

1.1 ..... moves to amend S.F. No. 4942, in conference committee, as follows:

1.2 On R10, House language, (UES4942-1)

1.3 Page 95, delete section 23 and insert:

1.4 "Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 18C.425, subdivision 6, is amended  
1.5 to read:

1.6 Subd. 6. **Payment of inspection fee.** (a) The person who registers and distributes in the  
1.7 state a specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment under section 18C.411 shall  
1.8 pay the inspection fee to the commissioner.

1.9 (b) The person licensed under section 18C.415 who distributes a fertilizer to a person  
1.10 not required to be so licensed shall pay the inspection fee to the commissioner, except as  
1.11 exempted under section 18C.421, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

1.12 (c) The person responsible for payment of the inspection fees for fertilizers, soil  
1.13 amendments, or plant amendments sold and used in this state must pay the inspection fee  
1.14 set under paragraph (e), and until June 30, ~~2024~~ 2029, an additional 40 cents per ton, of  
1.15 fertilizer, soil amendment, and plant amendment sold or distributed in this state, with a  
1.16 minimum of \$10 on all tonnage reports. Notwithstanding section 18C.131, the commissioner  
1.17 must deposit all revenue from the additional 40 cents per ton fee in the agricultural fertilizer  
1.18 research and education account in section 18C.80. Products sold or distributed to  
1.19 manufacturers or exchanged between them are exempt from the inspection fee imposed by  
1.20 this subdivision if the products are used exclusively for manufacturing purposes.

1.21 (d) A registrant or licensee must retain invoices showing proof of fertilizer, plant  
1.22 amendment, or soil amendment distribution amounts and inspection fees paid for a period  
1.23 of three years.

2.1 (e) By commissioner's order, the commissioner must set the inspection fee at no less  
2.2 than 39 cents per ton and no more than 70 cents per ton. The commissioner must hold a  
2.3 public meeting before increasing the fee by more than five cents per ton.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.5 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.70, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.6 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; membership.** (a) The Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer  
2.7 Research and Education Council is established. The council is composed of ~~12~~ 15 voting  
2.8 members as follows:

2.9 (1) ~~two members~~ one member of the Minnesota Crop Production Retailers;

2.10 (2) one member of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association;

2.11 (3) one member of the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association;

2.12 (4) one member of the sugar beet growers industry;

2.13 (5) one member of the Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers;

2.14 (6) one member of the potato growers industry;

2.15 (7) one member of the Minnesota Farm Bureau;

2.16 (8) one member of the Minnesota Farmers Union;

2.17 (9) one member from the Minnesota Irrigators Association;

2.18 (10) one member of the Minnesota Grain and Feed Association; ~~and~~

2.19 (11) one member of the Minnesota Independent Crop Consultant Association or the  
2.20 Minnesota certified crop advisor program;

2.21 (12) one member representing the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture;

2.22 (13) one member of the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition;

2.23 (14) one member who is an expert in public health; and

2.24 (15) one member who is an expert in water quality and has performed scientific research  
2.25 on water issues.

2.26 (b) Council members shall serve three-year terms. After the initial council is appointed,  
2.27 subsequent appointments must be staggered so that one-third of council membership is  
2.28 replaced each year. Council members must be ~~nominated by their organizations and~~ appointed  
2.29 by the commissioner and, except for the members specified under paragraph (a), clauses

3.1 (14) and (15), nominated by their organizations. The council may add ex officio members  
3.2 at its discretion. The council must meet at least once per year, with all related expenses  
3.3 reimbursed by members' sponsoring organizations or by the members themselves.

3.4 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.70, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

3.5 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, ~~2025~~ 2030.

3.6 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.71, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.7 Subdivision 1. **Eligible projects.** Eligible project activities include research, education,  
3.8 and technology transfer related to the production and application of fertilizer, soil  
3.9 amendments, and other plant amendments, regenerative agriculture, and the protection of  
3.10 clean water. Chosen projects must contain a component of outreach that achieves a timely  
3.11 dissemination of findings and their applicability to the production agricultural community  
3.12 or metropolitan fertilizer users.

3.13 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.71, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
3.14 read:

3.15 Subd. 1a. **Priorities and guidance.** The council must develop or update research priorities  
3.16 and request guidance related to:

3.17 (1) the availability of nitrogen by manure type and livestock species based on  
3.18 management; and

3.19 (2) manure management and fertilizer best management practices for areas where surface  
3.20 water or groundwater are vulnerable to nitrate losses, including the adjustment of practices  
3.21 based on vulnerability such as coarse textured soils, soils with shallow bedrock, and karst  
3.22 geology.

3.23 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.71, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

3.24 Subd. 2. **Awarding grants.** Applications for program grants must be submitted in the  
3.25 form prescribed by the Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Council.  
3.26 Applications must be submitted on or before the deadline prescribed by the council. All  
3.27 applications are subject to a thorough in-state review by a peer committee established and  
3.28 approved by the council. Each project meeting the basic qualifications is subject to a yes  
3.29 or no vote by each council member. Projects chosen to receive funding must achieve an  
3.30 affirmative vote from at least ~~eight~~ ten of the ~~12~~ 15 council members or two-thirds of voting

4.1 members present. Projects awarded program funds must submit an annual progress report  
4.2 in the form prescribed by the council.

4.3 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.71, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

4.4 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, ~~2025~~ 2030.

4.5 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 18C.80, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.6 Subd. 2. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, ~~2025~~ 2030."

4.7 Page 96, delete sections 24 to 26

4.8 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

4.9 Amend the title accordingly