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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3762

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Agriculture and Food Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing a grain storage facility safety grant program;
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 17.

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

1.6 Section 1. [17.121] GRAIN STORAGE FACILITY SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Protection equipment grants; eligibility. (a) The commissioner must
1.8 award cost-share grants to Minnesota farmers who purchase grain storage facility safety
1.9 protection equipment. Grants are limited to 75 percent of the farmer's documented cost to
1.10 purchase, ship, and install grain storage facility safety protection equipment or \$500,
1.11 whichever is less.

1.12 (b) Eligible grain storage facility safety protection equipment includes:

1.13 (1) fall protection systems;

1.14 (2) personal protective equipment to increase survivability in the event of a grain bin
1.15 related emergency;

1.16 (3) engineering controls to prevent contact with an auger or other moving parts; and

1.17 (4) other grain storage facility safety protection equipment approved by the commissioner.

1.18 Subd. 2. Grain silo air quality monitoring equipment. The commissioner must award
1.19 cost-share grants to Minnesota farmers who purchase grain silo air quality monitoring
1.20 equipment. Grants are limited to 75 percent of the farmer's documented cost to purchase,
1.21 ship, and install grain silo air quality monitoring equipment or \$500, whichever is less.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Promotion; administration.** The commissioner may spend up to five percent
2.2 of total program dollars each fiscal year to promote and administer the program to Minnesota
2.3 farmers.

2.4 Subd. 4. **Nonstate sources; appropriation.** The commissioner must accept contributions
2.5 from nonstate sources, including but not limited to nonprofits, foundations, and corporations,
2.6 to supplement state appropriations for this program. Contributions received under this
2.7 subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of this section.

2.8 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.**

2.9 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2021 to the commissioner of
2.10 agriculture for the grain storage facility safety grant program under Minnesota Statutes,
2.11 section 17.121.