

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 2043 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **[116L.25] PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.5 the meanings given.

1.6 (b) "Career pathway" means a career-readiness program, connected to a specific industry
1.7 sector, that combines basic skills training, education, and support services and results in
1.8 either industry-specific training or an employer recognized credential.

1.9 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

1.10 (d) "Pathways to prosperity grant program" or "grant program" means the competitive
1.11 grant program created in this section.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall establish a pathways to prosperity
1.13 grant program to award grants to organizations to train adults facing the greatest employment
1.14 disparities, and to assist them in finding employment in high-demand occupations with
1.15 long-term employment opportunities.

1.16 Subd. 3. **Grant process.** (a) The commissioner shall award grants to organizations
1.17 through a competitive grant process.

1.18 (b) The commissioner shall develop grant-making criteria for the grant program. These
1.19 criteria shall include guidelines for multiple types of career pathways. These criteria shall
1.20 also consider a program's alignment with the labor market in the community where the
1.21 program operates and, where applicable, a program's previous grant performance. At least
1.22 once every biennium, the commissioner shall consult with workforce development service
1.23 providers on program criteria and administration.

2.1 (c) All reporting requirements for grant recipients shall be outlined in plain language in
2.2 both the request for proposal and the grant contract.

2.3 (d) The commissioner shall provide applicants with technical assistance with
2.4 understanding application procedures and program guidelines.

2.5 **Sec. 2. PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY GRANT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.6 (a) \$4,039,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$4,039,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated
2.7 from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for
2.8 the pathways to prosperity grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.25. Of
2.9 these amounts, up to four percent is for administration and monitoring of the program.

2.10 (b) \$4,604,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$4,604,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated
2.11 from the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic
2.12 development for the pathways to prosperity grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.13 116L.25. Of these amounts, up to four percent is for administration and monitoring of the
2.14 program."