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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to energy; establishing a Prairie Island Net Zero Project; requiring reports;  
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
1.4 116C.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[116C.7793] PRAIRIE ISLAND NET ZERO PROJECT.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Project established.** The Prairie Island Net Zero Project is established.  
1.8 The goal of the project is for the Prairie Island Indian Community to develop an energy  
1.9 system that results in net zero emissions.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Grant.** The commissioner of employment and economic development must  
1.11 enter into a grant contract with the Prairie Island Indian Community to provide \$20,000,000  
1.12 on July 1, 2018, and \$5,000,000 each year for four years thereafter to stimulate research,  
1.13 development, and implementation of renewable energy projects benefiting the Prairie Island  
1.14 Indian Community or its members.

1.15 Subd. 3. **Plan; report.** No later than July 1, 2019, the Prairie Island Indian Community  
1.16 must file a plan with the commissioner of employment and economic development that  
1.17 describes the Prairie Island Net Zero Project elements and implementation strategy. The  
1.18 Prairie Island Indian Community must file a report on July 1, 2020, and each July 1 thereafter  
1.19 through 2023, describing (1) the progress made in implementing the project, and (2) the  
1.20 uses of expended funds.

1.21 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** Notwithstanding section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph  
1.22 (j), \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2019 and \$5,000,000 in each of fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022,  
1.23 and 2023 are appropriated from the renewable development account under section 116C.779,

2.1 subdivision 1, to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant  
2.2 under this section to the Prairie Island Indian Community. Any funds remaining at the end  
2.3 of a fiscal year do not cancel to the renewable development account but remain available  
2.4 until spent. This subdivision expires the day after the last transfer of funds to the  
2.5 commissioner.

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