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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; authorizing grant to Chisago, Isanti, and Pine Counties to  
1.3 study feasibility of a renewable energy facility.

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

1.5 Section 1. **EAST CENTRAL MINNESOTA RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT.**

1.6 From the appropriation in fiscal year 2008 for the ethanol development program  
1.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.09, the commissioner of agriculture shall make a  
1.8 grant of \$..... to Chisago, Isanti, and Pine Counties for a feasibility study of a renewable  
1.9 energy biofuels research and production facility to be located in Chisago, Isanti, or  
1.10 Pine County.

1.11 The grant must be used by Chisago, Isanti, and Pine Counties and the University of  
1.12 Minnesota to conduct a detailed feasibility study of the economic and technical viability  
1.13 of developing a multistream renewable energy biofuels demonstration facility in Chisago,  
1.14 Isanti, or Pine County to utilize existing forest resources, woody biomass, and cellulosic  
1.15 waste to produce ethanol or butanol, or both, for use as a liquid fuel source or a gasoline  
1.16 supplement and oxygenation agent.

1.17 The feasibility study must consider the capacity of the seed bank at Wild River State  
1.18 Park to expand the existing prairie grass, woody biomass, and cellulosic waste resources  
1.19 in Chisago, Isanti, and Pine Counties.