

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Rules and Administration

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to housing; appropriating money for homeless encampment navigation  
1.3 centers.

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

1.5 Section 1. **HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT ASSISTANCE AND NAVIGATION**  
1.6 **CENTERS.**

1.7 \$...... in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
1.8 human services to work in coordination with the commissioner of the Housing Finance  
1.9 Agency, along with cities and counties where homeless encampments are located, to create  
1.10 navigation centers to provide temporary housing, health care, sanitation, and services to  
1.11 assist individuals living in homeless encampments. The commissioner of human services  
1.12 may spend the appropriation only on navigation centers established in cities of the first  
1.13 class.

1.14 Notwithstanding any local government zoning or nuisance laws, the commissioner of  
1.15 human services, the commissioner of the Housing Finance Agency, and the local governments  
1.16 where homeless encampments are located must create navigation centers that provide:

1.17 (1) temporary housing, including but not limited to accessory dwelling units, enclosed  
1.18 trailers, manufactured homes, and hotels to shelter persons currently living in homeless  
1.19 encampments;

1.20 (2) 24-hour staffing and sanitation services to the temporary housing provided by a  
1.21 navigation center;

1.22 (3) assistance to individuals seeking assistance from a navigation center; and

- 2.1 (4) assistance to individuals seeking to obtain permanent housing to transition out of a
- 2.2 navigation center.
- 2.3 This appropriation is onetime and is available until December 31, 2021.