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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/25/2021	547	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to natural resources; appropriating money for applied research in forestry

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and bioeconomy.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATION; APPLIED RESEARCH IN FORESTRY AND

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BIOECONOMY.

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\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of

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Regents of the University of Minnesota for academic and applied research through the

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MnDRIVE program at the Natural Resources Research Institute to develop and demonstrate

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technologies that enhance the long-term health and management of Minnesota's forest

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resources, extend the viability of incumbent forest-based industries, and accelerate emerging

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industry opportunities. Of this amount, \$500,000 is to extend the demonstrated forest

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management assessment tool to statewide application and \$1,500,000 is for developing

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biochar opportunities associated with Minnesota biomass resources to support attracting

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industry investment. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2023.