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4.19	<u>only once.</u>			
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4.21	<u>Available for the Year</u>			
4.22	<u>Ending June 30</u>			
4.23		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
4.24	Sec. 2. <u>DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</u>			
4.25	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$	<u>500,000</u>	\$ <u>100,000</u>
4.26	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>			
4.27	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>			
4.28	<u>subdivisions.</u>			
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4.30	\$100,000 each year is to administer the "Made			
4.31	<u>in Minnesota" solar energy production</u>			
4.32	<u>incentive program under Minnesota Statutes,</u>			
4.33	<u>section 216C.417. Any unobligated amount</u>			
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5.3	Sec. 2. <u>DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</u>			
5.4	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$	<u>10,500,000</u>	\$ <u>100,000</u>
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5.3 Subd. 3. **Microgrid Research and Application**

5.4 \$400,000 the first year is for a grant to the
5.5 University of St. Thomas Center for Microgrid
5.6 Research, which must be used to:

5.7 (1) increase the center's capacity to provide
5.8 industry partners with opportunities to test
5.9 near-commercial microgrid products on a
5.10 real-world scale and to multiply opportunities
5.11 for innovative research;

5.12 (2) procure advanced equipment and controls
5.13 to enable the extension of the university's
5.14 microgrid to additional buildings; and

5.15 (3) expand (i) hands-on educational
5.16 opportunities for undergraduate and graduate
5.17 electrical engineering students to increase
5.18 understanding of microgrid operations, and
5.19 (ii) partnerships with community colleges.

5.15 Subd. 3. **Microgrid Research and Application**

5.16 \$1,200,000 the first year is for a grant to the
5.17 University of St. Thomas Center for Microgrid
5.18 Research, which must be used to:

5.19 (1) increase the center's capacity to provide
5.20 industry partners with opportunities to test
5.21 near-commercial microgrid products on a
5.22 real-world scale and to multiply opportunities
5.23 for innovative research;

5.24 (2) procure advanced equipment and controls
5.25 to enable the extension of the university's
5.26 microgrid to additional buildings; and

5.27 (3) expand (i) hands-on educational
5.28 opportunities for undergraduate and graduate
5.29 electrical engineering students to increase
5.30 understanding of microgrid operations, and
5.31 (ii) partnerships with community colleges.
5.32 This is a onetime appropriation and is
5.33 available until June 30, 2028.

6.1 Subd. 4. **Green Hydrogen Project**

6.2 \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to the
6.3 city of St. Cloud for the Green Hydrogen
6.4 Project to incorporate a battery and renewable
6.5 energy system. This is a onetime appropriation
6.6 and is available until June 30, 2028.

6.7 Subd. 5. **Anaerobic Digester Energy System**

6.8 \$4,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
6.9 Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy,
6.10 in partnership with Dem-Con HZI Bioenergy,
6.11 LLC, to construct an anaerobic digester energy
6.12 system in Louisville Township. For the
6.13 purposes of this subdivision, "anaerobic
6.14 digester energy system" means a facility that
6.15 uses diverted food and organic waste to create
6.16 renewable natural gas and biochar. This is a

