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Summary

This bill would appropriate \$2,500,000 to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for a onetime grant to the University of Minnesota to evaluate, propagate, and maintain the genetic diversity of oilseeds, grains, grasses, legumes, and other plants that were in commercial distribution and use in Minnesota before 1970, excluding wild rice.

The bill specifies that the appropriation includes funding for associated University of Minnesota Extension efforts and outreach to small farmers and farmers who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and specifies that the University must protect traditional seeds brought to Minnesota by immigrant communities.