

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 3732 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "ARTICLE 1

1.4 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.435, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.6 to read:

1.7 Subd. 8. **Development restrictions expiration.** If, within ten years from the date of the  
1.8 grant award under this section, the eligible project for which the public infrastructure was  
1.9 intended has not been developed, the public infrastructure may thereafter be used to support  
1.10 any other lawful project. The city or county must notify the commissioner of the alternative  
1.11 project.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.362, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.13 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) The commissioner shall make grants to eligible  
1.14 organizations for programs to provide education and training services to targeted youth,  
1.15 which may include support services that assist targeted youth with entering and completing  
1.16 that education or training. The purpose of these programs is to provide specialized training  
1.17 and work experience for targeted youth who have not been served effectively by the current  
1.18 educational system. The programs are to include a work experience component with work  
1.19 projects that result in the rehabilitation, improvement, or construction of (1) residential units  
1.20 for the homeless; (2) improvements to the energy efficiency and environmental health of  
1.21 residential units and other green jobs purposes; (3) facilities to support community garden  
1.22 projects; or (4) education, social service, or health facilities which are owned by a public  
1.23 agency or a private nonprofit organization.

2.1 (b) Eligible facilities must principally provide services to homeless or low income  
2.2 individuals and families, and include the following:

2.3 (1) Head Start or day care centers, including playhouses or similar incidental structures;

2.4 (2) homeless, battered women, or other shelters;

2.5 (3) transitional housing and tiny houses;

2.6 (4) youth or senior citizen centers;

2.7 (5) community health centers; and

2.8 (6) community garden facilities.

2.9 (c) Two or more eligible organizations may jointly apply for a grant. The commissioner  
2.10 shall administer the grant program.

2.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.364, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.12 Subdivision 1. **Program purpose.** The grants awarded under section 116L.362 are for  
2.13 a youth employment and training program directed at targeted youth who are likely to be  
2.14 at risk of not completing their high school education. Each program must include education,  
2.15 work experience, job skills, and leadership training and peer support components and may  
2.16 include support services that assist targeted youth with entering and completing their  
2.17 education and training. Each participant must be offered counseling and other services to  
2.18 identify and overcome problems that might interfere with successfully completing the  
2.19 program.

2.20 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.561, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.21 Subd. 6. **Allowable cost categories.** Of the total allocation, up to 15 percent may be  
2.22 used for administrative purposes and the remainder may be used for a combination of training  
2.23 and participant support activities, which may include support services that assist youth with  
2.24 entering and completing their training.

2.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 116L.562, subdivision 1, is amended  
2.26 to read:

2.27 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall award grants to eligible  
2.28 organizations for the purpose of providing workforce development and training opportunities  
2.29 or preemployment services and mentorship opportunities to economically disadvantaged

3.1 or at-risk youth ages 14 to 24, which may include support services that assist youth with  
3.2 entering and completing such training and services.

3.3 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.665, is amended by adding a subdivision  
3.4 to read:

3.5 Subd. 9. Report to legislature. (a) The board must convene a subcommittee of its  
3.6 members, plus four members specially appointed by the governor, to review applications  
3.7 from nonprofit organizations and recommend to the legislature which applicants should  
3.8 receive appropriations from the workforce development fund. This subcommittee must  
3.9 consist of:

3.10 (1) four members who are legislators;

3.11 (2) three members who represent businesses;

3.12 (3) two members who represent labor organizations;

3.13 (4) one worker representative who is not a representative of a labor organization, specially  
3.14 appointed by the governor; and

3.15 (5) three members, specially appointed by the governor, who represent community  
3.16 organizations and have experience with workforce development, including lived experience.

3.17 (b) The subcommittee must, in alignment with Minnesota's current Workforce Innovation  
3.18 and Opportunity Act combined state plan, identify workforce needs that are not likely to  
3.19 be met by market forces.

3.20 (c) The subcommittee must conduct outreach to make nonprofit organizations that  
3.21 provide workforce development services aware of the opportunity to apply to receive the  
3.22 board's recommendation for a legislative appropriation.

3.23 (d) In reviewing applications, the subcommittee must consider, at a minimum:

3.24 (1) the applicant's ability to meet the requirements of chapter 16B;

3.25 (2) the applicant's ability to meet workforce development needs identified in paragraph  
3.26 (b);

3.27 (3) past state funding received by the applicant;

3.28 (4) the applicant's number of employees and executive compensation details;

3.29 (5) the applicant's past record of success at providing workforce development services;  
3.30 and

4.1 (6) the proposal's eligibility for existing competitive grant programs.

