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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; establishing grant program for renewable energy projects;
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.6 (a) The commissioner of commerce shall establish a program to award grants to
1.7 energy projects that meet the following conditions:

1.8 (1) the project qualifies as a community-based energy development (C-BED) project,
1.9 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.1612, subdivision 2, paragraph (g);

1.10 (2) for wind projects, the project must be located in an area where the measured
1.11 wind resource is Class 4 or above;

1.12 (3) the project begins commercial operation after July 1, 2009;

1.13 (4) the project does not receive renewable energy payment incentives under
1.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.41; and

1.15 (5) the project meets any other conditions established under the American Recovery
1.16 and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, for use of these funds.

1.17 (b) The department shall develop an application form, application review procedures,
1.18 criteria that projects must meet in order to be considered for a grant award, procedures
1.19 and guidelines for project monitoring and evaluation, and other administrative procedures
1.20 necessary to fully implement a grant program.

1.21 (c) The maximum grant to a project is \$500,000.

1.22 (d) No more than two projects in a single county may receive a grant under this
1.23 section.

2.1 (e) No C-BED qualifying owner may financially participate in more than one project
2.2 that receives a grant under this section.

2.3 (e) Grant awards must be geographically dispersed throughout the state.

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

2.5 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.6 \$15,000,000 is appropriated from federal stimulus funding received by the Office
2.7 of Energy Security from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public
2.8 Law 111-5, to the commissioner of commerce for grants to renewable energy projects,
2.9 as provided in section 1.

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