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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; establishing grant program for pilot projects to encourage
1.3 and increase composting in multifamily buildings; appropriating money; proposing
1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

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

1.6 Section 1. [115A.5591] COMPOSTING; MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS;
1.7 COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "multifamily building" means
1.9 an apartment facility containing four or more dwelling units, each to be rented by a person
1.10 or family for use as a residence.

1.11 Subd. 2. Grant program established. The commissioner must establish a competitive
1.12 grant program to provide financial assistance to develop and implement pilot projects that
1.13 encourage and increase composting by residents of multifamily buildings in areas where
1.14 compost is not collected at curbside. Each grant must include an educational component on
1.15 the methods and benefits of composting.

1.16 Subd. 3. Eligible applicants. A grant may be awarded under this section to:

1.17 (1) a political subdivision;

1.18 (2) an owner of a multifamily building; or

1.19 (3) an organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
1.20 Revenue Code.

1.21 Subd. 4. Application. The commissioner must develop forms and procedures for
1.22 soliciting and reviewing applications for grants under this section.

2.1 Subd. 5. **Eligible expenditures.** Appropriations made to support the activities of this
2.2 section may be used only to:

2.3 (1) provide grants as specified in this section; and

2.4 (2) reimburse the reasonable expenses of the Pollution Control Agency in administering
2.5 the grant program.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.7 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.8 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.9 of the Pollution Control Agency to make grants for pilot projects that encourage composting
2.10 by residents of multifamily buildings under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.5591. This
2.11 is a onetime appropriation.