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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3972

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to higher education; appropriating money to the Board of Regents of the  
1.3 University of Minnesota to support research on challenges facing low-income  
1.4 urban communities of color; requiring a legislative report.

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

1.6 Section 1. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA; CENTER FOR URBAN AND  
1.7 REGIONAL AFFAIRS.

1.8 (a) \$...... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of  
1.9 Regents of the University of Minnesota for the purpose of supporting research activities at  
1.10 the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. The research supported by this appropriation  
1.11 must study specific challenges affecting low-income urban communities of color, and  
1.12 recommend ongoing strategies for reducing disparities in these communities in the areas of:

- 1.13 (1) economic opportunity;
- 1.14 (2) housing;
- 1.15 (3) public health;
- 1.16 (4) public safety;
- 1.17 (5) access to transportation; and
- 1.18 (6) access to educational programs that teach skills necessary for gainful  
1.19 employment, healthy living, and robust community engagement.

1.20 (b) No later than January 15, 2017, the Board of Regents must submit a report to  
1.21 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance and policy  
1.22 describing the research programs or activities supported by this appropriation.