4.2 (e) After conducting this review, the subcommittee must submit a report to the board  
4.3 that contains recommendations to the legislature for which applicants should receive  
4.4 appropriations from the workforce development fund, along with the recommended amount  
4.5 and purpose of each appropriation. These recommendations should be grouped by the type  
4.6 of workforce development services that would be funded. The total amount of appropriations  
4.7 recommended may not exceed \$10,000,000.

4.8 (f) The board must consider the subcommittee's report under paragraph (d) and vote to  
4.9 either approve it or return it to the subcommittee for further consideration.

4.10 (g) By February 1 of every odd-numbered year, beginning in February 1, 2027, the board  
4.11 must submit an approved version of the report under paragraph (d) to the chairs and ranking  
4.12 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over workforce  
4.13 development.

4.14 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 116L.90, subdivision 3, is amended  
4.15 to read:

4.16 Subd. 3. **Grants to organizations.** (a) Grant money awarded to eligible organizations  
4.17 may be used for ~~both~~:

4.18 (1) developing a training program relevant to the legal cannabis industry ~~and for~~;

4.19 (2) providing such training to individuals; and

4.20 (3) support services for individuals enrolled in such training.

4.21 (b) The commissioner must award grants to eligible organizations through a competitive  
4.22 grant process.

4.23 (c) To receive grant money, an eligible organization must submit a written application  
4.24 to the commissioner, using a form developed by the commissioner, explaining the  
4.25 organization's ability to train individuals for successful careers in the legal cannabis industry,  
4.26 particularly individuals facing barriers to education or employment.

4.27 (d) An eligible organization's grant application must also include:

4.28 (1) a description of the proposed training;

4.29 (2) an analysis of the degree of demand in the legal cannabis industry for the skills gained  
4.30 through the proposed training;

5.1 (3) any evidence of the organization's past success in training individuals for successful  
5.2 careers, particularly in new or emerging industries;

5.3 (4) an estimate of the cost of providing the proposed training;

5.4 (5) the sources and amounts of any nonstate funds or in-kind contributions that will  
5.5 supplement grant money, including any amounts that individuals will be charged to  
5.6 participate in the training; and

5.7 (6) any additional information requested by the commissioner.

5.8 (e) In awarding grants under this subdivision, the commissioner shall give weight to  
5.9 applications from organizations that demonstrate a history of successful career training,  
5.10 particularly for individuals facing barriers to education or employment. The commissioner  
5.11 shall also give weight to applications where the proposed training will:

5.12 (1) result in an industry-relevant credential; or

5.13 (2) include opportunities for hands-on or on-site experience in the industry.

5.14 The commissioner shall fund training for a broad range of careers in the legal cannabis  
5.15 industry, including both potential business owners and employees and for work in the  
5.16 growing, processing, and retail sectors of the legal cannabis industry.

5.17 **Sec. 8. [116L.92] HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

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

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

5.21 (c) "Eligible applicant" means a unit of local government, a nonprofit organization, or  
5.22 an educational institution.

5.23 (d) "Health care workforce grant program" or "program" means the competitive grant  
5.24 program created in this section.

5.25 **Subd. 2. Establishment.** The commissioner must establish a competitive grant program  
5.26 to address workforce shortages in the health care sector that are unlikely to be solved by  
5.27 normal market forces.

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

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

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

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

6.7 Subd. 4. **Award criteria.** The commissioner must develop criteria for evaluating  
6.8 applications and awarding grants. The commissioner's scoring criteria must evaluate each  
6.9 application's potential for successfully addressing workforce shortages in the health care  
6.10 sector that are unlikely to be solved by normal market forces.

6.11 Subd. 5. **Performance metrics.** The commissioner must establish performance metrics  
6.12 for grants that capture the effect of grant funds on workforce shortages in the health care  
6.13 sector.

