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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill would appropriate money from the Renewable Energy Development Fund to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) for bioenergy grants.

- 1 Appropriation; bioenergy grants.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money to the MDA for bioenergy grants. The money would come from an existing spent-nuclear-fuel-rod-storage fee paid by Xcel Energy each year and dedicated to renewable energy development. The statutory NextGen Energy Board would make recommendations to the MDA. Defines the term "bioenergy" for purposes of the grant program. Requires the NextGen Energy Board to give priority to a bioenergy facility that is at least 60 percent owned by farmers and/or persons who reside in the same county as the facility or in a neighboring county. Limits grants to the lesser of \$500,000 or 50 percent of the project cost. Requires the MDA to report to the legislature and allows MDA to use a portion of the appropriation for administration costs. Requires Xcel Energy to transfer sufficient funds from the Renewable Energy Development Fund to the MDA.