

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 4613 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **[116J.618] HOME-GROWN EVENTS ECONOMIC CATALYST**
1.4 **PROGRAM.**

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

1.7 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

1.8 (c) "Eligible event" means a public event with an athletic or recreational focus that:

1.9 (1) was founded in Minnesota;

1.10 (2) occurs at least annually; and

1.11 (3) is held in Minnesota every time it occurs.

1.12 (d) "Eligible project" means a proposal to enhance or expand an eligible event in a way
1.13 that will have a significant positive effect on the local economy beyond the effect of the
1.14 event recurring in its existing form. This may include, but is not limited to, proposals that
1.15 would:

1.16 (1) increase the size or duration of the event;

1.17 (2) bring in additional participants, either from around the state or from outside the state;

1.18 (3) enhance the participation of local businesses; or

1.19 (4) increase the impact on local economic development.

1.20 (e) "Home-grown events economic catalyst program" or "program" means the competitive
1.21 grant program created in this section.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner must establish a competitive grant program
2.2 to fund eligible projects that will maximize the positive effect of home-grown events on
2.3 local economic development.

2.4 Subd. 3. **Grant process.** (a) The commissioner must award grants to applicants through
2.5 a competitive grant process using forms designed by the commissioner.

2.6 (b) All reporting requirements for grant recipients must be outlined in plain language in
2.7 both the request for proposal and the grant contract.

2.8 (c) The commissioner must provide applicants with technical assistance with
2.9 understanding application procedures and program guidelines, so that the program is
2.10 accessible to even very small organizations without prior state grant experience.

2.11 (d) The commissioner must make efforts to ensure that grants are awarded in a manner
2.12 that achieves geographic diversity, demographic diversity, and access for organizations that
2.13 have not previously received state grants.

2.14 Subd. 4. **Award criteria.** The commissioner must develop criteria for evaluating
2.15 applications and awarding grants. The commissioner's scoring criteria must evaluate each
2.16 application's potential for successfully:

2.17 (1) having a significant positive effect on the local economy beyond the effect of the
2.18 event recurring in its existing form;

2.19 (2) enhancing athletics or recreation in Minnesota;

2.20 (3) better connecting local businesses with the community and civic life; and

2.21 (4) improving the long-term viability of the event and its positive impact on the local
2.22 community and economy.

2.23 Subd. 5. **Performance metrics.** The commissioner must establish performance metrics
2.24 for grants that capture the economic effect of grant funds.

2.25 Subd. 6. **Reporting.** By January 15 of every year that follows a year when the program
2.26 received state funding, beginning in 2028, the commissioner must submit a report to the
2.27 chairs and minority leads of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over economic
2.28 development on program outcomes and the performance metrics under subdivision 5 of
2.29 individual grant projects.

3.1 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

3.2 \$..... in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
3.3 employment and economic development for the home-grown events economic catalyst
3.4 program under section 116J.618."

3.5 Delete the title and insert:

3.6 "A bill for an act
3.7 relating to economic development; creating the home-grown events economic
3.8 catalyst program; requiring reports; appropriating money; proposing coding for
3.9 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J."