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

6.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 116L.98, subdivision 3, is amended  
6.20 to read:

6.21 Subd. 3. **Uniform outcome report card; reporting by commissioner.** (a) By December  
6.22 31 each even-numbered year, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking  
6.23 minority members of the committees of the house of representatives and the senate having  
6.24 jurisdiction over economic development and workforce policy and finance the following  
6.25 information separately for the previous two fiscal or calendar ~~year~~ years, for each program  
6.26 subject to the requirements of subdivision 1:

6.27 (1) the total number of participants enrolled;

6.28 (2) the median pre-enrollment wages based on participant wages for the second through  
6.29 the fifth calendar quarters immediately preceding the quarter of enrollment excluding those  
6.30 with zero income;

6.31 (3) the total number of participants with zero income in the second through fifth calendar  
6.32 quarters immediately preceding the quarter of enrollment;

- 7.1 (4) the total number of participants enrolled in training;
- 7.2 (5) the total number of participants enrolled in training by occupational group;
- 7.3 (6) the total number of participants that exited the program and the average enrollment  
7.4 duration of participants that have exited the program during the year;
- 7.5 (7) the total number of exited participants who completed training;
- 7.6 (8) the total number of exited participants who attained a credential;
- 7.7 (9) the total number of participants employed during three consecutive quarters  
7.8 immediately following the quarter of exit, by industry;
- 7.9 (10) the median wages of participants employed during three consecutive quarters  
7.10 immediately following the quarter of exit;
- 7.11 (11) the total number of participants employed during eight consecutive quarters  
7.12 immediately following the quarter of exit, by industry;
- 7.13 (12) the median wages of participants employed during eight consecutive quarters  
7.14 immediately following the quarter of exit;
- 7.15 (13) the total cost of the program;
- 7.16 (14) the total cost of the program per participant;
- 7.17 (15) the cost per credential received by a participant; and
- 7.18 (16) the administrative cost of the program.
- 7.19 (b) In addition to meeting any reporting requirements included in the grant agreement,  
7.20 each program grant recipient and any individually specified grantee named in an appropriation  
7.21 to be administered by or through the commissioner is subject to this section and must provide  
7.22 the following information to the commissioner:
- 7.23 (1) a summary of the purpose of the grant;
- 7.24 (2) the amount of the grant awarded to the grantee;
- 7.25 (3) the amount of previous grants issued by or through the commissioner of employment  
7.26 and economic development to the grantee for the previous four years;
- 7.27 (4) to the extent that participant geographic data is available, if a grantee uses grant  
7.28 money to provide services to persons who reside outside of Minnesota, the grantee must  
7.29 list the states where non-Minnesotan participants reside and an explanation of why grant  
7.30 money was used to provide services to non-Minnesota residents; and

8.1 (5) the organization's charitable giving ratio if available on the grantee's Internal Revenue  
8.2 Service Form 990.

8.3 The commissioner must provide the information required in this paragraph for each grantee  
8.4 separately in the report required under paragraph (a). A grantee must provide updated  
8.5 information required to complete the report under paragraph (a) to the commissioner ~~annually~~  
8.6 by the October 1 immediately preceding the due date of the commissioner's report, until  
8.7 October 1 in the year when all of the grant funds have been spent or canceled.

8.8 (c) The report to the legislature must contain participant information by education level,  
8.9 race and ethnicity, gender, and geography, and a comparison of exited participants who  
8.10 completed training and those who did not.

8.11 (d) The requirements of this section apply to programs administered directly by the  
8.12 commissioner or administered by other organizations under a grant made by the department.

8.13 (e) As a condition of receiving a grant from the department, a grantee must agree to  
8.14 provide the commissioner any information necessary to complete the report required by  
8.15 this section.

8.16 **Sec. 10. [116L.981] PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY PROGRAM.**

8.17 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have  
8.18 the meanings given.

8.19 (b) "Barriers to employment" means life circumstances that make finding and maintaining  
8.20 employment more difficult. This includes, but is not limited to:

8.21 (1) being economically disadvantaged;

8.22 (2) being from a low-income community;

8.23 (3) having limited English proficiency;

8.24 (4) involvement with the justice system;

8.25 (5) having a disability;

8.26 (6) having a substance use disorder;

8.27 (7) receiving public assistance;

8.28 (8) being homeless, having a history of homelessness, or being housing insecure;

8.29 (9) being the single parent of a minor child; or

8.30 (10) having a basic skills deficiency.

9.1 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

9.2 (d) "Pathways to prosperity program" or "program" means the competitive grant program  
9.3 created in this section.

9.4 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The Pathways to Prosperity program is established to assist  
9.5 adults facing barriers to employment with preparing for and finding employment which can  
9.6 lead to a family-sustaining career. The commissioner must award competitive grants to  
9.7 eligible organizations to accomplish this purpose.

