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Summary

This bill would transfer \$2.5 million each year to the Good Food Access Account in the Agricultural Fund. By law, money in this account is appropriated to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) for the Good Food Access Program (Minn. Stat. § 17.1017, subd. 3). The base, or current, level of funding for this purpose is approximately \$450,000 per year.

Under the Good Food Access Program, MDA awards equipment and physical improvement grants to grocery stores and small food retailers to increase the availability of affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate foods for underserved communities in low- and moderate-income areas of the state. MDA also awards Good Food Access Program grants to nonprofits and government agencies that provide related technical assistance to eligible grocers and small food retailers.