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This bill establishes a pilot program to subsidize at least 70 percent of a farmer's documented cost to purchase, ship, and install an eligible rollover protective structure (ROPS) on a tractor built prior to 1987. The pilot program statute would expire on June 30, 2019.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) would administer the ROPS program and must minimize administrative costs by cooperating with the multi-state ROPS program coordinated by the New York Center for Agriculture Medicine and Health.

MDA would be required to solicit nonstate funds for this new program. Unlike H.F. 2516, this bill also appropriates \$1,000,000 of base funding from the state's general fund.