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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2331

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for lawns to legumes grant
1.3 program.

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

1.5 Section 1. LAWNS TO LEGUMES; APPROPRIATIONS.

1.6 (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated
1.7 from the general fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for demonstration projects
1.8 that provide grants or payments to plant residential lawns with native vegetation and
1.9 pollinator-friendly forbs and legumes to protect a diversity of pollinators. The board must
1.10 establish criteria for grants or payments awarded under this section. Grants or payments
1.11 awarded under this section may be made for up to 75 percent of the costs of the project,
1.12 except that in areas identified by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as areas where
1.13 there is a high potential for rusty patched bumble bees to be present, grants may be awarded
1.14 for up to 90 percent of the costs of the project.

1.15 (b) The appropriations in this section are onetime and available until June 30, 2023.