

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 4942, in conference committee, as follows:

1.2 On R41, Energy Policy, Senate language, (S4942-3)

1.3 Page 131, after line 14, insert:

1.4 "Sec. 37. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 10, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.5	Subd. 2. Energy Resources	96,083,000	27,617,000
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1.6 (a) \$5,861,000 the first year and \$6,038,000

1.7 the second year are to the division of energy

1.8 resources for operating expenses.

1.9 (b) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the

1.10 second year are to remediate vermiculite

1.11 insulation from households that are eligible

1.12 for weatherization assistance under

1.13 Minnesota's weatherization assistance program

1.14 state plan under Minnesota Statutes, section

1.15 216C.264. Remediation must be done in

1.16 conjunction with federal weatherization

1.17 assistance program services.

1.18 (c) \$1,138,000 in the first year is transferred

1.19 from the general fund to the solar for schools

1.20 program account under Minnesota Statutes,

1.21 section 216C.375, to provide financial

1.22 assistance to schools that are state colleges

1.23 and universities to purchase and install solar

1.24 energy generating systems. This appropriation

1.25 must be expended on schools located outside

1.26 the electric service territory of the public

1.27 utility that is subject to Minnesota Statutes,

1.28 section 116C.779. Money under this paragraph

1.29 is available until June 30, 2034. Any money

1.30 remaining on June 30, 2034, cancels to the

1.31 general fund.

1.32 (d) \$189,000 each year is for activities

1.33 associated with a utility's implementation of

2.1 a natural gas innovation plan under Minnesota
2.2 Statutes, section 216B.2427.

2.3 (e) \$15,000,000 in the first year is transferred
2.4 from the general fund to the solar for schools
2.5 program account in the special revenue fund
2.6 for grants under the solar for schools program
2.7 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.8 216C.375. The money under this paragraph
2.9 must be expended on schools located outside
2.10 the electric service territory of the public
2.11 utility that is subject to Minnesota Statutes,
2.12 section 116C.779.

2.13 (f) \$500,000 each year is for the strengthen
2.14 Minnesota homes program under Minnesota
2.15 Statutes, section 65A.299, subdivision 4.
2.16 Money under this paragraph is transferred
2.17 from the general fund to strengthen Minnesota
2.18 homes account in the special revenue fund.
2.19 This is a onetime appropriation.

2.20 (g) \$20,000,000 the first year and \$18,737,000
2.21 the second year are for weatherization and
2.22 preweatherization work to serve additional
2.23 households and allow for services that would
2.24 otherwise be denied due to current federal
2.25 limitations related to the federal weatherization
2.26 assistance program. Money under this
2.27 paragraph is transferred from the general fund
2.28 to the preweatherization account in the special
2.29 revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,
2.30 section 216C.264, subdivision 1c. The base
2.31 in fiscal years 2026 and later is \$3,199,000.

2.32 (h) \$15,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
2.33 an investor-owned electric utility that has at
2.34 least 50,000 retail electric customers, but no
2.35 more than 200,000 retail electric customers,

to increase the capacity and improve the reliability of an existing high-voltage direct current transmission line that runs between North Dakota and Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation and must be used to support the cost-share component of a federal grant application to a program enacted in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58, and may otherwise be used to reduce the cost of the high-voltage direct current transmission project upgrade and to reimburse the reasonable costs incurred by the department to administer the grant. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2034.

(i) \$300,000 the first year is for technical assistance and administrative support for the Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy under article 12, section 71. As part of the technical assistance and administrative support for the program, the commissioner must hire a Tribal liaison to support the Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy and advise the department on the development of a culturally responsive clean energy grants program based on the priorities identified by the Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy.

(j) \$3,000,000 the first year is for a grant to Clean Energy Economy Minnesota for the Minnesota Energy Alley initiative to secure the state's energy and economic development future. The appropriation may be used to establish and support the initiative, provide seed funding for businesses, develop a training and development program, support recruitment of entrepreneurs to Minnesota, and secure

4.1 funding from federal programs and corporate
4.2 partners to establish a self-sustaining,
4.3 long-term revenue model. This appropriation
4.4 may be used to reimburse the reasonable costs
4.5 incurred by the department to administer the
4.6 grant. This is a onetime appropriation and is
4.7 available until June 30, 2027.

