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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 499

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money for emergency management readiness
1.3 grants for local planning and preparedness efforts; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY
1.6 MANAGEMENT.

1.7 (a) \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated
1.8 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for the director of the Homeland
1.9 Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEM) to award grants in equal amounts
1.10 to emergency management departments in the 87 counties, 11 federally recognized tribes,
1.11 and four cities of the first class for planning and preparedness activities, including capital
1.12 purchases. This amount is added to the base appropriation for this purpose. Local emergency
1.13 management departments must make a request to HSEM for these grants. Current local
1.14 funding for emergency management and preparedness activities may not be supplanted by
1.15 these additional state funds.

1.16 (b) By March 15, 2023, the commissioner of public safety must submit a report on the
1.17 grant awards to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
1.18 jurisdiction over emergency management and preparedness activities. At a minimum, the
1.19 report must summarize grantee activities and identify grant recipients.