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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Energy Finance and Policy

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A bill for an act
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relating to energy; appropriating money to construct a geothermal energy system.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; GEOTHERMAL ENERGY SYSTEM.**
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(a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j),
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\$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the renewable development account
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established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the commissioner of
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commerce for a grant to Como Zoo in the city of St. Paul to construct a geothermal energy
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system that provides space heating and cooling to the large cats building.
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(b) For the purposes of this section, "geothermal energy system" means a system
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composed of a heat pump that moves a heat-transferring fluid through piping embedded in
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the earth and absorbs the earth's constant temperature, a heat exchanger, and ductwork to
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distribute heated and cooled air to a building.