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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 State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; modifying the healthy eating, here at home program;  
1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 138.912,  
1.4 subdivisions 1, 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 138.912, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The healthy eating, here at home program is established  
1.8 to provide incentives for low-income Minnesotans to use federal Supplemental Nutrition  
1.9 Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for healthy purchases at Minnesota-based farmers'  
1.10 markets, mobile markets, and direct-farmer sales, including community-supported agriculture  
1.11 shares.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 138.912, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.13 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

1.14 (b) "Healthy eating, here at home" means a program administered by the Minnesota  
1.15 Humanities Center to provide incentives for low-income Minnesotans to use SNAP benefits  
1.16 for healthy purchases at Minnesota-based farmers' markets.

1.17 (c) "Healthy purchases" means SNAP-eligible foods.

1.18 (d) "Minnesota-based farmers' market" means a physical market as defined in section  
1.19 28A.151, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and also includes mobile markets and direct-farmer  
1.20 sales, including through a community-supported agriculture model.

1.21 (e) "Voucher" means a physical or electronic credit.

2.1 (f) "Eligible household" means an individual or family that is determined to be a recipient  
2.2 of SNAP.

2.3 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER FOR THE**  
2.4 **HEALTHY EATING, HERE AT HOME PROGRAM.**

2.5 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the  
2.6 general fund to the Minnesota Humanities Center for the healthy eating, here at home  
2.7 program under Minnesota Statutes, section 138.912. No more than three percent of the  
2.8 appropriation may be used for the nonprofit administration of the grant program under  
2.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 138.912.