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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 Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for the Minnesota
1.3 Inventors Congress.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; MINNESOTA INVENTORS CONGRESS.**

1.6 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from
1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development to the
1.8 Minnesota Inventors Congress to accomplish the following:

1.9 (1) growing direct outreach to inventors by building and expanding one-to-one
1.10 invention and new product development coaching services;

1.11 (2) developing outreach opportunities for inventors with interested partners in nine
1.12 geographical areas of the state; and

1.13 (3) producing a yearly national-caliber expo where inventors can exhibit their
1.14 inventions, get public feedback, and network with professionals who can help them take
1.15 their invention to market.

1.16 Of this amount, at least \$15,000 each year is for the Minnesota Student Inventors Congress
1.17 and other educational programs for youth inventors.