

Senator Sandy Pappas Chief Authored Bills – Disparities Working Group Proposals

See attached for bill language

1) Twin Cities Rise Appropriation (SF 2323 – Introduced 2014)

At TCR, we assist individuals in poverty on the path to long-term and stable employment. Our work skills training prepares participants with the skills they'll need on the job. And through internship opportunities, job search assistance, and employment placement services, we work with participants to find meaningful employment. Our coaches provide one-on-one support, partnering with participants for a year after they've landed their new jobs. We focus on long term results – with 81% of our graduates staying at their jobs after one year, our 12-month job retention rates are nearly twice the national average.

Our curriculum goes beyond teaching – through our signature Personal Empowerment program, we provide transformative change, fostering self-confidence and self-reliance.¹

2) YWCA Employment Program Appropriation (SF 1746 – Introduced 2015)

YW Works (YWW): breaks the cycle of poverty by helping people move from welfare to work. As a contractor of Workforce Solutions, a department of Ramsey County, YWW delivers culturally-specific employment services to African American participants of the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)².

- 1:1 Employment Counseling
- Job Skills Training & Preparation
- Case Management & Supportive Services
- Employment Placement, Retention & Development
- Professional Development
- Computer Literacy
- Transportation
- Child Care Assistance
- Community Resource Information
- Culturally Centered Services

Class B Driver's License Training - The Class B CDL Training Program puts people on the road to success by helping them to earn a Class B commercial driver's license (CDL) and acquire the basic skills needed for entry-level positions. After successfully completing training, participants qualify for good paying jobs in transportation³.

3) Ujamaa Place Appropriation (2015 Bill)

Ujamaa Place is an African American culturally specific organization focused on young men who may suffer multiple barriers to becoming stable. Ujamaa Place engages these young men to foster their development within the Ujamaa Place community and assist them in becoming stronger, more responsible, employed, prosperous men and fathers who provide and contribute positively to their families and community.

Our mission is to empower young Black men (ages 18-30) to change their behavior through redefining their concepts of themselves, manhood, success and positive community values. Located in St. Paul, Minnesota, Ujamaa Place offers these young men success in their lives through education and skills training specifically aimed at turning their lives around to become productive members of their families and communities. Ujamaa Place is not a holding place, but a place of new beginnings and transition. **Graduates continue to successfully hold jobs and are enrolled in job training programs in which they gain the skills necessary to secure high skill jobs with benefits⁴.**

¹ <http://www.twincitiesrise.org/new-page/>

² <http://www.ywcaofstpaul.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/yww-brochure.pdf>

³ <http://www.ywcaofstpaul.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/cdl-class-b-flyer.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.ujamaaplace.org/>

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION**

S.F. No. 2323

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/06/2014	5984	Introduction and first reading Referred to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for Twin Cities Rise.
 1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; TWIN CITIES RISE.
 1.5 \$600,000 in fiscal year 2015 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department
 1.6 of Employment and Economic Development for a grant to Twin Cities Rise. This is a
 1.7 onetime appropriation that does not cancel.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to employment; appropriating money for a grant to YWCA St. Paul.
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. YWCA ST. PAUL; APPROPRIATION.

1.5 (a) \$1,334,490 in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.6 commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to YWCA St. Paul
1.7 for training and employment services.

1.8 (b) Of this amount:

1.9 (1) \$517,320 is for training and job placement assistance, including commercial
1.10 driver's license training, through the job placement and retention program; and

1.11 (2) \$817,170 is for youth intervention services through the community ambassadors
1.12 and youth employment program.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to employment; appropriating money for a grant to Ujamaa Place.
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. UJAMAA PLACE; APPROPRIATION.

1.5 \$333,000 in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.6 commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to Ujamaa Place
1.7 for implementation of paid internships through the employment and career preparation
1.8 program.