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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4541

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money for grants to purchase or upgrade
1.3 radios and related equipment.

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

1.5 Section 1. STATEWIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD.

1.6 \$48,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of public safety for the Emergency Communication Networks Division to issue grants to
1.8 local units of government, federally recognized Tribal entities, and state agencies participating
1.9 in the statewide Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) public safety
1.10 radio communication system established under Minnesota Statutes, section 403.36,
1.11 subdivision 1e. The grants must be used to purchase or upgrade portable radios, mobile
1.12 radios, and related equipment that are interoperable with the ARMER system. Each local
1.13 government unit may receive only one grant. The grant is contingent upon a match of at
1.14 least five percent from nonstate funds. The director of the Emergency Communication
1.15 Networks Division, in consultation with the Statewide Emergency Communications Board,
1.16 must administer the grant program. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2026. This
1.17 is a onetime appropriation and is in addition to any amount previously appropriated for this
1.18 purpose.