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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 985

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for the soil health financial assistance
1.3 program.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SOIL HEALTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
1.6 PROGRAM.

1.7 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$..... in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the general
1.8 fund to the commissioner of agriculture for the soil health financial assistance program
1.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.134. The commissioner may award no more than
1.10 \$50,000 of the appropriation each year to a single recipient. The commissioner may use up
1.11 to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for costs incurred to administer the program.
1.12 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered balance at the end
1.13 of fiscal year 2026 does not cancel and is available in fiscal year 2027. Appropriations
1.14 encumbered under contract on or before June 30, 2027, for soil health financial assistance
1.15 grants are available until June 30, 2029.