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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; appropriating money for food reclamation.

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

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.5 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from
1.6 the general fund to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency for the agency's
1.7 Resource Management and Assistance Division to reduce the amount of food waste entering
1.8 landfills, divert food waste from the waste stream by redirecting edible food to feed people
1.9 and food scraps to feed animals, and to remove barriers to building a large-scale collection
1.10 and recovery of organic waste. Of this amount:

1.11 (1) \$250,000 each year is for grants to support increased rescue of retail and prepared
1.12 food and to expand adoption of proven methods for business and residential food-waste
1.13 prevention;

1.14 (2) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to Second Harvest Heartland on behalf of the six
1.15 Feeding America food banks that serve Minnesota to compensate designated operators of
1.16 food banks, food shelves, and meal programs for costs incurred to source, store, distribute,
1.17 and appropriately discard excess fruits, vegetables, or prepared food that would otherwise
1.18 be discarded. Excess food must be distributed to the extent practicable to food shelves and
1.19 other meal programs that are eligible to receive food from the food banks. Second Harvest
1.20 Heartland must report when and as required by the commissioner and may use up to 15
1.21 percent of the grant for matching administrative and transportation expenses; and

- 2.1 (3) \$250,000 each year is for the commissioner to analyze food interaction with
- 2.2 contaminants of emerging concern and other barriers to reclaiming edible food and to
- 2.3 administer grants and provide policy support associated with food rescue and food-waste
- 2.4 reduction efforts.