4.8 (k) \$5,000,000 the first year is transferred to
4.9 the electric vehicle rebate program account to
4.10 award rebates to purchase or lease eligible
4.11 electric vehicles under Minnesota Statutes,
4.12 section 216C.401. Rebates must be awarded
4.13 under this paragraph only to eligible recipients
4.14 located outside the retail electric service area
4.15 of the public utility that is subject to
4.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779. This is
4.17 a onetime appropriation and is available until
4.18 June 30, 2027.

4.19 (l) \$1,000,000 the first year is to award grants
4.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.402,
4.21 to automobile dealers seeking certification to
4.22 sell electric vehicles and to reimburse the
4.23 reasonable costs incurred by the department
4.24 to administer the grants. Grants must only be
4.25 awarded under this paragraph to eligible
4.26 dealers located outside the retail electric
4.27 service area of the public utility that is subject
4.28 to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779. This
4.29 is a onetime appropriation and is available
4.30 until June 30, 2027.

4.31 (m) \$3,000,000 the first year is transferred to
4.32 the residential electric panel upgrade grant
4.33 program account established under Minnesota
4.34 Statutes, section 216C.45, to award electric
4.35 panel upgrade grants and to reimburse the

5.1 reasonable costs incurred by the department
5.2 to administer the program. Grants must be
5.3 awarded under this paragraph only to owners
5.4 of single-family homes or multifamily
5.5 buildings located outside the electric service
5.6 area of the public utility subject to Minnesota
5.7 Statutes, section 116C.779. This is a onetime
5.8 appropriation and is available until June 30,
5.9 2027.

5.10 (n) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
5.11 second year are for a grant to the clean energy
5.12 resource teams partnerships under Minnesota
5.13 Statutes, section 216C.385, subdivision 2, to
5.14 provide additional capacity to perform the
5.15 duties specified under Minnesota Statutes,
5.16 section 216C.385, subdivision 3. This
5.17 appropriation may be used to reimburse the
5.18 reasonable costs incurred by the department
5.19 to administer the grant.

5.20 (o) \$1,807,000 the first year and \$301,000 the
5.21 second year are to implement energy
5.22 benchmarking under Minnesota Statutes,
5.23 section 216C.331.

5.24 Of the amount appropriated under this
5.25 paragraph, \$750,000 the first year is to award
5.26 grants to qualifying utilities that are not
5.27 investor-owned utilities to support the
5.28 development of technology for implementing
5.29 energy benchmarking under Minnesota
5.30 Statutes, section 216C.331. This is a onetime
5.31 appropriation.

5.32 Of the amount appropriated in the first year
5.33 under this paragraph, \$756,000 the first year
5.34 is for a grant to Building Owners and
5.35 Managers Association Greater Minneapolis

6.1 to establish partnerships with three technical
6.2 colleges and high school career counselors
6.3 with a goal of increasing the number of
6.4 building engineers across Minnesota. This is
6.5 a onetime appropriation and is available until
6.6 June 30, 2028. The grant recipient must
6.7 provide a detailed report describing how the
6.8 grant funds were used to the chairs and
6.9 ranking minority members of the legislative
6.10 committees having jurisdiction over higher
6.11 education by January 15 of each year until
6.12 2028. The report must describe the progress
6.13 made toward the goal of increasing the number
6.14 of building engineers and strategies used.

6.15 (p) \$500,000 the first year is for a feasibility
6.16 study to identify and process Minnesota iron
6.17 resources that could be suitable for upgrading
6.18 to long-term battery storage specifications.
6.19 The results of the feasibility study must be
6.20 submitted to the commissioner of commerce
6.21 and to the chairs and ranking minority
6.22 members of the house of representatives and
6.23 senate committees with jurisdiction over
6.24 energy policy no later than ~~February 1, 2025~~
6.25 November 1, 2025. This appropriation may
6.26 be used to reimburse the reasonable costs
6.27 incurred to administer the study. This is a
6.28 onetime appropriation.

