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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for grants to Second Harvest Heartland
1.3 to purchase milk for distribution to food banks.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND.

1.6 \$1,100,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,100,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from
1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to Second Harvest Heartland
1.8 on behalf of Minnesota's six Feeding America food banks for the purchase of milk for
1.9 distribution to Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable organizations that are eligible
1.10 to receive food from the food banks. Milk purchased under the grants must be acquired
1.11 from Minnesota milk processors and based on low-cost bids. The milk must be allocated
1.12 to each Feeding America food bank serving Minnesota according to the formula used in
1.13 the distribution of United States Department of Agriculture commodities under The
1.14 Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Second Harvest Heartland must submit
1.15 quarterly reports to the commissioner on forms prescribed by the commissioner. The reports
1.16 must include but are not limited to information on the expenditure of funds, the amount of
1.17 milk purchased, and the organizations to which the milk was distributed. Second Harvest
1.18 Heartland may enter into contracts or agreements with food banks for shared funding or
1.19 reimbursement of the direct purchase of milk. Each food bank receiving money from this
1.20 appropriation may use up to two percent of the grant for administrative expenses. Any
1.21 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the
1.22 second year.