

Subject Higher education: funding for University of Minnesota agricultural research and extension service

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Overview

This bill provides a special appropriation to the University of Minnesota to fund agricultural research and the University's agricultural extension service. The appropriation amount is \$52,922,000 per year for the coming biennium.

A special appropriation is one that is outside of the general "operations and maintenance" appropriation and dedicated to a specific university purpose. A special appropriation for the University's agriculture and extension service has been included in past higher education omnibus finance bills.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>University of Minnesota; Agriculture Special Appropriation.</p> <p>(a) Appropriates \$52,922,000 per year to the University for agricultural research and the agricultural extension service.</p> <p>Of that amount, the following programs each receive \$2.5 million per year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the Forever Green Initiative;2. the agriculture research, education, extension, and technology transfer program under section 41A.14;3. Minnesota Extension regional economic sustainability programming; and4. the rapid agricultural response fund. <p>(b) The remaining dollars (\$42,922,000) carry certain requirements for the University. These requirements are discussed in items (1) through (4). These same requirements have been imposed in past higher education omnibus bills.</p> <p>(c) The University is required to report to the legislature regarding the status and outcomes of research funded by this special appropriation.</p>



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