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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4470

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a memorial to Melissa
1.3 Hortman on the site of the State Office Building.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; MELISSA HORTMAN MEMORIAL.

1.6 (a) \$800,000 of the appropriation to implement the updated Capitol Mall Design
1.7 Framework under Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 1, section 11, subdivision 2, as amended
1.8 by Laws 2025, chapter 39, article 1, section 39, is to design and cast a statue recognizing
1.9 Melissa Hortman's historic contributions to the state of Minnesota. The statue shall be
1.10 incorporated into the design of a memorial garden on the State Office Building site by the
1.11 Department of Administration. Minnesota Rules, part 2400.2703, shall not apply to the
1.12 activities funded under this section.

1.13 (b) Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, the Capitol Area Architectural and
1.14 Planning Board must select the artist via a competitive process and consult with the
1.15 immediate family of Melissa Hortman throughout the selection and design approval process.
1.16 The statue design shall include the likeness of deceased family members of Melissa Hortman.

1.17 (c) Any unspent portion of the money under this section remaining after the casting of
1.18 the statue is available for additional landscaping elements on the memorial garden site.

1.19 (d) The money under this section is available until June 30, 2029.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.