1.20 (b) This is a onetime appropriation.

2.1 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.2 This act is effective the day following final enactment.