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## **S.F. No. 3719 - Extending AFREC and the fee for the agricultural fertilizer research and education account**

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### **Overview**

**S.F. 3719** extends the [Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Council](#) (AFREC) and its associated program, account, and fee collection to 2035. The AFREC program funds research, technology development, and education relating to soil fertility. It was established in 2008 and initially set to expire in 2017. In 2017, the legislature extended it to 2020, and in 2019, the legislature extended it to 2025.

### **Summary**

**Section 1** (18C.425, subdivision 6) extends the collection of a tonnage fee until June 30, 2034, currently set at 40 cents per ton of fertilizer, soil amendment, and plant amendment sold.

**Section 2** (18C.70, subdivision 5) extends the expiration of the Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Council until June 30, 2035.

**Section 3** (18C.71, subdivision 4) extends the expiration of the Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Program until June 30, 2035.

**Section 4** (18C.80, subdivision 2) extends the expiration of the Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Account until June 30, 2035.