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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 3890

03/15/2018 Authored by Fabian The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; allowing the commissioner of agriculture to reimburse a
1.3 university extension agent for providing the fair market value of destroyed or
1.4 crippled livestock; amending Laws 2017, chapter 88, article 1, section 2, subdivision
1.5 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Laws 2017, chapter 88, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. Protection Services 17,821,000 17,825,000

1.9 Appropriations by Fund

Table with 3 columns: Description, 2018, 2019. Rows include General (17,428,000) and Remediation (393,000).

1.13 (a) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
1.14 second year are to develop and maintain
1.15 cottage food license exemption outreach and
1.16 training materials.

1.17 (b) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
1.18 second year are to coordinate the correctional
1.19 facility vocational training program and to
1.20 assist entities that have explored the feasibility
1.21 of establishing a USDA-certified or state
1.22 "equal to" food processing facility within 30
1.23 miles of the Northeast Regional Corrections
1.24 Center.

2.1 (c) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
2.2 second year are for additional funding for the
2.3 noxious weed and invasive plant program.

2.4 These are onetime appropriations.

2.5 (d) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
2.6 second year are for transfer to the pollinator
2.7 habitat and research account in the agricultural
2.8 fund. These are onetime transfers.

2.9 (e) \$393,000 the first year and \$397,000 the
2.10 second year are from the remediation fund for
2.11 administrative funding for the voluntary
2.12 cleanup program.

2.13 (f) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the
2.14 second year are for the industrial hemp pilot
2.15 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.16 18K.09. These are onetime appropriations.

2.17 (g) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
2.18 second year are for compensation for
2.19 destroyed or crippled livestock under
2.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737. This
2.21 appropriation may be spent to compensate for
2.22 livestock that were destroyed or crippled
2.23 during fiscal year 2017. If the amount in the
2.24 first year is insufficient, the amount in the
2.25 second year is available in the first year. The
2.26 commissioner may use up to \$5,000 of this
2.27 appropriation each year to reimburse expenses
2.28 incurred by university extension agents to
2.29 provide fair market values of destroyed or
2.30 crippled livestock.

2.31 (h) \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 the
2.32 second year are for compensation for crop
2.33 damage under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.34 3.7371. If the amount in the first year is

3.1 insufficient, the amount in the second year is
3.2 available in the first year. The commissioner
3.3 may use up to \$30,000 of the appropriation
3.4 each year to reimburse expenses incurred by
3.5 the commissioner or the commissioner's
3.6 approved agent to investigate and resolve
3.7 claims.

3.8 If the commissioner determines that claims
3.9 made under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737
3.10 or 3.7371, are unusually high, amounts
3.11 appropriated for either program may be
3.12 transferred to the appropriation for the other
3.13 program.

3.14 (i) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
3.15 second year are to expand current capabilities
3.16 for rapid detection, identification, containment,
3.17 control, and management of high priority plant
3.18 pests and pathogens. These are onetime
3.19 appropriations.

3.20 (j) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
3.21 second year are for transfer to the noxious
3.22 weed and invasive plant species assistance
3.23 account in the agricultural fund to award
3.24 grants to local units of government under
3.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 18.90, with
3.26 preference given to local units of government
3.27 responding to Palmer amaranth or other weeds
3.28 on the eradicate list. These are onetime
3.29 transfers.

3.30 (k) \$120,000 the first year and \$120,000 the
3.31 second year are for wolf-livestock conflict
3.32 prevention grants under article 2, section 89.
3.33 The commissioner must submit a report to the
3.34 chairs and ranking minority members of the
3.35 legislative committees with jurisdiction over

- 4.1 agriculture policy and finance by January 15,
- 4.2 2020, on the outcomes of the wolf-livestock
- 4.3 conflict prevention grants and whether
- 4.4 livestock compensation claims were reduced
- 4.5 in the areas that grants were awarded. These
- 4.6 are onetime appropriations.