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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to food support; creating regional food bank grants; appropriating money;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 142F.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[142F.16] REGIONAL FOOD BANK GRANTS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of children, youth, and families shall
1.7 establish regional food bank grants to increase the availability of food to individuals and
1.8 families in need.

1.9 Subd. 2. Distribution of appropriation. The commissioner shall distribute money
1.10 appropriated under this section to regional food banks and federally recognized American
1.11 Indian Tribes or Bands in Minnesota as defined in section 10.65. The commissioner shall
1.12 distribute money under this section in accordance with the federal The Emergency Food
1.13 Assistance Program (TEFAP) formula and guidelines of the United States Department of
1.14 Agriculture. The commissioner may increase or decrease a qualifying recipient's proportionate
1.15 amount if the commissioner determines the increase or decrease is necessary to meet
1.16 community needs or demands for food in Minnesota. Food banks and American Indian
1.17 Tribes or Bands must be in compliance with TEFAP regulations from the United States
1.18 Department of Agriculture in order to receive funding under this section, as applicable.

1.19 Subd. 3. Allowable uses of funds. (a) Money distributed under this section must be
1.20 used by regional food banks to purchase, transport, and coordinate the distribution of food
1.21 to TEFAP providers.

2.1 (b) Money distributed under this section must be used by American Indian Tribes or
2.2 Bands to purchase, transport, and coordinate the distribution of food to individuals and
2.3 families in need.

2.4 (c) Money distributed under this section may also be used to purchase personal hygiene
2.5 products, including but not limited to diapers and toilet paper.

2.6 Subd. 4. **Reporting.** (a) Food banks and American Indian Tribes or Bands receiving
2.7 money under this section must retain records documenting expenditure of the money and
2.8 comply with any additional documentation requirements imposed by the commissioner.

2.9 (b) Food banks and American Indian Tribes or Bands shall report on the use of money
2.10 received under this section to the commissioner. The commissioner shall determine the
2.11 timing and form required for the reports.

2.12 (c) If the commissioner determines that ineligible expenditures are made by food banks
2.13 or American Indian Tribes or Bands receiving money under this section, the ineligible
2.14 amount must be repaid to the commissioner and deposited in the general fund.

2.15 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; REGIONAL FOOD BANK GRANTS.**

2.16 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated
2.17 from the general fund to the commissioner of children, youth, and families for the purposes
2.18 of Minnesota Statutes, section 142F.16.