

Subject Headwaters community food and water economic resiliency program

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Overview

This bill would establish a headwaters community food and water economic resiliency program to make food and water consumption more sustainable, subjecting operation of the program to an advisory committee established by the bill.

Summary

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| 1 | Headwaters community food and water economic resiliency program. |
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Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines the “commissioner” as the commissioner of employment and economic development and a “regenerative food web” as a system for managing energy regeneratively in a food economy.

Subd. 2. Program; purpose. Requires the commissioner to establish the program to facilitate establishment and maintenance of regenerative food webs to address food, water, and climate challenges. Requires the program to be administered in consultation with the advisory committee in subdivision 4.

Subd. 3. Methods. Requires the commissioner to pursue the purpose of the program through a number of methods including: providing technical and financial assistance to food producers, developers of necessary physical and operational infrastructure, and persons seeking to revive BIPOC food cultures; funding research; investing in training potential new members of the food web; and providing health care for members of the food web economy. Requires the commissioner to establish a fund to make fruits and vegetables affordable.

Subd. 4. Advisory committee. Establishes a committee whose members must be appointed by the commissioner. Requires the committee to advise the commissioner regarding the program. Requires that the commissioner convene the committee at least twice per year, support the committee, and chair or designate a chair of the committee.

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| 2 | Appropriation. Appropriates \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the program. |



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