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

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A bill for an act

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relating to energy; establishing a net zero emissions project; requiring a report;
1.3 appropriating money.

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

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Section 1. **PRAIRIE ISLAND NET ZERO PROJECT.**

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Subdivision 1. Program established. The Prairie Island Net Zero Project is established
1.7 with the goal of the Prairie Island Indian Community developing an energy system that
1.8 results in net zero emissions.

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Subd. 2. Grant. The commissioner of employment and economic development must
1.10 enter into a grant contract with the Prairie Island Indian Community to provide the amount
1.11 appropriated under section 2 to stimulate research, development, and implementation of
1.12 renewable energy projects benefiting the Prairie Island Indian Community or its members.
1.13 Any examination conducted by the commissioner of employment and economic development
1.14 to determine the sufficiency of the financial stability and capacity of the Prairie Island Indian
1.15 Community to carry out the purposes of this grant is limited to the Community Services
1.16 Department of the Prairie Island Indian Community.

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Subd. 3. Plan; report. The Prairie Island Indian Community must file a plan with the
1.18 commissioner of employment and economic development no later than July 1, 2019,
1.19 describing the Prairie Island Net Zero Project elements and implementation strategy. The
1.20 Prairie Island Indian Community must file a report on July 1, 2020, and each July 1 thereafter
1.21 until the project is complete, describing the progress made in implementing the project and
1.22 the uses of expended funds. A final report must be completed within 90 days of the date
1.23 the project is complete.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2019.

2.2 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j),
2.4 \$46,200,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the renewable development account
2.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the commissioner of
2.6 employment and economic development for a grant to the Prairie Island Indian Community
2.7 to establish the Net Zero Project under section 1.