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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 1581

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
04/23/2019 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money to address farmer mental health and
1.3 for farm advocate services and farmer-lender mediators; canceling an appropriation.

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

1.5 Section 1. CANCELLATION.

1.6 Of the amount appropriated to the commissioner of agriculture for the agricultural growth,
1.7 research, and innovation program for fiscal year 2019 in Laws 2017, chapter 88, article 1,
1.8 section 2, subdivision 4, \$100,000 is canceled to the general fund.

1.9 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

1.10 (a) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.11 of agriculture for the following purposes:

1.12 (1) \$15,000 is for transfer to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
1.13 Universities to increase compensation for the counselor currently providing statewide mental
1.14 health counseling support to farm families and business operators through the Minnesota
1.15 State Agricultural Centers of Excellence. South Central College and Central Lakes College
1.16 shall serve as the fiscal agents;

1.17 (2) \$40,000 is for transfer to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
1.18 Universities to provide additional statewide mental health counseling support to farm families
1.19 and business operators through the Minnesota State Agricultural Centers of Excellence.
1.20 South Central College and Central Lakes College shall serve as the fiscal agents;

1.21 (3) \$30,000 is for farmer mental health marketing and training coordination; and

2.1 (4) \$15,000 is to increase funding for farm advocate services and farmer-lender mediators.

2.2 (b) This is a onetime appropriation.

2.3 Sec. 3. **INTERPRETATION.**

2.4 If a cancellation or an appropriation in this act is enacted more than once in the 2019
2.5 legislative session, the cancellation or appropriation is to be given effect only once.

2.6 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.7 This act is effective the day following final enactment.