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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a statewide public safety radio communication
1.3 system equipment grant program; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO**
1.6 **COMMUNICATION SYSTEM EQUIPMENT GRANTS.**

1.7 \$250,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety
1.8 for grants to local government units participating in the statewide public safety radio
1.9 communication system established under Minnesota Statutes, section 403.36. The grants
1.10 must be used to purchase portable radios and related equipment that is interoperable with
1.11 the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) system. Each local government
1.12 unit may receive only one grant. The grant is contingent upon a match of at least five percent
1.13 from nonstate funds. The director of the Emergency Communications Networks division,
1.14 in consultation with the Statewide Emergency Communications Board, must administer the
1.15 grant program. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2024.

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