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1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 3271 as follow	ws:
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1.2 Page 1, delete section 1 and insert:

## 1.3 "Section 1. APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS TO AGRICULTURAL

## 1.4 ORGANIZATIONS FOR DEVELOPING ENTERPRISES, SUPPLY CHAINS, AND 1.5 MARKETS.

## 1.6 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general

1.7 fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to organizations in Minnesota to develop

1.8 enterprises, supply chains, and markets for continuous living cover crops and cropping

1.9 systems in the early stage of commercial development, Kernza perennial grain, winter

1.10 camelina, hybrid hazelnuts, and elderberry. A grant award must not exceed \$750,000 per

1.11 entity. A multiyear project may receive grant dollars for up to three years. This is a onetime

1.12 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

1.13 Subd. 2. Grantmaking. In consultation with interested stakeholders, the commissioner

1.14 must develop a process to award grants. At the time of application, the commissioner must

1.15 provide to the applicant information about requirements for grant recipients. The

1.16 commissioner must appoint a technical review panel to review and rank eligible applicants

1.17 and give preference to applicants that are well-positioned to expand the profitable

1.18 commercialization of the crops listed under subdivision 1. The technical review panel must

1.19 include at least one representative from the Forever Green Initiative and one representative

1.20 from the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute . The commissioner must consider the

1.21 technical review panel recommendations when selecting grant recipients.

## 1.22 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** Beginning February 1, 2023, and annually thereafter until February

1.23 1, 2028, the commissioner shall submit a report on the utilization of the grants to the chairs

1.24 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction

1.25 over agriculture policy and finance."