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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to housing; appropriating money for Open Access Connection voice mail

1.3services.

1.4BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5Section 1. APPROPRIATION; OPEN ACCESS CONNECTION.

1.6\$85,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$85,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the

1.7general fund to the commissioner of housing finance for a grant to Open Access Connection

1.8to provide free voice mail services for homeless and low-income people throughout

1.9Minnesota so that they have a reliable and consistent communication tool to aid in their

1.10search for affordable housing and to help those individuals find and keep jobs that will allow

1.11them to maintain their housing. In addition to programs already available in greater

1.12Minnesota, \$15,000 each year must be used to increase use of and access to community

1.13voice mail in the areas outside the seven-county metropolitan area.