9.8 Subd. 3. **Eligible services.** To be eligible for a pathways to prosperity grant, an applicant  
9.9 must propose a plan to provide one or more of the following services:

9.10 (1) individualized counseling to achieve personalized education and career goals;

9.11 (2) education, training, and other services, including English language learning, adult  
9.12 basic education, and GED preparation, tailored to the individual student in a manner that  
9.13 lowers barriers to completion and accelerates career advancement to the greatest extent  
9.14 practicable;

9.15 (3) training that results in a relevant academic award, certificate, or industry-recognized  
9.16 credential that helps the individual enter or advance in a specific occupation or occupational  
9.17 cluster;

9.18 (4) targeted placement and job search assistance; or

9.19 (5) wraparound support services to assist individuals with entering and completing a  
9.20 training program, including, but not limited to, assistance with housing, transportation, child  
9.21 care, adult basic education, and English as a second language services.

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

9.25 (1) providing one or more services listed under subdivision 3;

9.26 (2) working with populations facing significant barriers to employment;

9.27 (3) preparing participants for long-term employment opportunities with family-sustaining  
9.28 wages;

9.29 (4) aligning with the demands of the labor market of the community where the  
9.30 organization operates;

9.31 (5) leveraging nonstate funds in any amount, either in cash or in-kind; and

10.1 (6) either continuing a history of achieving positive outcomes or pursuing a novel but  
10.2 evidence-informed approach for achieving positive outcomes.

10.3 Subd. 5. **Grant process.** (a) The commissioner must award grants to applicants through  
10.4 a competitive grant process using forms designed by the commissioner.

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

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

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

10.13 Subd. 6. **Performance metrics.** Reporting and performance outcomes for the program  
10.14 must comply with the requirements under section 116L.98.

10.15 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.99, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

10.16 Subd. 3. **Use of funds.** (a) Grant funds awarded under this section may be used for:

10.17 (1) recruitment, preparation, placement, and retention of women, including women of  
10.18 color, low-income women and women over 50 years old, in registered apprenticeships,  
10.19 postsecondary education programs, on-the-job training, and permanent employment in  
10.20 high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional occupations;

10.21 (2) secondary or postsecondary education or other training to prepare women to succeed  
10.22 in high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional occupations. Activities under this clause may  
10.23 be conducted by the grantee or in collaboration with another institution, including but not  
10.24 limited to a public or private secondary or postsecondary school;

10.25 (3) innovative, hands-on, best practices that stimulate interest in high-wage, high-demand,  
10.26 nontraditional occupations among girls, increase awareness among girls about opportunities  
10.27 in high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional occupations, or increase access to secondary  
10.28 programming leading to jobs in high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional occupations. Best  
10.29 practices include but are not limited to mentoring, internships, or apprenticeships for girls  
10.30 in high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional occupations;

11.1 (4) training and other staff development for job seeker counselors and Minnesota family  
11.2 investment program (MFIP) caseworkers on opportunities in high-wage, high-demand,  
11.3 nontraditional occupations;

11.4 (5) incentives for employers and sponsors of registered apprenticeship programs to retain  
11.5 women in high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional occupations for more than one year;

11.6 (6) training and technical assistance for employers to create a safe and healthy workplace  
11.7 environment designed to retain and advance women, including best practices for addressing  
11.8 sexual harassment, and to overcome gender inequity among employers and registered  
11.9 apprenticeship programs;

11.10 (7) public education and outreach activities to overcome stereotypes about women in  
11.11 high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional occupations, including the development of  
11.12 educational and marketing materials;

11.13 (8) ~~services to support~~ services for women in high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional  
11.14 occupations, or training for such occupations, including but not limited to assistance with  
11.15 balancing work responsibilities; skills training and education; family caregiving; financial  
11.16 assistance for child care, transportation, and safe and stable housing; workplace issues  
11.17 resolution; and access to advocacy assistance and services; and

11.18 (9) recruitment, participation, and support of girls of color in approved training programs  
11.19 or a valid apprenticeship program subject to section 181A.07, subdivision 7.

11.20 (b) Grant applications must include detailed information about how the applicant plans  
11.21 to:

11.22 (1) increase women's participation in high-wage, high-demand occupations in which  
11.23 women are currently underrepresented in the workforce;

11.24 (2) comply with the requirements under subdivision 3;

11.25 (3) use grant funds in conjunction with funding from other public or private sources;  
11.26 and

11.27 (4) collaborate with existing, successful programs for training, education, recruitment,  
11.28 preparation, placement, and retention of women of color in high-wage, high-demand,  
11.29 nontraditional occupations and STEM occupations.

