

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3558 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, before line 6, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 17.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.4 to read:

1.5 Subd. 14. **Advance grant payments encouraged.** Notwithstanding section 16A.41,
1.6 subdivision 1, the commissioner is encouraged to advance up to 50 percent of a grant award
1.7 to a person that demonstrates to the commissioner's satisfaction that the person:

1.8 (1) is new to farming or has farmed for less than ten consecutive years;

1.9 (2) is a member of a protected group as defined in section 43A.02, subdivision 33, or a
1.10 qualified noncitizen as defined in section 256B.06, subdivision 4, paragraph (b); or

1.11 (3) has served in the armed forces and first obtained veteran status during the last ten
1.12 years.

1.13 Sec. 2. [17.055] EMERGING FARMERS.

1.14 Subdivision 1. **Emerging farmer working group.** To advise the commissioner and
1.15 legislature regarding the development and implementation of programs and initiatives that
1.16 support emerging farmers in this state, the commissioner must periodically convene a
1.17 working group consisting, to the extent possible, of persons who are, and organizations that
1.18 represent, farmers or aspiring farmers who are women, veterans, persons with disabilities,
1.19 American Indian or Alaskan Natives, members of a community of color, young, and urban,
1.20 and any other emerging farmers as determined by the commissioner. No later than January
1.21 15 each year, the commissioner must update the chairs and ranking minority members of
1.22 the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture regarding the
1.23 working group's activities and recommendations.

- 2.1 Subd. 2. **Expiration.** This section expires August 1, 2025."
- 2.2 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references
- 2.3 Amend the title accordingly