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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 housing; appropriating money for Open Access Connection voice mail
1.3 services.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; OPEN ACCESS CONNECTION.**

1.6 \$85,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$85,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the
1.7 general fund to the commissioner of housing finance for a grant to Open Access Connection
1.8 to provide free voice mail services for homeless and low-income people throughout
1.9 Minnesota so that they have a reliable and consistent communication tool to aid in their
1.10 search for affordable housing and to help those individuals find and keep jobs that will allow
1.11 them to maintain their housing. In addition to programs already available in greater
1.12 Minnesota, \$15,000 each year must be used to increase use of and access to community
1.13 voice mail in the areas outside the seven-county metropolitan area.