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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance

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A bill for an act

1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for a grant for the farm-to-food

1.3 shelf program.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; FARM-TO-FOOD SHELF GRANT.**

1.6 \$600,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the

1.7 commissioner of agriculture for a grant to Second Harvest Heartland on behalf of the six

1.8 Feeding America food banks that serve Minnesota to compensate agricultural producers

1.9 and processors for costs incurred to harvest and package for transfer surplus fruits,

1.10 vegetables, or other agricultural commodities that would otherwise go unharvested, be

1.11 discarded, or be sold in a secondary market. Surplus commodities must be distributed

1.12 statewide to food shelves and other charitable organizations that are eligible to receive

1.13 food from the food banks. Surplus food acquired under this appropriation must be from

1.14 Minnesota producers and processors.