

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1687 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. [17.1016] COOPERATIVE GRANTS.

1.4 Subdivision 1. Definitions. For purposes of this section:

1.5 (1) "agricultural commodity" and "agricultural product processing facility" have the
1.6 meanings given in section 17.101, subdivision 5; and

1.7 (2) "agricultural service" means an action made under the direction of a farmer that
1.8 provides value to another entity. Agricultural service includes grazing to manage vegetation.

1.9 Subd. 2. Grant program. (a) The commissioner must establish and implement a grant
1.10 program to help farmers finance new cooperatives that organize for purposes of operating
1.11 an agricultural product processing facility or marketing an agricultural product or agricultural
1.12 service.

1.13 (b) To be eligible for this program, a grantee must:

1.14 (1) be a cooperative organized under chapter 308A;

1.15 (2) certify that all control and equity in the cooperative is from farmers, family farm
1.16 partnerships, family farm limited liability companies, or family farm corporations as defined
1.17 in section 500.24, subdivision 2, who are actively engaged in agricultural commodity
1.18 production;

1.19 (3) be operated primarily to process agricultural commodities or market agricultural
1.20 products or services produced in Minnesota; and

1.21 (4) receive agricultural commodities produced primarily by shareholders or members
1.22 of the cooperative.

2.1 (c) The commissioner may receive applications and make grants up to \$50,000 to eligible
2.2 grantees for feasibility, marketing analysis, assistance with organizational development,
2.3 financing and managing new cooperatives, product development, development of business
2.4 and marketing plans, and predesign of facilities including site analysis, development of bid
2.5 specifications, preliminary blueprints and schematics, and completion of purchase agreements
2.6 and other necessary legal documents."

2.7 Amend the title as follows:

2.8 Page 1, line 3, delete "authorizing rulemaking;"

2.9 Correct the title numbers accordingly