



S.F. No. 1348 – Creating regional food bank grants

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Section 1 (adds Minn. Stat. § 142F.16) establishes regional food bank grants to regional food banks and American Indian Tribes or Bands in Minnesota to increase the availability of food to individuals and families in need.

Subdivision 2 requires the commissioner of children, youth, and families to distribute appropriated funds to regional food banks and federally recognized American Indian Tribes or Bands in Minnesota in accordance with the federal The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) formula and guidelines of the United States Department of Agriculture. Allows the commissioner to increase or decrease a recipient's proportionate amount.

Subdivision 3 requires regional food banks to purchase, transport, and coordinate the distribution of food to TEFAP providers. Requires American Indian Tribes or Bands to purchase, transport, and coordinate the distribution of food to individuals and families in need. Allows grant funds to be used to purchase personal hygiene products.

Subdivision 4 imposes reporting requirements on regional food banks and American Indian Tribes or Bands receiving grant funds. Requires ineligible expenditure amounts to be repaid to the commissioner and deposited into the general fund.

Section 2 (APPROPRIATION) appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund (ongoing) for the regional food bank grants.

