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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for forest pest response.
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. **FOREST PEST RESPONSE; APPROPRIATION.**

1.5 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
1.6 agriculture to identify, prevent, and, in consultation with the Forest Resources Council,
1.7 protect Minnesota forests by rapidly and effectively responding to the threat or presence of
1.8 plant pests, including emerald ash borer. The commissioner of agriculture may transfer all
1.9 or part of this appropriation to the commissioner of natural resources and must award grants
1.10 to local units of government or other entities.