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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2788

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for the East Phillips
1.3 Neighborhood Institute; requiring reports.

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

1.5 Section 1. EAST PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD INSTITUTE; APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of employment and economic development for a grant to the East Phillips Improvement
1.8 Coalition to support the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) to expand culturally
1.9 tailored resources that address small business growth and green jobs creation. The grant
1.10 shall fund the collaborative work of Tamales y Bicicletas, Little Earth of the United Tribes,
1.11 a nonprofit serving East Africans, youth entrepreneurs, and other coalition members towards
1.12 developing EPNI as a community space to host activities including but not limited to creation
1.13 and expansion of small businesses; culturally specific entrepreneurial activities; indoor
1.14 urban farming, including aquaculture; job training; education; and skills development.
1.15 Eligible uses for grant funds include but are not limited to planning and start-up costs, staff
1.16 and consultant costs, building improvements, rent, supplies, utilities, vehicles, marketing,
1.17 and program activities. The commissioner shall submit a report on grant activities and
1.18 quantifiable outcomes to the committees of the house of representatives and the senate with
1.19 jurisdiction over economic development by December 15, 2022. This is a onetime
1.20 appropriation and funds are available until June 30, 2022.