

S.F. No. 582 – Bioincentive Program Modification and Appropriation

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Section 1. Payment amounts; limits. Allows an eligible producer of advanced biofuel under the advanced biofuel production incentive program to reapply for payment of the amount of the difference between the claim for payment filed and the pro rata amount received until the full amount of the original claim is paid.

Section 2. Payment amounts; bonus; limits. Allows an eligible producer of renewable chemicals under the renewable chemical production incentive program to reapply for payment of the amount of the difference between the claim for payment filed and the pro rata amount received until the full amount of the original claim is paid.

Section 3. Payment amounts; bonus; limits; blending. Allows an eligible producer of biomass thermal under the biomass thermal production incentive program to reapply for payment of the amount of the difference between the claim for payment filed and the pro rata amount received until the full amount of the original claim is paid.

Sections 1 to 3 are effective retroactively from January 1, 2020, and apply to claims filed after January 1, 2020.

Section 4. Bioincentive account. Establishes a new dedicated account in the agricultural fund to hold money transferred by the legislature or received from other sources to support the three bioeconomy incentive programs modified in this bill. Creates a statutory appropriation to commissioner of agriculture to award account dollars to eligible bioeconomy producers.

Section 5. Transfers; appropriation. Subdivision 1. Bioincentive account. Transfers \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2021, and \$10,000,000 each year in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 from the general fund to the new bioincentive account established in the previous section.

Subdivision 2. Renewable development account. Annually appropriates, until September 1, 2024, from the renewable development account the amounts needed to pay claims not otherwise paid for the three bioincentive programs.