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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2316

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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 grants for meat cutting and butchery
1.3 training.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 (a) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.7 commissioner of agriculture to provide grants to two-year colleges in the Minnesota State
1.8 Colleges and Universities system for the purposes of designing, building, and offering
1.9 credentials in the area of meat cutting and butchery that align with industry needs as advised
1.10 by local industry advisory councils. Grants may be used for costs including but not limited
1.11 to:

- 1.12 (1) facility renovation to accommodate meat cutting;
1.13 (2) curriculum design and approval from the Higher Learning Commission;
1.14 (3) program operational start-up costs;
1.15 (4) equipment required for a meat cutting program;
1.16 (5) scholarships for participants to provide equal access to all interested students; and
1.17 (6) meat handling start-up costs in regard to meat access and market channel building.

1.18 (b) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.19 commissioner of agriculture for grants to organizations to acquire, host, and operate a mobile
1.20 slaughter unit. The mobile until must coordinate with Minnesota state two-year colleges
1.21 that have meat cutting programs to accommodate training as it relates to animal slaughter.

- 2.1 The mobile unit may coordinate with livestock producers who desire to provide value-added
2.2 meat products by utilizing the mobile slaughter unit. The mobile unit may be used for
2.3 research, training outside of the two-year colleges, and other activities that align with industry
2.4 needs.
- 2.5 (c) The appropriations in this section are onetime.