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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 Agriculture Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for wolf and elk depredation payments.

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

1.4 Section 1. DEPREDATION PAYMENTS; APPROPRIATION.

1.5 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the
1.6 general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for compensation payments under Minnesota
1.7 Statutes, section 3.737, for livestock destroyed or crippled by wolves. If the amount in the
1.8 first year is insufficient, the amount in the second year is available in the first year. The
1.9 commissioner may use up to \$5,000 of this appropriation each year to reimburse expenses
1.10 incurred by university extension agents to provide fair market values of destroyed or crippled
1.11 livestock.

1.12 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the
1.13 general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for compensation payments under Minnesota
1.14 Statutes, section 3.7371, for crop or fence damage caused by elk. If the amount in the first
1.15 year is insufficient, the amount in the second year is available in the first year.

1.16 (c) If the commissioner determines that claims made under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.17 3.737 or 3.7371, are unusually high, the commissioner may transfer money appropriated
1.18 for either program to the appropriation for the other program.