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Bill Summary

H.F. 956

As introduced

Subject	Mighty Ducks grant program; appropriation
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Overview

This bill increases the maximum grant that may be provided under the Mighty Ducks grant program for projects that eliminate the use of R-22 refrigerant in state public ice facilities.

The bill also appropriates a total of $4 million from the general fund to fund grants under the program.

The Mighty Ducks grant program, which is formally titled in the law as the "James Metzen Mighty Ducks Ice Center Development Act," was first enacted in 1995. When funds are made available for the program, it provides grants to support improvements to public ice areas in the state, and to support increased access to ice facilities for women and girls. Funds were not available for this program in the 2017-18 biennium.

The law requires prioritization of rehabilitation and renovation projects that improve indoor air quality and eliminate the use of R-22 refrigerant.

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Section	Description
1	**Plan development; criteria.** Increases the maximum grant that may be provided for the elimination of R-22 refrigerant in state public ice facilities. Under current law, the cap on a grant for an indirect cooling system is $50,000 and the cap on a grant for a direct cooling system is $400,000. Those amounts are increased to $250,000 and $500,000, respectively.
2	**Appropriation; Mighty Ducks.** Appropriates a total of $4 million ($2 million in fiscal year 2020 and $2 million in fiscal year 2021) to fund the Mighty Ducks grant program. These funds are available to fund all qualifying grants under the program, including those grants for which the cap was increased under section 1.