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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for an industrial park
1.3 development in Sherburne County.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 (a) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.7 commissioner of employment and economic development for the greater Minnesota business
1.8 development infrastructure grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.431.
1.9 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, funds appropriated under this paragraph must be
1.10 disbursed as a grant to the city of Becker to fund ongoing development and improvement
1.11 of an industrial park at the Sherburne County Generating Station (Sherco) in the city of
1.12 Becker, including economic development, land acquisition and enhancements, safety
1.13 improvements, design, engineering, environmental studies, corridor mappings, right-of-way
1.14 acquisitions, and associated improvements. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
1.15 116J.431, subdivision 1, a local match is not required for this project. This is a onetime
1.16 appropriation and any unspent funds do not lapse.

1.17 (b) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.18 commissioner of employment and economic development for the job creation fund under
1.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
1.20 commissioner of employment and economic development shall certify a business under
1.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), to receive the benefits
1.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), using the funds
1.23 appropriated under this paragraph. An eligible business is a metal recycling facility that is

2.1 relocating to the city of Becker and will create at least jobs. This is a onetime
2.2 appropriation and any unspent funds do not lapse.

2.3 (c) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the
2.4 commissioner of employment and economic development for the Minnesota investment
2.5 fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
2.6 the commissioner shall award funds under this paragraph to the city of Becker for the
2.7 development of an industrial park at the Sherburne County Generating Station (Sherco) in
2.8 the city of Becker. This grant does not require a local match. This is a onetime appropriation
2.9 and any unspent funds do not lapse.