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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3493

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The bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for manure management grants.

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

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; MANURE MANAGEMENT GRANTS.

1.5 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Water
1.6 and Soil Resources for a grant program to enhance groundwater protection and reduce
1.7 greenhouse gases associated with agriculture. For grants under this section, priority must
1.8 be given to areas with high groundwater nitrate levels or geology conducive to groundwater
1.9 pollution, such as those shown on the Department of Agriculture's vulnerable groundwater
1.10 area map.

1.11 (b) Funded activities may include projects that limit agricultural use of vulnerable land,
1.12 such as establishing karst feature buffers or conservation easements, and cost-share assistance
1.13 for constructing manure management and storage facilities. All funded projects must be
1.14 designed to result in improved water quality or reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Feedlot
1.15 grant recipients must agree to prepare and complete a nutrient management plan and must
1.16 operate at fewer than 1,000 animal units. Grants for expanded liquid manure storage capacity
1.17 must not exceed 12 months of storage based on current animal numbers. Anaerobic digesters
1.18 are not eligible for grants under this section.

1.19 (c) The grant program must prioritize applicants that will manage nutrient application
1.20 using the Pollution Control Agency's latest published manure management tool and that
1.21 will comply with the land application requirements and vulnerable field restrictions applicable
1.22 to permitted feedlots in Minnesota.

2.1 (d) The board may use this appropriation to match federal money. The board must ensure
2.2 that grant agreements include terms necessary to document implementation of approved
2.3 plans and activities.

2.4 (e) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028.