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

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A bill for an act

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relating to agriculture; appropriating money for nitrate private well mitigation.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATION; NITRATE PRIVATE WELL MITIGATION.

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\$3,866,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,866,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from

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the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for nitrate private well mitigation,

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including reverse osmosis, well repair, and well reconstruction for private drinking water

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wells with nitrate in excess of the maximum contaminant level of ten milligrams per liter

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and located in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha, or Winona

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County. The commissioner must prioritize households at or below 300 percent of the federal

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poverty guideline and households with infants or pregnant individuals. The commissioner

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of agriculture may also use this appropriation for education, outreach, and technical assistance

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to homeowners. The commissioner of agriculture may transfer money to the commissioner

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of health to establish and administer a mitigation program for contaminated wells located

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in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha, or Winona County.

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Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner of

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agriculture may use up to 6.5 percent of this appropriation for administrative costs.