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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **1645**

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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 continuous living cover crops and  
1.3 cropping systems.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$11,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated  
1.7 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to organizations in  
1.8 Minnesota to develop enterprises, supply chains, and markets for continuous living cover  
1.9 crops and cropping systems in the early stages of commercial development. For the purposes  
1.10 of this section, "continuous living cover crops and cropping systems" refers to agroforestry,  
1.11 perennial biomass, perennial forage, perennial grains, and winter annual cereal grains and  
1.12 oilseeds that have market value as harvested or grazed commodities. Of the amount in the  
1.13 first year, \$10,000,000 shall be used to support markets for Kernza perennial grain, winter  
1.14 camelina, hybrid hazelnut, and elderberry, and is available until June 30, 2027.