1.1 .... moves to amend H.F. No. 3931, the delete everything amendment

1.2 (AN-A09), as follows:

1.3 Page 3, line 21, delete "$5,000,000" and insert "$4,500,000"

1.4 Page 29, after line 18, insert:

1.5 "Sec. 3. **EXPLOITED FAMILIES RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** .

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Rental assistance program.** (a) The commissioner of housing

1.7 finance shall establish a grant program within the housing trust fund to serve families

1.8 from emerging communities at risk of being homeless and who have been victims of

1.9 gender-based violence, including, but not limited to domestic violence, sexual assault,

1.10 trafficking, international abusive marriage, or forced marriage. For the purposes of this

1.11 section the term "gender-based violence" is defined as violence that is directed against a

1.12 woman because she is a woman or that affects women disproportionately; and the term

1.13 "emerging communities" is defined as refugee and immigrant communities who are less

1.14 established, who are unfamiliar with mainstream government services, or who have

1.15 limited English proficiency. The commissioner shall award grants to organizations that

1.16 can provide linguistically and culturally appropriate services and that have the capacity to

1.17 serve families who have experienced gender-based violence from emerging communities.

1.18 (b) The program must:

1.19 (1) provide rental assistance to individuals with a minor child at risk of being

1.20 homeless and who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking,

1.21 international abusive marriage, or forced marriage;

1.22 (2) require the participants to pay at least 30 percent of the participant's income

1.23 toward the rent;

1.24 (3) allow the families to choose their own housing, including single-family homes,

1.25 townhomes, and apartments;

2.1   (4) give priority to large families who experience barriers in accessing housing,

2.2   including having limited English proficiency, lack of positive rental history, employment

2.3   history, and financial history; and

2.4   (5) require the program participants to be employed, or actively seeking employment,

2.5   or be engaged in activities that will assist them in gaining employment.

2.6   Subd. 2. **Program evaluation.** All grant recipients must collect and make available

2.7   to the commissioner of the Housing Finance Agency, aggregate data to assist the agency

2.8   in the evaluation of the program. The commissioner of housing finance shall evaluate

2.9   the program effectiveness and measure the number of families served from emerging

2.10   communities, the support services provided for families in seeking employment and

2.11   achieving economic-stability, and the employment and housing status of the participants."

2.12   Page 10, after line 22, insert:

2.13   "Subd. 4. **Exploited Families Rental Assistance**
2.14   **Program.**

2.15 $500,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated

2.16   from the general fund to the commissioner

2.17   of the Housing Finance Agency to establish

2.18   a competitive grants program within the

2.19   housing trust fund for the Exploited Families

2.20   Rental Assistance Program."

2.21   Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.22   Amend the title accordingly