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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 3784

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to housing; appropriating money for housing discrimination testing.

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

1.4 Section 1. HOUSING DISCRIMINATION TESTING.

1.5 \$500,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the Minnesota
1.6 Housing Finance Agency to make grants to nonprofit organizations to investigate and report
1.7 on housing discrimination based on race, national origin, disability, or familial status by
1.8 conducting fair housing testing statewide. The grant funds may be used to recruit and train
1.9 testers and analyze test results to evaluate evidence of housing discrimination in the rental
1.10 or purchase of a home, apartment, or other dwelling. The organizations receiving grant
1.11 funds may convey test results to state or federal agencies that receive and have the authority
1.12 to act on fair housing discrimination complaints or otherwise use the information to advocate
1.13 for the rights of the prospective renter or purchaser. The organizations receiving grant funds
1.14 must provide a preliminary report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
1.15 legislative committees with jurisdiction over housing policy and finance by February 15,
1.16 2021, and a final report by February 15, 2022, identifying the organizations receiving grants
1.17 and how the grant funds were spent, the number of investigations or tests conducted, the
1.18 types of housing tested, location of tests, any other activities undertaken, and, if known, the
1.19 outcomes of the cases.