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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for shade tree replacement.

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

1.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.5 (a) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated
1.6 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants of up to \$500,000 to
1.7 cities, counties, towns, and park and recreation boards in cities of the first class for the
1.8 following:

1.9 (1) the development of response plans for shade tree replacement;

1.10 (2) the treatment, removal, and replacement of publicly owned shade trees damaged by
1.11 or lost to forest pests or disease; or

1.12 (3) to establish a more diverse community forest better able to withstand disease and
1.13 forest pests.

1.14 (b) The commissioner must give priority to grant requests to plan, remove, and replace
1.15 trees within emerald ash borer quarantined counties.

1.16 (c) For the purposes of this appropriation, "shade tree" means a woody perennial grown
1.17 primarily for aesthetic or environmental services with minimal to residual timber value and
1.18 no intent to harvest it for wood.

1.19 (d) The appropriation in fiscal year 2020 is available until June 30, 2021.