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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy

- 1.1A bill for an act
- 1.2relating to economic development; appropriating money for Minnesota Made Per-
- 1.3and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Alternative grants.
- 1.4BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5Section 1. MINNESOTA MADE PFAS ALTERNATIVE GRANT.
- 1.6Subdivision 1. Appropriation. \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from
- 1.7the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the
- 1.8Minnesota Made PFAS Alternative grants under this section. This is a onetime appropriation
- 1.9and is available until July 1, 2027.
- 1.10Subd. 2. Eligibility. The commissioner of employment and economic development shall
- 1.11establish a 30-day application window. Grantees must be based in Minnesota and demonstrate
- 1.12the capacity to execute projects that increase the availability of new PFAS-free alternatives
- 1.13utilizing products from rural Minnesota in crop years 2025 and beyond. Preference will be
- 1.14given for applicants who can demonstrate:
- 1.15(1) extensive knowledge and experience in fiber technologies, material science, and
- 1.16coatings;
- 1.17(2) capacity to produce products that will utilize agricultural co-product or waste streams
- 1.18and not compete with food for land, reduce the greenhouse gas impact of transportation
- 1.19through local sourcing of raw materials, production and use through renewable energy
- 1.20sources, feedstocks, and formulations; and

- 2.1 (3) utilization of techniques that will create value in agricultural waste that are currently
2.2 being underutilized and provide a path for viable alternatives for packaging that excludes
2.3 PFAS chemicals.
- 2.4 Subd. 3. **Approved use.** (a) Grant proceeds may be used to expand the manufacturing,
2.5 processing, and handling of agriculture-related products and PFAS-free alternatives produced
2.6 in the state.
- 2.7 (b) The maximum grant award is \$5,000,000. The minimum award is \$2,000,000. Grant
2.8 terms must not exceed one year.