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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Greater Minnesota Economic and Workforce Development Policy

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A bill for an act

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relating to economic development; appropriating money for loans and grants for

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revitalization and restoration of brownfields.

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

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Section 1. **BROWNFIELDS REVITALIZATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL**

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**RESTORATION LOANS AND GRANTS; APPROPRIATION.**

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\$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated

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from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for

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loans and grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.559, for brownfields revitalization

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and environmental restoration. Of this amount, \$3,000,000 each year is reserved for loans

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and grants for projects in greater Minnesota. Any funds reserved for projects in greater

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Minnesota that are not awarded by September 1 of each year are available for loans or

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grants for projects within the metropolitan area. For the purposes of this section, "greater

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Minnesota" means the area of the state that excludes the metropolitan area as defined in

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Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. Funds appropriated under this section

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may be expended in either year of the biennium and do not cancel.