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03/10/2016	4950	Introduction and first reading Referred to Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to agriculture; appropriating money to plan and develop an indoor

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urban farm.

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

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Section 1. **EAST PHILLIPS INDOOR URBAN FARM; APPROPRIATION.**

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\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the

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commissioner of agriculture for a grant to East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm to convert an

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existing facility into an indoor urban farm with space and support for local urban farmers

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of varying size and small retailers. Grant-eligible activities include, but are not limited

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to, planning and start-up costs, staff and consultant costs, building improvements, rent,

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supplies, utilities, vehicles, marketing, establishing and operating an aquaponic system,

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creating and administering an urban organic farming education and training program

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for youth and adults, developing culturally specific retail tenant space, and providing

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recycling and compost opportunities. This is a onetime appropriation.