11.30 (c) In awarding grants under this subdivision, the commissioner shall give priority to  
11.31 eligible organizations:

12.1 (1) with demonstrated success in recruiting and preparing women, especially low-income  
 12.2 women, women of color, and women over 50 years old, for high-wage, high-demand,  
 12.3 nontraditional occupations; and

12.4 (2) that leverage additional public and private resources.

12.5 (d) At least 50 percent of total grant funds must be awarded to programs providing  
 12.6 services and activities targeted to low-income women and women of color.

12.7 (e) The commissioner of employment and economic development in conjunction with  
 12.8 the commissioner of labor and industry shall monitor the use of funds under this section,  
 12.9 collect and compile information on the activities of other state agencies and public or private  
 12.10 entities that have purposes similar to those under this section, and identify other public and  
 12.11 private funding available for these purposes.

12.12 (f) By January 15, 2019, and each January 15 thereafter, the commissioner must submit  
 12.13 a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the house of  
 12.14 representatives and the senate having jurisdiction over workforce development that details  
 12.15 the use of grant funds. If data is available, the report must contain data that is disaggregated  
 12.16 by race, cultural groups, family income, age, geographical location, migrant or foreign  
 12.17 immigrant status, primary language, whether the participant is an English learner under  
 12.18 section 124D.59, disability, and status of homelessness.

12.19 **Sec. 12. IRON ORE MINING ADDITIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**  
 12.20 **PROGRAM.**

12.21 Subdivision 1. Availability of additional benefits. Additional unemployment benefits  
 12.22 are available from the Minnesota unemployment insurance trust fund to an applicant who  
 12.23 was laid off due to lack of work on or after November 1, 2025, and before March 15, 2026,  
 12.24 from:

12.25 (1) an employer in the iron ore mining industry that laid off 40 percent or more of the  
 12.26 employer's workforce on or after March 15, 2025, and before June 16, 2025; or

12.27 (2) an employer that is in the explosive manufacturing industry and providing goods or  
 12.28 services to an employer in the iron ore mining industry, if the applicant was laid off due to  
 12.29 the cessation or substantial reduction in operations of an employer in the iron ore mining  
 12.30 industry as described in clause (1).

12.31 Subd. 2. Eligibility requirements. An applicant is eligible to receive additional  
 12.32 unemployment benefits under this section for any week through the week ending March  
 12.33 20, 2027, if:

13.1 (1) the applicant established a benefit account under Minnesota Statutes, section 268.07,  
13.2 with 50 percent or greater of the wage credits from an employer as described in subdivision  
13.3 1, and has exhausted the maximum amount of regular unemployment benefits available on  
13.4 that benefit account; and

13.5 (2) the applicant meets the same requirements that an applicant for regular unemployment  
13.6 benefits must meet under Minnesota Statutes, section 268.069, subdivision 1.

13.7 **Subd. 3. Weekly and maximum amount of additional unemployment benefits.** (a)  
13.8 The weekly benefit amount of additional unemployment benefits is the same as the weekly  
13.9 benefit amount of regular unemployment benefits on the benefit account established in  
13.10 subdivision 2, clause (1).

13.11 (b) The maximum amount of additional unemployment benefits available to an applicant  
13.12 under this section is an amount equal to 26 weeks of payment at the applicant's weekly  
13.13 additional unemployment benefit amount.

13.14 (c) If an applicant qualifies for a new regular benefit account that meets the requirements  
13.15 of subdivision 4, paragraph (b), before the applicant has been paid additional unemployment  
13.16 benefits, and the new regular benefit account meets the requirements of subdivision 2, clause  
13.17 (1), the applicant's weekly additional unemployment benefit amount is equal to the weekly  
13.18 unemployment benefit amount on the applicant's new regular benefit account.

13.19 **Subd. 4. Qualifying for a new regular benefit account.** (a) If, after exhausting the  
13.20 maximum amount of regular unemployment benefits available as a result of the layoff under  
13.21 subdivision 1, an applicant qualifies for the new regular benefit account under Minnesota  
13.22 Statutes, section 268.07, the applicant must apply for and establish the new regular benefit  
13.23 account.

