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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy

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A bill for an act

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relating to energy; appropriating money for an ammonia production pilot demonstration project; appropriating money for a grant to the Mountain Iron Economic Development Authority to expand a city-owned building housing a solar panel manufacturer.

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

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Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; AMMONIA PRODUCTION PILOT**

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DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

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

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\$5,200,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the renewable development account

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established under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the commissioner

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of commerce for a grant to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, West

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Central Research and Outreach Center, to install a project located in Minnesota to develop

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and advance energy storage systems that utilize hydrogen and ammonia production from

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renewables and other sources of clean energy. This appropriation is not available until the

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commissioner of commerce certifies that a United States Department of Energy Advanced

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Research Projects Agency-Energy project award equal to or greater than the amount

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appropriated under this section has been committed to the project. This is a onetime

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appropriation and any amount unexpended by June 30, 2022, must be returned to the

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renewable development account under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.1 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; SOLAR MODULE PLANT EXPANSION.**

2.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j),
2.3 \$3,800,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the renewable development account
2.4 established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the commissioner of
2.5 employment and economic development for a grant to the Mountain Iron Economic
2.6 Development Authority to expand a city-owned solar module manufacturing plant building
2.7 in the city's Renewable Energy Industrial Park. This is a onetime appropriation and any
2.8 amount unexpended by June 30, 2022, must be returned to the renewable development
2.9 account under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.