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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 academic and applied
- 1.3 research at the Natural Resources Research Institute; requiring reports.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **NATURAL RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE; APPROPRIATION.**
- 1.6 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j),
- 1.7 \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the renewable development account in
- 1.8 the special revenue fund established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision
- 1.9 1, to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the Board
- 1.10 of Regents of the University of Minnesota for academic and applied research through
- 1.11 MnDRIVE at the Natural Resources Research Institute. Of this amount, \$500,000 each year
- 1.12 is to develop and demonstrate new technologies to support forest resource characterization,
- 1.13 \$800,000 each year is for research into high-value utilization of forest resources, and
- 1.14 \$1,200,000 each year is for seed funding for large-scale precommercial demonstration of
- 1.15 biomass conversion to energy products and new materials. The Natural Resources Research
- 1.16 Institute shall pursue this work in consultation with the Minnesota Forest Resources Council,
- 1.17 the Minnesota Forest Industries, and the Minnesota Departments of Natural Resources,
- 1.18 Agriculture, and Commerce. By January 15, 2020, and again by January 15, 2021, and
- 1.19 January 15, 2022, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs of the legislative
- 1.20 committees with jurisdiction over economic development on the outcome of grants under
- 1.21 this section. In fiscal year 2022 and thereafter, the base amount for this appropriation is \$0.