13.24 (b) If the applicant's weekly benefit amount under the new regular benefit account is  
13.25 equal to or higher than the applicant's weekly additional unemployment benefit amount, the  
13.26 applicant must request unemployment benefits under the new regular benefit account. An  
13.27 applicant is ineligible for additional unemployment benefits under this section until the  
13.28 applicant has exhausted the maximum amount of unemployment benefits available on the  
13.29 new regular benefit account.

13.30 (c) If the applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount on the new regular benefit  
13.31 account is less than the applicant's weekly benefit amount of additional unemployment  
13.32 benefits, the applicant must request additional unemployment benefits. An applicant is  
13.33 ineligible for new regular unemployment benefits until the applicant has exhausted the  
13.34 maximum amount of additional unemployment benefits available under this section.

14.1 Subd. 5. Eligibility for federal Trade Readjustment Allowance benefits. An applicant  
14.2 who has applied and been determined eligible for federal Trade Readjustment Allowance  
14.3 benefits is not eligible for additional unemployment benefits under this section.

14.4 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively from November 1, 2025.

14.5 Sec. 13. EXTENDED EMPLOYMENT.

14.6 (a) Beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, the commissioner of employment  
14.7 and economic development must waive enforcement of Minnesota Rules, part 3300.6005,  
14.8 subpart 1, item B, for a program participant when:

14.9 (1) no provider licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245D that offers employment  
14.10 supports is available to serve the participant; or

14.11 (2) waitlists of existing providers licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245D result  
14.12 in the inability to access services and the delay could reasonably result in disruption of  
14.13 services for the participant, potentially jeopardizing the participant's ability to maintain  
14.14 employment.

14.15 Nonwaivered participants must be prioritized without being waitlisted for the extended  
14.16 employment program.

14.17 (b) To qualify for a waiver under paragraph (a), the program provider must submit a  
14.18 form, developed by the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of human  
14.19 services and providers, that:

14.20 (1) demonstrates or attests to the participant's qualifying circumstances under paragraph  
14.21 (a); and

14.22 (2) documents that the individual is receiving separate services from the waiver program  
14.23 and the extended employment program and that no services are billed or reimbursed by  
14.24 more than one program.

14.25 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
14.26 expires July 1, 2028.

14.27 Sec. 14. RURAL CANCER INSTITUTE PILOT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
14.28 MODIFICATION.

14.29 (a) The appropriation for the Rural Cancer Institute pilot program in Laws 2025, First  
14.30 Special Session chapter 6, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (bbb), must prioritize  
14.31 Minnesota clinicians and students. The Rural Cancer Institute may work with clinicians and

15.1 students from elsewhere in the United States if the clinician or student receives the  
15.2 recommendation of a practicing Minnesota oncologist and all care is provided in Minnesota.

15.3 (b) The appropriations in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for the Rural Cancer Institute pilot  
15.4 program in Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 6, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3,  
15.5 paragraph (bbb), are available until June 30, 2028.

15.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

15.7 Sec. 15. **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT; APPROPRIATION.**

15.8 \$400,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
15.9 of employment and economic development for the establishment and operation of a  
15.10 centralized Office of Community Investment overseen by a director appointed by the  
15.11 commissioner. This director will be responsible for overseeing all grant processes at the  
15.12 Department of Employment and Economic Development, including coordinating across  
15.13 the agency to provide strategic direction for grant-making, orienting program design around  
15.14 achieving specific goals with documentable outcomes, ensuring compliance with all state  
15.15 and federal grant requirements, streamlining operations, increasing the accessibility and  
15.16 transparency of grant-making, maintaining best practices, and tracking grant outcomes.

15.17 Sec. 16. **APPROPRIATION.**

15.18 \$401,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the workforce development fund to  
15.19 the commissioner of employment and economic development for the subcommittee and  
15.20 report required under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.665, subdivision 9.

## 15.21 **ARTICLE 2**

### 15.22 **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY**

15.23 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.107, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

15.24 Subd. 2. **Municipal agreement for all building projects.** (a) The commissioner shall  
15.25 enter into an agreement with a municipality other than the state for plan review, inspection,  
15.26 code administration, and code enforcement on public buildings and state-licensed facilities  
15.27 in the jurisdiction if the municipality requests to provide those services and the commissioner  
15.28 determines that the municipality has enough adequately trained and qualified ~~inspectors~~  
15.29 persons to provide those services. In determining whether a municipality has enough  
15.30 adequately trained and qualified ~~inspectors~~ persons to provide the service, the commissioner  
15.31 must consider all ~~inspectors~~ code enforcement staff who are employed by the municipality,

16.1 are under contract with the municipality to provide ~~inspection~~ code enforcement services,  
16.2 or are obligated to provide ~~inspection~~ code enforcement services to the municipality under  
16.3 any other lawful agreement.

