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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Biosciences and Emerging Technology

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for an enabling design
1.3 project.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **DESIGN PROJECT APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$250,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2009 from the general fund to the Department
1.7 of Employment and Economic Development for the construction of a major economic
1.8 design project to increase Minnesota's competitiveness by expanding and strengthening
1.9 nanotechnology, which is a core enabling technology. The major economic design project
1.10 must:

1.11 (1) assure that the proposed focuses, components, programs, and other elements
1.12 are well developed for industrial and academic collaboration in commercialization of
1.13 intellectual property;

1.14 (2) develop mechanisms for grant management and coordination of infrastructure;

1.15 (3) interface with an emerging independently funded economic impact analysis;

1.16 (4) assure that information regarding job creation is leveraged;

1.17 (5) interact with and learn from leading science and technology economic
1.18 development initiatives in other states;

1.19 (6) educate executive and legislative branches of government and selected other
1.20 parties about the technological and economic benefits of nanotechnology as an enabling
1.21 technology; and

1.22 (7) develop at least a preliminary implementation plan and timeline for launching
1.23 the major economic design project to expand and strengthen Minnesota's nanotechnology.

1.24 This is a onetime appropriation and is available through June 30, 2009.