

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION**

**S.F. No. 16**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Rules and Administration

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing a temporary renewable fuel reimbursement  
1.3 program for producers affected by COVID-19; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; RENEWABLE FUELS REIMBURSEMENT.**

1.6 \$10,500,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the coronavirus relief federal fund  
1.7 to the commissioner of agriculture for a renewable fuel reimbursement program awarding  
1.8 grants to biofuels production facilities that have suffered business interruptions or production  
1.9 losses due to COVID-19. An applicant must show a biofuel production decrease from April  
1.10 1 to August 30, 2020, compared to production between these dates in the previous calendar  
1.11 year. The commissioner must determine a renewable fuel reimbursement rate per gallon  
1.12 based on the amount of production decrease and the amount appropriated for this program.  
1.13 The maximum grant for any one production facility is \$500,000. The commissioner must  
1.14 develop administrative procedures governing the application and grant award process. Any  
1.15 funds that remain unexpended on November 30, 2020, are canceled. By December 31, 2020,  
1.16 the commissioner must report to the legislature the number of applications received, the  
1.17 number of grants awarded, and the grant amounts awarded. The report must also identify  
1.18 the costs to administer the grant program and the amount canceled.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.