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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to energy; funding a grant to promote a mine vehicle electrification pilot  
1.3 program; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **MINE TRUCK ELECTRIFICATION PILOT PROJECT GRANT;**  
1.6 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 (a) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
1.8 commissioner of commerce for a grant to an electric utility serving a taconite mine in  
1.9 Minnesota. The purpose of the grant under this section is to provide money and support  
1.10 matching funds required for a federal grant award under the Infrastructure Investment and  
1.11 Jobs Act, Public Law 117-158, that funds a pilot project to demonstrate the economic,  
1.12 energy, and environmental benefits of constructing an electric trolley system that powers  
1.13 large trucks carrying mined rock out of the mine pit and transports the mined rock to nearby  
1.14 crushing operations. The money may be used to (1) construct the trolley system, wires, a  
1.15 substation, and related equipment; and (2) modify trucks for compatibility with the trolley  
1.16 system. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.17 (b) If the application for a federal grant under this section is not successful and an  
1.18 alternative source of money for the project is secured, the money may be expended only if  
1.19 the commissioner of commerce determines that the objectives of the project and the means  
1.20 to achieve the objectives remain substantially unchanged from the objectives and means  
1.21 contained in the federal grant application.

2.1 (c) If no alternative funding source is secured within one year of the date the application  
2.2 for the federal grant was determined to be unsuccessful, the money appropriated under  
2.3 paragraph (a) cancels to the general fund.

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