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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3390

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environmental public health; appropriating money for a study of
1.3 environmental and public health impacts of toxic contamination in the eastern
1.4 metropolitan area.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$200,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2015 to the
1.8 commissioner of health to determine, in consultation with a community-based steering
1.9 committee familiar with east metropolitan immigrant and refugee growers, whether the soil
1.10 in the eastern metropolitan area used by immigrant growers is contaminated with volatile
1.11 organic compounds or emerging toxic contaminants, including perfluorochemicals. If the
1.12 commissioner discovers toxic contamination, the commissioner must ascertain whether
1.13 the contamination endangers the health of the growers using the contaminated land and
1.14 the health of consumers including any health equity or health disparity impacts. The
1.15 commissioner of health must report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
1.16 environment and public health no later than January 1, 2016.