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## Overview

This bill would appropriate an unspecified amount of onetime money to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to identify, prevent, and in consultation with the Forest Resources Council, protect Minnesota forests by responding to the threat or presence of emerald ash borer and other pests. MDA would be required to award grants to local units of government or other entities and would be authorized to share part of this appropriation with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The legislature established the Forest Resources Council in 1995 to provide recommendations to the legislature, governor, and others regarding sustainable forest resource policies and practices. The Council is appointed by the governor and the Indian Affairs Council as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 89A.03.