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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 energy; appropriating money to match federal grant for Midwest  
1.3 Bioenergy Research Center.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION FOR BIOENERGY RESEARCH GRANT.**

1.6 \$125,000,000 is appropriated to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
1.7 to establish a research center for conducting fundamental research on plants and microbes  
1.8 to develop genomics-based solutions for renewable energy sources. This appropriation  
1.9 is available as grants in increments of \$25,000,000 per year over five years to match  
1.10 dollar-for-dollar federal grants for this purpose, beginning the fiscal year when the United  
1.11 States Department of Energy awards the university \$125,000,000 over a five-year period  
1.12 to establish the research center for bioenergy development. This appropriation is available  
1.13 until expended or the commissioner of finance determines that the federal grant for a  
1.14 bioenergy development center will not be awarded to the University of Minnesota.