



Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee

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G-3 Capitol – 8:15am

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Agenda

- I. *H.F. 1004 (Sexton) - Minnesota Helmets to Hardhats program appropriation*
 - a. Stephan Stangle, United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Veteran
 - b. Justin Rost, Helmet to Hardhats Executive Director, Veteran
- II. *H.F. 1439 (Bakeberg) – Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation grant funding provided for Carts to Careers*
 - a. Steve Barthel, MGA, Director of Government Relations
 - b. Kendra Nathe, via zoom; Teal's Market, Assistant Manager/Grocery Manager
 - c. Andrew Akhaphong, Mackenthun's Fine Foods, Registered Dietitian
- III. *H.F. 498 (Agbaje) - Urban League Twin Cities grant funding provided*
 - a. Joi Jones, Urban League Twin Cities
 - b. Willie Williams, Urban League participant
- IV. *H.F. 1326 (Wolgamott) - Centers for independent living grants funding provided*
 - a. Jesse Bethke Gomez, Director, Metropolitan Center for Independent Living
 - b. Cpl. Jon Schneider, Veteran and Former Client, Access North Center for Independent Living Center
 - c. Carol LaFleur, Former Client, Metropolitan Independent Living Center

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