16.4 (b) The criteria used to make this determination shall be provided in writing to the  
16.5 municipality requesting an agreement.

16.6 (c) If the commissioner determines that the municipality lacks enough adequately trained  
16.7 and qualified ~~inspectors~~ persons to provide the required services, a written explanation of  
16.8 the deficiencies shall be provided to the municipality.

16.9 (d) The municipality shall be given an opportunity to remedy any deficiencies and request  
16.10 reconsideration of the commissioner's determination. A request for reconsideration must  
16.11 be in writing and accompanied by substantiating documentation. A request for reconsideration  
16.12 must be received by the commissioner within 90 days of the determination explanation.  
16.13 The commissioner shall review the information and issue a final determination to the  
16.14 municipality within 30 days of the request.

16.15 (e) A municipality aggrieved by a final decision of the commissioner to not enter into  
16.16 an agreement may appeal to be heard as a contested case in accordance with chapter 14.

16.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.32, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

16.18 Subd. 2. **Powers; duties; administrative support.** (a) The board shall have the power  
16.19 to:

16.20 (1) elect its chair, vice-chair, and secretary;

16.21 (2) adopt bylaws that specify the duties of its officers, the meeting dates of the board,  
16.22 and containing other provisions as may be useful and necessary for the efficient conduct of  
16.23 the business of the board;

16.24 (3) adopt the Minnesota Electrical Code, which must be the most current edition of the  
16.25 National Electrical Code and any amendments thereto. The board shall adopt the most  
16.26 current edition of the National Electrical Code and any amendments thereto pursuant to  
16.27 chapter 14 and as provided in subdivision 6, paragraphs (b) and (c);

16.28 (4) review requests for final interpretations and issue final interpretations as provided  
16.29 in section 326B.127, subdivision 5;

16.30 (5) adopt rules that regulate the licensure or registration of electrical businesses, electrical  
16.31 contractors, master electricians, journeyworker electricians, ~~Class A installer~~, Class B  
16.32 installer, power limited technicians, and other persons who perform electrical work except

17.1 for those individuals licensed under section 326.02, subdivisions 2 and 3. The board shall  
17.2 adopt these rules pursuant to chapter 14 and as provided in subdivision 6, paragraphs (d)  
17.3 and (e);

17.4 (6) adopt rules that regulate continuing education for individuals licensed or registered  
17.5 as electrical businesses, electrical contractors, master electricians, journeyworker electricians,  
17.6 ~~Class A installer~~, Class B installer, power limited technicians, and other persons who perform  
17.7 electrical work. The board shall adopt these rules pursuant to chapter 14 and as provided  
17.8 in subdivision 6, paragraphs (d) and (e);

17.9 (7) advise the commissioner regarding educational requirements for electrical inspectors;

17.10 (8) refer complaints or other communications to the commissioner, whether oral or in  
17.11 writing, as provided in subdivision 8, that allege or imply a violation of a statute, rule, or  
17.12 order that the commissioner has the authority to enforce pertaining to code compliance,  
17.13 licensure, registration, or an offering to perform or performance of unlicensed electrical  
17.14 services;

17.15 (9) approve per diem and expenses deemed necessary for its members as provided in  
17.16 subdivision 3;

17.17 (10) approve license reciprocity agreements;

17.18 (11) select from its members individuals to serve on any other state advisory council,  
17.19 board, or committee; and

17.20 (12) recommend the fees for licenses and certifications.

17.21 Except for the powers granted to the Plumbing Board, Board of Electricity, and the  
17.22 Board of High Pressure Piping Systems, the commissioner of labor and industry shall  
17.23 administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and any rules promulgated pursuant  
17.24 thereto.

17.25 (b) The board shall comply with section 15.0597, subdivisions 2 and 4.

17.26 (c) The commissioner shall coordinate the board's rulemaking and recommendations  
17.27 with the recommendations and rulemaking conducted by all of the other boards created  
17.28 pursuant to this chapter. The commissioner shall provide staff support to the board. The  
17.29 support includes professional, legal, technical, and clerical staff necessary to perform  
17.30 rulemaking and other duties assigned to the board. The commissioner of labor and industry  
17.31 shall supply necessary office space and supplies to assist the board in its duties.

