



S.F. No. 1575 – Biofertilizer water preservation program (1st Engrossment)

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S.F. 1575 establishes a new pilot program to incentivize improved nitrogen management practices.

Section 1 describes the Biofertilizer Water Preservation Pilot Program.

Subdivision 1 defines the term “commercial nitrogen fertilizer.”

Subdivision 2 requires the commissioner of agriculture to establish the program in consultation with the commissioner of natural resources and soil and water conservation districts.

Subdivision 3 allows the commissioner to establish a per acre incentive payment rate of at least \$5 per acre and to pay the incentive to qualified farmers.

Subdivision 4 describes what a farmer must do to qualify for incentive payments.

Subdivision 5 requires the commissioner to report to the legislature on the pilot program.

Subdivision 6 states that documentation submitted by a farmer is classified as nonpublic or private data.

Section 2 appropriates \$5 million in fiscal year 2026 for the program.

