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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for a pilot facility to  
1.3 generate electricity using plasma arc technology and Minnesota biomass or  
1.4 waste materials.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
1.8 employment and economic development for a grant to be used to design, construct,  
1.9 furnish, and equip a biomass waste to energy pilot facility using plasma arc technology  
1.10 to generate electrical power using a variety of Minnesota feedstocks or waste materials.  
1.11 The pilot facility must be developed in collaboration with Minnesota industry. The  
1.12 commissioner of employment and economic development shall take applications for the  
1.13 grant until November 1, 2007. The commissioner shall award the grant by December 31,  
1.14 2007. This appropriation is not available until the commissioner of finance determines  
1.15 that \$2,500,000 has been committed to the project from nonstate sources.

1.16 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.17 Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.