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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1343

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to housing; establishing the Minnesota Nice HomeShare pilot program
1.3 for seniors in the counties of Lake, St. Louis, and Washington; appropriating
1.4 money.

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

1.6 Section 1. MINNESOTA NICE HOMESHARE PILOT PROGRAM.

1.7 (a) The commissioner of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency must establish and
1.8 administer the Minnesota Nice HomeShare pilot program to award a grant under this section.
1.9 The commissioner shall award a grant for assisting seniors in the counties of Lake, St. Louis,
1.10 and Washington to reduce living expenses by matching seniors who own homes with spare
1.11 rooms to adults in need of affordable housing. For the purposes of this section, "senior"
1.12 means a person 55 years of age or older. The commissioner may partner with the Arrowhead
1.13 Area Agency on Aging and AARP Minnesota to promote the program.

1.14 (b) A grantee must:

1.15 (1) assist hosts and renters over the telephone, through a text chat function or by video;

1.16 (2) collect and process rental payments from renters and distribute payments to hosts in
1.17 a timely manner;

1.18 (3) protect the private information and data of hosts and renters;

1.19 (4) conduct background checks on hosts and renters, including contacting at least two
1.20 references for each host and renter;

1.21 (5) acquire from renters employment verification or proof of school enrollment; and

2.1 (6) review and process all applications.

2.2 Sec. 2. **MINNESOTA NICE HOMESHARE PILOT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION.**

2.3 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.4 of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Minnesota Nice HomeShare pilot program
2.5 in section 1.