

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1524, the delete everything amendment
1.2 (H1524DE2), as follows:

1.3 Page 4, delete lines 25 to 35 and insert:

1.4 "(c) \$634,000 the first year and \$634,000 the
1.5 second year are for continuation of the dairy
1.6 development and profitability enhancement
1.7 programs including dairy profitability teams
1.8 and dairy business planning grants. The dairy
1.9 profitability enhancement teams shall provide
1.10 one-on-one assistance to all sizes of dairy
1.11 farms to enhance the financial success and
1.12 long-term sustainability of dairy farms in the
1.13 state. The teams may consist of farm business
1.14 management instructors, dairy extension
1.15 specialists, and other dairy industry partners
1.16 to deliver the informational and technical
1.17 assistance. Activities of the dairy teams must
1.18 be spread throughout the dairy producing
1.19 regions of the state. The commissioner must
1.20 make grants to regional or statewide
1.21 organizations qualified to manage the various
1.22 components of the teams. Each regional or
1.23 statewide organization must designate a
1.24 coordinator responsible for overseeing the
1.25 program and making required reports to the
1.26 commissioner. Dairy development and

2.1 profitability enhancement teams are
2.2 encouraged to engage in activities including,
2.3 but not limited to, comprehensive financial
2.4 analysis, risk management education,
2.5 enhanced milk marketing tools and
2.6 technologies, and production systems
2.7 including rotational grazing and other
2.8 sustainable agriculture methods. The regional
2.9 and statewide organizations that deliver the
2.10 dairy development and profitability
2.11 enhancement program must submit periodic
2.12 reports to the commissioner on the aggregate
2.13 changes in producer financial stability,
2.14 productivity, product quality, animal health,
2.15 environmental protection, and other
2.16 performance measures attributable to the
2.17 program in a format that maintains the
2.18 confidentiality of business information related
2.19 to any single dairy producer.

2.20 The commissioner may award dairy planning
2.21 grants of up to \$5,000 per producer to develop
2.22 comprehensive business plans. Grants must
2.23 not be used for capital improvements.

2.24 The commissioner may allocate the available
2.25 sums among permissible activities, including
2.26 efforts to improve the quality of milk produced
2.27 in the state, in the proportions that the
2.28 commissioner deems most beneficial to
2.29 Minnesota's dairy farmers. The commissioner
2.30 must submit a detailed accomplishment report
2.31 and a work plan detailing future plans for, and
2.32 anticipated accomplishments from,
2.33 expenditures under this program to the chairs
2.34 and ranking minority members of the
2.35 legislative committees and divisions with

- 3.1 jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance
- 3.2 on or before the start of each fiscal year. If
- 3.3 significant changes are made to the plans in
- 3.4 the course of the year, the commissioner must
- 3.5 notify the chairs and ranking minority
- 3.6 members."

3.7 Page 5, delete lines 1 to 14