

Policy Purview

The specific policy purview of the Economic Development committee is not set by rule, but rather is governed by the decisions of House leadership. This document describes some of the main areas of policy in statute that have traditionally been considered under the purview of the Economic Development committee.

Sections of Statute under Purview of Economic Development Committee

- **Chapter 116J – Department of Employment and Economic Development**
 - Establishes the Department of Employment and Economic Development and lays out the specifics of a wide variety of economic development, business assistance and licensing, and trade promotion programs under its control
- **Chapter 116M – Emerging Entrepreneur Program**
 - Covers the Minnesota Emerging Entrepreneur Board and Program, which funds loans to small businesses led by people from targeted groups
- **Chapter 116U – Explore Minnesota Tourism**
 - Deals with Explore Minnesota Tourism as well as the film subsidy programs
- **Chapter 298 – Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation**
 - Creates the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, which controls a number of specialized economic development programs for the Iron Range
- **Chapter 446A – Public Facilities Authority**
 - Governs the Public Facilities Authority which runs funding programs for certain types of local infrastructure, usually dealing with water management
- **Chapter 469 – Economic Development Authorities**
 - Details a bunch of specialized economic development authorities, including the Destination Medical Center