6.29 (q) \$6,000,000 the first year is for electric
6.30 school bus grants under Minnesota Statutes,
6.31 section 216C.374. Money under this paragraph
6.32 is transferred from the general fund to the
6.33 electric school bus program account. This is
6.34 a onetime appropriation.

7.1 (r) \$5,300,000 the first year is for electric grid
7.2 resiliency grants under article 12, section 72.
7.3 This appropriation may be used to reimburse
7.4 the reasonable costs incurred by the
7.5 department to administer the grants. This is a
7.6 onetime appropriation and is available until
7.7 June 30, 2028.

7.8 (s) \$6,000,000 the first year is transferred to
7.9 the heat pump rebate program account
7.10 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.11 216C.46, to implement the heat pump rebate
7.12 program and to reimburse the reasonable costs
7.13 incurred by the department to administer the
7.14 program. Of this amount:

7.15 (1) up to \$1,400,000 the first year is to
7.16 contract with an energy coordinator under
7.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.46,
7.18 subdivision 5; and

7.19 (2) up to \$1,400,000 the first year is to conduct
7.20 contractor training and support under
7.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.46,
7.22 subdivision 6.

7.23 (t) \$1,000,000 the first year is to award air
7.24 ventilation pilot program grants under
7.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.663, for
7.26 assessments, testing, and equipment upgrades
7.27 in schools, and for the department's costs to
7.28 administer the program. This is a onetime
7.29 appropriation.

7.30 (u) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the
7.31 city of Anoka for feasibility studies as
7.32 described in this paragraph and design,
7.33 engineering, and environmental analysis
7.34 related to the repair and reconstruction of the

8.1 Rum River Dam. Findings from the feasibility
8.2 studies must be incorporated into the design
8.3 and engineering funded by this appropriation.
8.4 This appropriation is onetime and is available
8.5 until June 30, 2027. This appropriation
8.6 includes money for the following studies: (1)
8.7 a study to assess the feasibility of adding a
8.8 lock or other means for boats to traverse the
8.9 dam to navigate between the lower Rum River
8.10 and upper Rum River; (2) a study to assess
8.11 the feasibility of constructing the dam in a
8.12 manner that would facilitate recreational river
8.13 surfing at the dam site; and (3) a study to
8.14 assess the feasibility of constructing the dam
8.15 in a manner to generate hydroelectric power.

8.16 (v) \$3,000,000 the first year is for grants to
8.17 install on-site energy storage systems, as
8.18 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
8.19 216B.2422, subdivision 1, paragraph (f), with
8.20 a capacity of 50 kilowatt hours or less and that
8.21 are located outside the electric service area of
8.22 the electric utility subject to Minnesota
8.23 Statutes, section 116C.779. To receive a grant
8.24 under this paragraph, an owner of the energy
8.25 storage system must be operating a solar
8.26 energy generating system at the same site as
8.27 the energy storage system or have filed an
8.28 application with a utility to interconnect a solar
8.29 energy generating system at the same site as
8.30 the energy storage system. This appropriation
8.31 may be used to reimburse the reasonable costs
8.32 incurred by the department to administer the
8.33 grants. This is a onetime appropriation and is
8.34 available until June 30, 2027.

9.1 (w) \$164,000 the second year is for activities
9.2 associated with a public utility's filing a
9.3 transportation electrification plan under
9.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.1615. The
9.5 base in fiscal year 2026 and later is \$164,000.

9.6 (x) \$77,000 each year is for activities
9.7 associated with appeals of consumer
9.8 complaints to the commission under
9.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.172.

9.10 (y) \$961,000 each year is for activities
9.11 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
9.12 216B.1641 for community solar gardens. This
9.13 appropriation must be assessed directly to the
9.14 public utility subject to Minnesota Statutes,
9.15 section 116C.779.

9.16 (z) \$300,000 the first year is for the
9.17 community solar garden program study
9.18 required under article 12, section 73."

9.19 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

9.20 Amend the title accordingly