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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture and Rural Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for grants for E15 fuel dispensing
1.3 equipment.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$..... in fiscal year 2022 and \$..... in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the general
1.7 fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants that enable retail petroleum dispensers
1.8 to dispense biofuels to the public in accordance with the biofuel replacement goals established
1.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911. A retail petroleum dispenser selling petroleum
1.10 for use in spark ignition engines for vehicle model years after 2000 is eligible for grant
1.11 money under this paragraph if the retail petroleum dispenser has no more than 15 retail
1.12 petroleum dispensing sites and each site is located in Minnesota. The grant money received
1.13 under this paragraph must be used for the installation of appropriate technology that uses
1.14 fuel dispensing equipment appropriate for at least one fuel dispensing site to dispense
1.15 gasoline that is blended with 15 percent of agriculturally derived, denatured ethanol, by
1.16 volume, and appropriate technical assistance related to the installation. A grant award must
1.17 not exceed 85 percent of the cost of the technical assistance and appropriate technology,
1.18 including remetering of and retrofits for retail petroleum dispensers and replacement of
1.19 petroleum dispenser projects. The commissioner may use up to \$..... of this appropriation
1.20 for administrative expenses. The commissioner shall cooperate with biofuel stakeholders
1.21 in the implementation of the grant program. The commissioner must report to the legislative
1.22 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance by February 1 each year,
1.23 detailing the number of grants awarded under this paragraph and the projected effect of the

- 2.1 grant program on meeting the biofuel replacement goals under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 2.2 239.7911. These are onetime appropriations.