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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; appropriating money for solar on closed landfills; requiring a
1.3 feasibility analysis.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS; RETIRE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR
1.6 CLOSED LANDFILLS.

1.7 (a) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.8 commissioner of management and budget to retire general obligation bonds associated with
1.9 closed landfills to locate solar projects at closed landfill facilities. This appropriation must
1.10 be expended only on retiring bonds for closed landfills located outside of the electric service
1.11 territory of the public utility that is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779.

1.12 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph
1.13 (j), \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the renewable development account in the special
1.14 revenue fund to retire general obligation bonds associated with closed landfills to locate
1.15 solar projects at closed landfill facilities. This appropriation must be expended only on
1.16 retiring bonds for closed landfills located inside of the electric service territory of the public
1.17 utility that is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779.

1.18 (c) The amount available in paragraphs (a) and (b) are only available when the
1.19 commissioner of management and budget determines that the closed landfill site may be
1.20 released from the state's bonding restrictions. In order to make the determination under this
1.21 paragraph, the commissioner must conduct a feasibility analysis for the proposed retiring
1.22 of the general obligation bonds associated with the closed landfill described in paragraphs
1.23 (a) and (b). The analysis must include a discussion on the feasibility of replicating the

2.1 approach used under this section for other closed landfills that are encumbered by a bond  
2.2 and associated restrictions. The commissioner must submit the determination and feasibility  
2.3 analysis to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with  
2.4 jurisdiction over capital investment, energy, and environment by June 15, 2024.

2.5 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS; DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR FOR CLOSED**  
2.6 **LANDFILLS.**

2.7 (a) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
2.8 commissioner of commerce for grants to utilities to develop solar projects on closed landfills.  
2.9 The appropriation under this paragraph must be expended only on grants to utilities that are  
2.10 located outside of the electric service territory of the public utility that is subject to Minnesota  
2.11 Statutes, section 116C.779.

2.12 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph  
2.13 (j), \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the renewable development account  
2.14 in the special revenue fund to the commissioner of commerce for grants to utilities to develop  
2.15 solar projects on closed landfills. The appropriation under this paragraph must be expended  
2.16 only on grants to utilities that are located inside of the electric service territory of the public  
2.17 utility that is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779.