

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 2294 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **REPORT ON APPROACHES TO ADDRESS ILLICIT DRUG USE IN**
1.4 **MINNESOTA; APPROPRIATION.**

1.5 (a) \$222,600 in fiscal year 2024 and \$222,600 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from
1.6 the general fund to the commissioner of public safety to enter into an agreement with Rise
1.7 Research LLC for a study on illicit drug use in Minnesota that includes reports describing
1.8 current responses to that use, reviewing alternative approaches utilized in other jurisdictions,
1.9 and making policy and funding recommendations for a holistic and effective response to
1.10 illicit drug use and the illicit drug trade. The agreement must establish a budget and schedule
1.11 with clear deliverables. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is
1.12 \$0.

1.13 (b) Research and analysis must include an examination of problematic drug use and the
1.14 drug trade in Minnesota; exploration of the policies, practices, and funding currently used
1.15 to address illicit drug use and the drug trade in Minnesota; and a review of policies, practices,
1.16 and funding related to illicit drugs employed in other states and countries. Reports must
1.17 identify successful approaches to addressing illicit drug use and the drug trade that are
1.18 rooted in public health, community safety, data-based evidence, and human rights. Reports
1.19 must offer specific recommendations to update Minnesota's policies, practices, and funding
1.20 to develop an approach to drug policy that reduces and, where possible, prevents harm and
1.21 expands individual and community health and safety. Recommendations must consider
1.22 impacts on public safety, appropriate levels of funding for the prevention and treatment of
1.23 substance use disorders, the interaction between illicit drug use and mental health, and
1.24 appropriate guidelines for implementing policies that are informed by evidence. Reports
1.25 must also analyze the ways in which policies addressing illicit drug use become embedded

2.1 in other policy areas, including the ways in which policies interact and the reasons for that
2.2 interaction. Reports may include other information that is consistent with this paragraph
2.3 and must include specific policy recommendations.

2.4 (c) Rise Research may subcontract and coordinate with other organizations or individuals
2.5 to conduct research, provide analysis, and prepare the reports required by this section.

2.6 (d) Rise Research shall submit reports to the chairs and ranking minority members of
2.7 the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over
2.8 public safety finance and policy, human services finance and policy, health finance and
2.9 policy, and judiciary finance and policy. By February 15, 2024, Rise Research shall submit
2.10 an initial report that describes any relevant findings and provides specific policy
2.11 recommendations to address the use of illicit drugs and the drug trade in Minnesota. The
2.12 scope of such recommendations may include the criminalization of controlled substances,
2.13 enforcement of those laws, accessibility of mental health and substance abuse treatment,
2.14 provision of medical care, need for other supportive services, and coordination of services.
2.15 By February 15, 2025, Rise Research shall submit a final report updating its findings, making
2.16 additional policy recommendations, and identifying guiding principles for a policy framework
2.17 to establish a holistic and effective approach to illicit drug use and the drug trade in
2.18 Minnesota."

2.19 Amend the title accordingly