

ARTICLE ...

RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j), the appropriations are from the renewable development account in the special revenue fund established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	
<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>	
<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>	
<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>

Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>14,450,000</u>
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The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Geothermal Energy System; Sabathani Community Center

(a) \$6,000,000 the second year is for a grant to the Sabathani Community Center in Minneapolis to construct a geothermal energy system that provides space heating and cooling to the center. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028.

(b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "geothermal energy system" means a system composed of: a heat pump that moves a heat-transferring fluid through piping embedded in the earth and absorbs the earth's constant temperature; a heat exchanger; and

2.1 ductwork to distribute heated and cooled air  
2.2 to a building.

2.3 **Subd. 3. Geothermal Planning Grants**

2.4 \$1,200,000 in the second year is for transfer  
2.5 to the geothermal planning grant account  
2.6 established under Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.7 216C.47, for planning grants to political  
2.8 subdivisions to assess the feasibility and cost  
2.9 of constructing geothermal energy systems.

2.10 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
2.11 available until June 30, 2029.

2.12 **Subd. 4. Energy Efficiency Projects; Dakota**  
2.13 **County**

2.14 (a) \$500,000 the second year is for a grant to  
2.15 Dakota County for energy efficiency projects  
2.16 that are located in the service area of the public  
2.17 utility subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.18 116C.779. This is a onetime appropriation and  
2.19 is available until June 30, 2027.

2.20 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "energy  
2.21 efficiency project" includes: (1) LED lighting,  
2.22 as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.23 216B.241, subdivision 5; (2) solar arrays; or  
2.24 (3) heating, ventilating, or air conditioning  
2.25 system improvements.

2.26 **Subd. 5. Anaerobic Digester Energy System**

2.27 (a) \$5,000,000 the second year is for a grant  
2.28 to Recycling and Energy, in partnership with  
2.29 Dem-Con HZI Bioenergy, LLC, to construct  
2.30 an anaerobic energy system in Louisville  
2.31 Township. This is a onetime appropriation and  
2.32 is available until June 30, 2028.

2.33 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision,  
2.34 "anaerobic energy system" means a facility

3.1 that uses diverted food and organic waste to  
3.2 create renewable natural gas and biochar.

3.3 **Subd. 6. Solar APP+ Program**

3.4 \$1,500,000 in the second year is for transfer  
3.5 to the SolarApp+ program account established  
3.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.48,  
3.7 for the awarding of incentives to local units  
3.8 of government that deploy federally developed  
3.9 software to automate the review of  
3.10 applications and issuance of permits for  
3.11 residential solar projects. Incentives may only  
3.12 be awarded to political subdivisions located  
3.13 within the electric service territory of the  
3.14 public utility that is required to make payments  
3.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779,  
3.16 subdivision 1. This is a onetime transfer.

3.17 **Subd. 7. Ultraefficient Vehicle Development**  
3.18 **Grants**

3.19 \$250,000 the second year is transferred to the  
3.20 ultraefficient vehicle development grant  
3.21 account under section 4, subdivision 4, to  
3.22 provide grants for developers and producers  
3.23 of ultraefficient vehicles. This is a onetime  
3.24 transfer.

3.25 **Sec. 3. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**     **\$**                     **0** **\$**                     **1,000,000**

3.26 \$1,000,000 the second year is for the study of  
3.27 carbon dioxide pipelines in article .... This is  
3.28 a onetime appropriation.