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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. **1506**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for applied research in state
1.3 mineral and water resources.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; APPLIED RESEARCH IN STATE MINERAL AND**
1.6 **WATER RESOURCES.**

1.7 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of
1.8 Regents of the University of Minnesota for academic and applied research through the
1.9 MnDRIVE program at the Natural Resources Research Institute to develop and demonstrate
1.10 technologies that enhance the long-term health and management of Minnesota's mineral
1.11 and water resources. Of this amount, \$600,000 is to support demonstration of three sulfate
1.12 reduction technologies for improved water quality and \$1,400,000 is for continued
1.13 characterization of Minnesota iron resources and for developing next-generation technologies
1.14 and iron products. This research must be conducted in consultation with the Minerals
1.15 Coordinating Committee established under Minnesota Statutes, section 93.0015. This is a
1.16 onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2023.