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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Higher Education and Workforce Development Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; expanding bioscience business development
1.3 public infrastructure grant program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section
1.4 116J.435, subdivisions 2, 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 116J.435, subdivision 2, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section:

1.9 (1) "local governmental unit" means a county, city, town, special district, public
1.10 higher education institution, or other political subdivision or public corporation;

1.11 (2) "governing body" means the council, board of commissioners, board of trustees,
1.12 board of regents, or other body charged with governing a local governmental unit;

1.13 (3) "public infrastructure" means publicly owned physical infrastructure in this state,
1.14 including, but not limited to, wastewater collection and treatment systems, drinking water
1.15 systems, storm sewers, utility extensions, telecommunications infrastructure, streets,
1.16 roads, bridges, parking ramps, facilities that support basic science and clinical research,
1.17 and research infrastructure; and

1.18 (4) "eligible project" means a bioscience business development capital improvement
1.19 project in this state, including: manufacturing; technology; warehousing and distribution;
1.20 research and development; bioscience business incubator; agricultural bioprocessing; or
1.21 industrial, office, or research park development that would be used by a bioscience-based
1.22 business.

1.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 116J.435, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.1 Subd. 3. **Grant program established.** (a) The commissioner shall make
2.2 competitive grants to local governmental units to acquire and prepare land on which
2.3 public infrastructure required to support an eligible project will be located, including
2.4 demolition of structures and remediation of any hazardous conditions on the land, or to
2.5 predesign, design, acquire, construct, furnish, and equip public infrastructure required to
2.6 support an eligible project. The local governmental unit receiving a grant must provide for
2.7 the remainder of the public infrastructure costs from nonstate sources.

2.8 (b) The amount of a grant may not exceed the lesser of the cost of the public
2.9 infrastructure or 50 percent of the sum of the cost of the public infrastructure plus the cost
2.10 of the completed eligible project.

2.11 (c) The purpose of the program is to keep or enhance jobs in the area, increase the
2.12 tax base, or to expand or create new economic development through the growth of new
2.13 bioscience businesses and organizations.