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

A bill for an act

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Introduction and first reading
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1.2 1.3	relating to housing; appropriating money to Community Mediation Minnesota for a statewide housing mediation program.
1.4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.5	Section 1. APPROPRIATION.
1.6	\$2,200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,200,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from
1.7	the general fund to the commissioner of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for a grant
1.8	to Community Mediation Minnesota to administer a statewide housing mediation program
1.9	to support renters and residential rental property owners. The program must:
1.10	(1) provide housing dispute resolution services to renters and rental property owners
1.11	and homeowners;
1.12	(2) increase awareness of and access to housing dispute resolution services statewide;
1.13	(3) provide dispute resolution services, including but not limited to eviction prevention,
1.14	mediation, and navigation services;
1.15	(4) partner with culturally specific dispute resolution programs to provide training and
1.16	assistance with virtual and in-person mediation and resolution services;
1.17	(5) increase mediation services for seniors and renters with disabilities and illnesses who
1.18	face housing instability;
1.19	(6) increase the diversity and cultural competency of the housing mediator roster;
1.20	(7) integrate housing mediation services with navigation and resource connection services,

Section 1. 1

legal assistance, and court services programs;

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2.1 (8) continue to develop and administer evaluation tools to design, modify, and replicate

- 2.2 effective program outcomes; and
- 2.3 (9) provide for necessary administrative expenses.

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