SENATE STATE OF MINNESOTA **NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

A bill for an act

S.F. No. 2473

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farmers.

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Referred to Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development

1.2 1.3	relating to agriculture; appropriating money for the Minnesota Black Farmers Association to purchase advanced 21st century farming equipment for use by a
1.4	cooperative of Black veteran farmers.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. ADVANCED 21ST CENTURY FARMING EQUIPMENT FOR BLACK
1.7	<u>VETERAN FARMERS.</u>
1.8	The commissioner of agriculture must award a grant to the Minnesota Black Farmers
1.9	Association to purchase advanced 21st century farming equipment, including skid steers
1.10	and John Deere tractors with attachments, for use by members of a cooperative of Black
1.11	veteran farmers.
1.12	Sec. 2. <u>APPROPRIATION.</u>
1.13	\$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.14	of agriculture for a grant to the Minnesota Black Farmers Association to purchase advanced
1.15	21st century farming equipment for use by members of a cooperative of Black veteran

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