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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/20/2017	661	Introduction and first reading Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to agriculture; establishing a farm-to-foodshelf program; appropriating

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money.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATION; FARM-TO-FOODSHELF PROGRAM.

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\$1,100,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$1,100,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from

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the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to Second Harvest Heartland

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on behalf of the six Feeding America food banks that serve Minnesota to compensate

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agricultural producers and processors for costs incurred to harvest and package for transfer

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surplus fruits, vegetables, or other agricultural commodities that would otherwise go

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

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distributed statewide to food shelves and other charitable organizations that are eligible to

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

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from Minnesota producers and processors. Second Harvest Heartland must report when

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required by, and on forms prescribed by, the commissioner. Second Harvest Heartland may

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use up to 15 percent of the grant for matching administrative and transportation expenses.