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Introduction and first reading
 Referred to Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development
 See SF1955

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to agriculture; requiring a report; appropriating money for biofuel financial
- 1.3 assistance.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; BIOFUEL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**
- 1.6 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the
- 1.7 general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants that enable retail petroleum
- 1.8 dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and other equipment to dispense biofuels to the public in
- 1.9 accordance with the biofuel replacement goals established under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 1.10 239.7911. A retail petroleum dispenser selling petroleum for use in spark ignition engines
- 1.11 for vehicle model years after 2000 is eligible if the retail petroleum dispenser has no more
- 1.12 than ten retail petroleum dispensing sites and each site is located in Minnesota. The grant
- 1.13 money must be used to replace or upgrade equipment that does not have the ability to be
- 1.14 certified for E25. A grant award must not exceed 65 percent of the cost of the appropriate
- 1.15 technology. A grant award must not exceed \$200,000 per station.
- 1.16 (b) The commissioner must cooperate with biofuel stakeholders in the implementation
- 1.17 of the grant program. The commissioner, in cooperation with any economic or community
- 1.18 development financial institution and any other entity with which the commissioner contracts,
- 1.19 must submit a report on the biofuels infrastructure financial assistance program by January
- 1.20 15 of each year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
- 1.21 and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance. The annual report must
- 1.22 include but is not limited to a summary of the following metrics:
- 1.23 (1) the number and types of projects financed;

- 2.1 (2) the amount of dollars leveraged or matched per project;
- 2.2 (3) the geographic distribution of financed projects;
- 2.3 (4) any market expansion associated with upgraded infrastructure;
- 2.4 (5) the demographics of the areas served;
- 2.5 (6) the costs of the program; and
- 2.6 (7) the number of grants to minority-owned or female-owned businesses.