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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for an industrial hemp processing  
1.3 facility.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.7 of agriculture for a grant to Indigenous Hemp Cooperative to: (1) build an industrial hemp  
1.8 fiber processing facility in an appropriate location; and (2) conduct industrial hemp research.  
1.9 The commissioner, in consultation with the Indigenous Hemp Cooperative, shall determine  
1.10 the location of the hemp fiber processing facility in northwest Minnesota to encourage and  
1.11 support Tribal farmer participation in the emerging industrial hemp economy. The industrial  
1.12 hemp fiber processing facility and the facility's supporting infrastructure must operate within  
1.13 the guidelines of the Minnesota Industrial Hemp Plan as authorized by the United States  
1.14 Department of Agriculture. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until the project  
1.15 is completed, subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.