

Subject Hemp

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Summary

This bill would establish and fund a hemp fiber processing equipment cost-share grant program administered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). MDA would award grants of up to \$200,000 to licensed hemp processors to purchase and install processing equipment.

The bill would also fund hemp research through the existing Agriculture Research, Education, Extension, and Technology Transfer grant program.

Hemp is defined for purposes of state and federal law as the *Cannabis sativa* L. plant and its derivatives if the delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration is no more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.