

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 1898 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; PRESERVATION OF DISAPPEARING HMONG**
1.4 **CULTURE.**

1.5 (a) \$900,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$450,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from
1.6 the arts and cultural heritage fund to the Minnesota Humanities Center to make grants to
1.7 recipients who have demonstrated knowledge and interest in preserving Hmong culture to
1.8 preserve Hmong Minnesotans' heritage, language, and culture. Of this amount:

1.9 (1) the fiscal year 2024 appropriation may be used in conjunction with Minnesota
1.10 Universities to improve and develop a unified and standardized Latin alphabet form of the
1.11 Hmong RPA writing system;

1.12 (2) up to \$150,000 each year may be used to record, document, and transcribe Hmong
1.13 traditional music, courtship songs, and wedding and funeral songs, to provide youth education
1.14 about Hmong heritage, to create bilingual Hmong and English novels or children's books
1.15 with audio accompaniment, or to make traditional Hmong hemp textiles; and

1.16 (3) any unspent portion of this appropriation may be used to collect, preserve, and display
1.17 Hmong artifacts and historical documents.

1.18 (b) No portion of this appropriation may be used to encourage religious membership
1.19 nor to conduct personal spiritual ceremonies or events.

1.20 (c) A person or entity is not eligible for a grant under this section during a fiscal year in
1.21 which the person or entity is receiving other money from the arts and cultural heritage fund."

1.22 Amend the title accordingly