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02/06/2023 Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money to the University of Minnesota for
1.3 the Forever Green Initiative.

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

1.5 Section 1. **FOREVER GREEN INITIATIVE APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 (a) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated
1.7 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to the Board of Regents
1.8 of the University of Minnesota to fund the Forever Green Initiative and protect the state's
1.9 natural resources while increasing the efficiency, profitability, and productivity of
1.10 Minnesota's farmers by incorporating perennial and winter-annual crops into existing
1.11 agricultural practices.

1.12 (b) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.13 commissioner of agriculture for grants to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota
1.14 to purchase and maintain equipment and physical infrastructure to support breeding,
1.15 agronomic research, and food science activities of the Forever Green Initiative. This is a
1.16 onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028.