.... moves to amend H.F. No. 2208, the delete everything amendment (A19-0341), as follows:

Page 8, after line 17, insert:

"$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the Venture SE Minnesota Diversification loan fund in article 4, section 20. Of this appropriation, $250,000 must be used for promotional activities under article 4, section 20, subdivision 5, paragraph (b). This is a onetime appropriation and is available until expended."

Adjust amounts accordingly

Page 107, after line 13, insert:

"Sec. 20. **VENTURE SE MINNESOTA DIVERSIFICATION LOAN FUND.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment; revolving loan fund.** The commissioner of employment and economic development must establish a Venture SE Minnesota Diversification revolving loan program to provide loans to eligible borrowers. The commissioner shall collaborate with Journey to Growth, who shall serve as the loan administrator under this section.

Subd. 2. **Eligible borrower.** (a) To receive a loan under this section, the borrower must be a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or a political subdivision of the state that engages in or is borrowing in support of one of the following industries:

(1) agriculture, including farms that produce or supply inputs into value-added products produced within the state of Minnesota;

(2) manufacturers or suppliers to manufacturers that produce durable and nondurable goods, the majority of which result in sales to customers located outside the state;

(3) technology businesses, the majority of which services or products sell primarily to customers located outside the state;

(4) health care related businesses, the majority of which services or products sell primarily to customers located outside the state;

(5) businesses that provide for the transportation of people within the area served by this program;

(6) child care facilities;

(7) residential development projects; and

(8) political subdivisions of the state in support of:

(i) redevelopment projects;

(ii) main street commercial district improvements;

(iii) local business infrastructure expansions and improvements; or

(iv) transportation infrastructure.

(b) An eligible borrower under this section must maintain the eligible industry type under this paragraph throughout the term of the loan.

(c) An eligible borrower must be located within the counties of Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona, but not within the city of Rochester, nor is a business eligible if it is relocating from elsewhere in the state of Minnesota without consent from the local municipality from which it is relocating.

Subd. 3. **Use of loan proceeds.** (a) Loan proceeds must be used for the purposes described in this subdivision.

(b) Loan proceeds may be used for the purchase of equipment and construction of or improvement to facilities that improve energy efficiency or competitiveness of overall business operations. Eligible borrowers seeking loans for this purpose must document in the loan application how the project completion increases the competitiveness or energy efficiency of the business.

(c) Loan proceeds may be used to assist financing of income-qualified housing projects meaning:

(1) for owner-occupied residential property, 95 percent of the housing units must be initially purchased and occupied by individuals whose family income is less than or equal to the income requirements for qualified mortgage bond projects under section 143(f) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(2) for residential property, the property must satisfy the income requirements for a qualified residential rental project as defined in section 142(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, for the life of the loan.

(d) Loan proceeds may include homeowner remodeling projects that add licensed in-home child care centers. Loans to licensed in-home child care centers need not be income qualified.

(e) Loan proceeds may be used for public infrastructure.

Subd. 4. **Loan terms.** (a) The maximum term of a loan made under this section must not exceed ten years. The loan administrator must set an interest rate that is not more than one point above the prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal on the date of application depending on credit review except that interest rates for political subdivisions of the state may be negotiated on a case by case basis and may not exceed one point less than the prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal on the date of application. The loan administrator may charge a onetime fee of up to 0.5 percent of the amount loaned for administrative services. This fee may be deducted from the loan proceeds.

(b) The loan amount may be the lesser of 25 percent of the total project costs or $500,000 per project. The borrower or participating financial institution must provide the balance of funds needed to fully fund the proposed project. The fund administrator may subordinate all or a portion of its position to other financial institutions who provide project funding.

Subd. 5. **Fund administration; report.** (a) The loan administrator shall establish and administer a revolving loan fund that contains any appropriation for the purposes of this section, interest, fees, and loan proceeds. The loan administrator shall form a loan approval Committee, or partner with another nonprofit development organization's loan approval committees that already exist in the designated counties, comprised of individuals experienced in economic development projects and that are representative of the areas served by the loan fund to review and approve loans made under this section. The loan administrator may contract with another nonprofit development organization. The loan administrator committee shall develop a loan application form and provide the application along with application procedures and deadlines to the commissioner of employment and economic development who shall publish the same on the department's website.

(b) When undertaking promotional activities, the commissioner must use and coordinate with one or more nonprofit organizations that work directly with businesses and investors to grow an entrepreneurial ecosystem of greater Minnesota or minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

(c) The loan administrator may use up to $500,000 of program income annually generated from interest and fees to offset any administrative costs.

(d) The loan administrator may invest all income over expenses in businesses eligible under subdivision 2 to develop regional apprenticeship, internship, and mentorship programs.

(e) By January 15, 2020, and annually thereafter, the loan administrator must report to the commissioner of employment and economic development and legislative committees with jurisdiction over economic development on all uses of funds under this section, including but not limited to current balance of funds, loan activity, status of all loans made, and costs associated with administering the program.

(f) Beginning August 1, 2020, the commissioner of employment and economic development shall certify the loan administrators annual budget before the expenditure of any funds and shall provide the legislative committees with jurisdiction over economic development a copy of the certification. The program is subject to audit by the legislative auditor. "

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

Amend the title accordingly