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H. F. No. 4281

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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 capital investment; appropriating money for the Hmong American
- 1.3 Farmers Association purchase of farmland and facility construction.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **HMONG AMERICAN FARMERS ASSOCIATION.**
- 1.6 \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for
- 1.7 a grant to the Hmong American Farmers Association to purchase approximately 155 acres
- 1.8 in Dakota County that the association has leased since 2011. The purchase includes all
- 1.9 buildings and improvements on the property. The grant is also to predesign, design, construct,
- 1.10 furnish, and equip a food processing and storage facility on the property in which to safely
- 1.11 rinse, wash, and store farm products. This appropriation is not available until the
- 1.12 commissioner of management and budget determines that an amount sufficient to complete
- 1.13 the project, estimated to be \$1,300,000, has been committed from other sources. This
- 1.14 appropriation is available until the project is completed or abandoned, subject to Minnesota
- 1.15 Statutes, section 16A.642.
- 1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.