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H. F. No. 232

01/22/2019 Authored by Poppe, Hamilton, Brand, Lueck, Poston and others
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Division Action

Referred by Chair to the Agriculture and Food Finance and Policy Division

02/21/2019 *Division action, to adopt as amended and return to the Committee on Ways and Means*

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating additional money for farm advocates,
1.3 farmer-lender mediators, and mental health counseling support for farm families
1.4 and business operators; amending Laws 2017, chapter 88, article 1, section 2,
1.5 subdivision 5.

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

1.7 Section 1. **CANCELLATION.**

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

1.11 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

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

1.14 (1) \$15,000 is for transfer to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
1.15 Universities to increase compensation for the counselor currently providing statewide mental
1.16 health counseling support to farm families and business operators through the Minnesota
1.17 State Agricultural Centers of Excellence. South Central College and Central Lakes College
1.18 shall serve as the fiscal agents;

1.19 (2) \$40,000 is for transfer to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
1.20 Universities to provide additional statewide mental health counseling support to farm families
1.21 and business operators through the Minnesota State Agricultural Centers of Excellence.
1.22 South Central College and Central Lakes College shall serve as the fiscal agents;

2.1 (3) \$30,000 is for farmer mental health marketing and training coordination; and

2.2 (4) \$15,000 is to increase funding for farm advocate services and farmer-lender mediators.

2.3 (b) This is a onetime appropriation.

2.4 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.5 This act is effective the day following final enactment.