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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill prohibits the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) from accepting gifts from agricultural commodity groups to pay for the commissioner of agriculture's travel to, or participation in, domestic or international agricultural promotion or marketing events. Additional general fund dollars would be appropriated to MDA for this purpose.

#### Section

- 1 Gifts; publication fees; advertising; appropriation.** Prohibits MDA from accepting gifts from agricultural commodity groups for travel to, or participation in, international or domestic marketing or promotion events.
- 2 Promotional expenditures.** Requires MDA to report to the legislature annually on the source and amount of money used by MDA to pay for the commissioner of agriculture's travel to, or participation in, international or domestic marketing or promotion events.
- 3 Appropriation; marketing and promotion events.** Appropriates an additional \$50,000 of base funding to pay for the commissioner of agriculture's travel to, or participation in, international or domestic marketing or promotion events.