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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3196

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing a Minnesota Center for American
1.3 Descendants of Slavery; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding
1.4 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 138.

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

1.6 Section 1. [138.9115] MINNESOTA CENTER FOR AMERICAN DESCENDANTS
1.7 OF SLAVERY.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The Minnesota Center for American Descendants of
1.9 Slavery, a nonprofit organization, is established to address disparities experienced by
1.10 communities of American descendants of slavery and to make investments in education,
1.11 housing, economic development, health care and health care delivery, community
1.12 engagement, faith-based organizations, and agriculture to benefit American descendants of
1.13 slavery.

1.14 Subd. 2. Reports. The Minnesota Center for American Descendants of Slavery shall
1.15 report to the legislature by September 1 of each year on the use of state funds appropriated
1.16 to the center. The report shall include an itemized account of the programs and projects
1.17 supported and the source of money for each. The report shall show actual expenditures for
1.18 the fiscal year ending the preceding June 30 and proposed expenditures for the fiscal year
1.19 beginning the preceding July 1.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.2 Subdivision 1. **Programs and grants.** \$1,000,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
2.3 \$1,000,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the general fund to the Minnesota
2.4 Center for American Descendants of Slavery for programs and grants to benefit American
2.5 descendants of slavery. Of these amounts, in each year, \$150,000,000 is for education
2.6 programs and grants; \$50,000,000 is for housing programs and grants; \$100,000,000 is for
2.7 programs and grants in economic development; \$150,000,000 is for programs and grants
2.8 to promote health and to facilitate access to health care; \$25,000,000 is to promote civic
2.9 engagement, improve public safety, and provide programs and grants for youth; \$25,000,000
2.10 is for programs and grants to strengthen community bonds through faith initiatives; and
2.11 \$250,000,000 is for programs and grants in education about agriculture and fostering
2.12 connections between American descendants of slavery in rural areas and metropolitan areas.
2.13 Any unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the first fiscal year does not cancel but
2.14 is available for the second fiscal year.

2.15 Subd. 2. **Operation.** \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are
2.16 appropriated from the general fund to the Minnesota Center for American Descendants of
2.17 Slavery for operations.