

H.F. 770

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This bill would borrow \$30,000,000 from the bond market and appropriate the proceeds to the Rural Finance Authority (RFA). The bill borrows an additional \$30,000 and appropriates the proceeds to Minnesota Management and Budget to cover the agency's bond sale expenses.

The RFA is the state agricultural lender. The RFA can issue loans directly as well as partner with private agricultural lenders to provide lower interest rates for eligible farmers. The RFA may use bond proceeds to develop the state's agricultural resources.

This bill allows the RFA to purchase participation interests in loans issued by private lenders or make direct loans under the beginning farmer program, the loan restructuring program, the seller-sponsored program, and the livestock expansion and modernization loan program.