

**Subject** Avian Influenza Prevention Program

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## Summary

This bill establishes a program to award grants to poultry producers to install avian influenza prevention measures. It appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the general fund to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Eligible grantees are poultry producers who raise poultry in Minnesota. Grantees must document that they have shared 20% of the cost to implement the prevention measures, but this amount may be reduced up to \$2,000 to cover time and labor costs. The commissioner can set a cap for grants, but this bill does not establish one. This bill requires the grantees to document expenses and report annually about the effectiveness of the methods.