- 6.17 onetime appropriation and is available until
6.18 June 30, 2028.
- 6.19 Subd. 6. **Como Zoo Geothermal Energy System**
- 6.20 \$2,200,000 the first year is for a grant to Como
6.21 Zoo in the city of St. Paul to construct a
6.22 geothermal energy system that provides space
6.23 heating and cooling to the large cats building.
6.24 For the purposes of this subdivision,
6.25 "geothermal energy system" means a system
6.26 composed of a heat pump that moves a
6.27 heat-transferring fluid through piping
6.28 embedded in the earth and absorbs the earth's
6.29 constant temperature, a heat exchanger, and
6.30 ductwork to distribute heated and cooled air
6.31 to a building. This is a onetime appropriation
6.32 and is available until June 30, 2028.
- 7.1 Subd. 7. **Minnesota Energy Alley**
- 7.2 (a) \$1,000,000 the first year for a grant to
7.3 Clean Energy Economy Minnesota for the
7.4 Minnesota Energy Alley initiative. The
7.5 initiative is designed to promote energy
7.6 innovation through supporting energy
7.7 entrepreneurs and emerging businesses to
7.8 commercialize energy solutions by matching
7.9 promising innovators with established and
7.10 trustworthy Minnesota-based public and
7.11 private partners to demonstrate emerging
7.12 technologies in real-world applications. The
7.13 grant may be used to provide seed funding for
7.14 businesses, develop a training and
7.15 development program, support recruitment of
7.16 entrepreneurs to Minnesota, and secure
7.17 funding from federal programs and corporate
7.18 partners to establish a self-sustaining,
7.19 long-term revenue model. This is a onetime
7.20 appropriation and is available until June 30,
7.21 2027.
- 7.22 (b) By January 15, 2027, the commissioner of
7.23 commerce must submit a written report to the

5.20	Sec. 3. <u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>			
5.21	<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>92,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>92,000</u>
5.22	<u>\$92,000 each year is for software and</u>			
5.23	<u>administrative costs associated with the state</u>			
5.24	<u>building energy conservation improvement</u>			
5.25	<u>revolving loan program under Minnesota</u>			
5.26	<u>Statutes, section 16B.87.</u>			

7.24 chairs and ranking minority members of the
7.25 house of representatives and senate
7.26 committees with jurisdiction over energy
7.27 finance and policy on the activities and
7.28 accomplishments of the Minnesota Energy
7.29 Alley initiative during the previous fiscal year
7.30 and the disposition of this appropriation.
7.31 including a separate statement of the amount
7.32 of administrative costs.

7.33 Subd. 8. **Grant Administration**

7.34 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
7.35 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner may
8.1 use up to \$100,000 of the amount in this
8.2 section for the administrative costs of the
8.3 grants in this section.

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8.5	<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>92,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>92,000</u>

8.6 \$92,000 each year is for software and
8.7 administrative costs associated with the state
8.8 building energy conservation improvement
8.9 revolving loan program under Minnesota
8.10 Statutes, section 16B.87.

8.11	Sec. 4. <u>UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>-0-</u>
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8.12 \$5,000,000 the first year is for research,
8.13 development, outreach, and demonstration of
8.14 energy systems that use hydrogen and
8.15 ammonia production from renewable energy
8.16 resources and other sources of clean energy
8.17 as a means of storing and generating
8.18 electricity. This is a onetime appropriation and
8.19 is available until June 30, 2028.

8.20	Sec. 5. <u>POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>-0-</u>
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8.21 \$3,000,000 the first year is for a grant to the
8.22 owner of a biomass energy generation plant
8.23 in Shakopee that uses waste heat from the
8.24 generation of electricity in the malting process

8.25 to purchase equipment to facilitate the disposal
8.26 of wood that is infested by emerald ash borer.
8.27 This is a onetime appropriation and is
8.28 available until June 30, 2028. Notwithstanding
8.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98,
8.30 subdivision 14, the commissioner of the
8.31 Pollution Control Agency may use up to
8.32 \$25,000 of the amount in this section for the
8.33 administrative costs of this grant.

9.1 Sec. 6. **TRANSFER.**

9.2 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is transferred from the renewable development account
9.3 in the special revenue fund to the geothermal planning grant account under Minnesota
9.4 Statutes, section 216C.47, subdivision 3.

9.5 Sec. 7. **APPROPRIATION EXTENSION.**

9.6 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and Laws 2023, chapter 60, article
9.7 11, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), the availability of the fiscal year 2024 and fiscal
9.8 year 2025 appropriations for grants to the University of St. Thomas Center for Microgrid
9.9 Research in Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 11, section 2, subdivision 3, are extended to June
9.10 30, 2028.

9.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.