

Subject Ethanol
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Summary

This bill would appropriate an unspecified amount of money from the general fund to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) for continuation of MDA's Biofuel Infrastructure Grant Program. MDA would award grants to gasoline retailers with no more than 10 retail stations in Minnesota to install equipment capable of lawfully storing or dispensing blends of gasoline and ethanol that contain up to 25 percent ethanol by volume (i.e., E25). Grants would be limited to the lesser of 65 percent of the retailer's eligible costs or \$200,000 per station.

The bill also requires MDA to coordinate with stakeholders and report specified information to the legislature annually.

The bill references the state's biofuel replacement goal, which calls for replacing 30 percent of the state's total gasoline sales with biofuel by 2025 (Minn. Stat. § 239.7911, subd. 1, cl. (4)).