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Summary

This bill would lift the \$18,000 annual sales limit for the cottage-foods license exemption and expand eligibility to include those who have structured their food business as a corporation or limited liability company.

Under current law, many individuals and companies that sell food must obtain a state food handler license and be inspected by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). Cottage food producers—i.e., individuals who sell no more than \$18,000/year of homemade baked goods, pickles, or other food items that should pose a low risk of foodborne illness—are not required to obtain a food handler license but must register with MDA and satisfy certain labeling and training requirements.