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03/04/2020	5233	Introduction and first reading Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to natural resources; appropriating money for precision agriculture research

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and outreach.

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

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Section 1. **PRECISION AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND OUTREACH;**

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**APPROPRIATION.**

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\$..... in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Regents

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of the University of Minnesota, in consultation with the commissioner of agriculture and

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the Board of Water and Soil Resources, to provide additional research and outreach through

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the University of Minnesota's Precision Agriculture Center, and to:

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(1) develop policy recommendations regarding data privacy, public-private partnerships,

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and needed technical assistance focused on the most challenging agricultural and water

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issues; and

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(2) research recommendations and pilot studies that include variable rate nutrients,

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variable rate irrigation, nitrogen mineralization, remote sensing, delineation of management

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zones, and extension programming.