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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2982**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Policy
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agricultural data; classifying agricultural research data maintained by
1.3 the University of Minnesota; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 13.643,
1.4 subdivision 7.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 13.643, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 7. **Research, monitoring, or assessment data.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph
1.8 (b), the following data created, collected, ~~and~~ or maintained by the Department of Agriculture
1.9 or the University of Minnesota during research, monitoring, or the assessment of farm
1.10 practices and related to natural resources, the environment, agricultural facilities, or
1.11 agricultural practices are classified as private or nonpublic:

1.12 (1) names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of study participants or
1.13 cooperators; ~~and~~

1.14 (2) location of research, study site, and global positioning system data; and

1.15 (3) data created, collected, or maintained by the University of Minnesota for inclusion
1.16 on an agricultural informatics platform or any similar agricultural research database
1.17 maintained by or hosted at the University of Minnesota.

1.18 (b) The following data are public:

1.19 (1) location data and unique well numbers for wells and springs unless protected under
1.20 section 18B.10 or another statute or rule; and

1.21 (2) data from samples collected from a public water supply as defined in section 144.382,
1.22 subdivision 4.

2.1 (c) The Department of Agriculture may disclose data collected under paragraph (a) if
2.2 the Department of Agriculture determines that there is a substantive threat to human health
2.3 and safety or to the environment, or to aid in the law enforcement process. The Department
2.4 of Agriculture or the University of Minnesota may also disclose data with written consent
2.5 of the subject of the data.