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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to commerce; appropriating money for a wood dehydrator to help reduce

1.3 the amount of wood that is infested by emerald ash borer in this state; requiring a

1.4 report.

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

1.6 Section 1. **EMERALD ASH BORER WOOD DEHYDRATOR; APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j),

1.8 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the renewable development account to

1.9 the commissioner of commerce for a grant to the owner of a biomass energy generation

1.10 plant in Shakopee that (1) uses waste heat from the generation of electricity in the malting

1.11 process, and (2) applies ash on farm fields as a natural fertilizer, to purchase a wood

1.12 dehydrator to facilitate disposal of wood that is infested by the emerald ash borer.

1.13 (b) By October 1, 2024, the commissioner of commerce must report to the chairs and

1.14 ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over

1.15 commerce on the use of money appropriated under this section.