18.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.33, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

18.2 Subd. 4. **Class B installer.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2, and 14,  
18.3 any individual holding a Class B installer license may lay out and install electrical wiring,  
18.4 apparatus and equipment on center pivot irrigation booms on the load side of the main  
18.5 service on farmsteads, and install such other electrical equipment as is approved by the  
18.6 commissioner. As of December 1, 2027, no new Class B installer licenses shall be issued.  
18.7 An individual who holds a Class B installer license as of December 1, 2027, may retain and  
18.8 renew the license and exercise the privileges the license grants.

18.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.33, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

18.10 Subd. 19. **License, registration, and renewal fees; expiration.** (a) Unless revoked or  
18.11 suspended under this chapter, all licenses issued or renewed under this section expire on  
18.12 the date specified in this subdivision. Master licenses expire March 1 of each odd-numbered  
18.13 year after issuance or renewal. Electrical contractor licenses expire March 1 of each  
18.14 even-numbered year after issuance or renewal. Technology system contractor and satellite  
18.15 system contractor licenses expire August 1 of each even-numbered year after issuance or  
18.16 renewal. All other personal licenses expire two years from the date of original issuance and  
18.17 every two years thereafter. Registrations of unlicensed individuals expire one year from the  
18.18 date of original issuance and every year thereafter.

18.19 (b) For purposes of calculating license fees and renewal license fees required under  
18.20 section 326B.092:

18.21 (1) the registration of an unlicensed individual under subdivision 12 shall be considered  
18.22 an entry level license;

18.23 (2) the following licenses shall be considered journeyworker licenses: Class A  
18.24 journeyworker electrician, Class B journeyworker electrician, ~~Class A installer~~, Class B  
18.25 installer, lineman, maintenance electrician, satellite system installer, and power limited  
18.26 technician;

18.27 (3) the following licenses shall be considered master licenses: Class A master electrician  
18.28 and Class B master electrician; and

18.29 (4) the following licenses shall be considered business licenses: Class A electrical  
18.30 contractor, Class B electrical contractor, satellite system contractor, and technology systems  
18.31 contractor.

18.32 (c) For each filing of a certificate of responsible person by an employer, the fee is \$100.

19.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.36, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

19.2 Subd. 3. ~~**Licenses; bond.** All inspectors shall hold licenses as master or journeyworker~~  
19.3 ~~electricians under this chapter. All inspectors under contract with the department to provide~~  
19.4 ~~electrical inspection services shall give bond in the amount of \$1,000, conditioned upon the~~  
19.5 ~~faithful performance of their duties.~~

19.6 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 326B.37, subdivision 5, is amended  
19.7 to read:

19.8 Subd. 5. **Inspection fee for dwelling.** (a) The inspection fee for a one-family dwelling  
19.9 and each dwelling unit of a two-family dwelling is the following:

19.10 (1) the fee for each service or other source of power as provided in subdivision 3;

19.11 (2) \$165 for up to 30 feeders and circuits; and

19.12 (3) for each additional feeder or circuit, the fee as provided in subdivision 4.

19.13 This fee applies to each separate installation for new dwellings and where ~~15~~ 14 or more  
19.14 feeders or circuits are installed or extended in connection with any addition, alteration, or  
19.15 repair to existing dwellings. Where existing feeders and circuits are reconnected to  
19.16 overcurrent devices installed as part of the replacement of an existing panelboard, the fee  
19.17 for each reconnected feeder or circuit is \$2. The maximum number of separate inspections  
19.18 shall be determined in accordance with subdivision 2. The fee for additional inspections or  
19.19 other installations is that specified in subdivisions 2, 4, 6, and 8. The installer may submit  
19.20 fees for additional inspections when filing the request for electrical inspection. The fee for  
19.21 each detached accessory structure directly associated with a dwelling unit shall be calculated  
19.22 in accordance with subdivisions 3 and 4. When included on the same request for electrical  
19.23 inspection form, inspection fees for detached accessory structures directly associated with  
19.24 the dwelling unit may be combined with the dwelling unit fees to determine the maximum  
19.25 number of separate inspections in accordance with subdivision 2.

19.26 (b) The inspection fee for each dwelling unit of a multifamily dwelling with three or  
19.27 more dwelling units is \$110 for a combination of up to 20 feeders and circuits and \$12 for  
19.28 each additional feeder or circuit. This fee applies to each separate installation for each new  
19.29 dwelling unit and where ten or more feeders or circuits are installed or extended in connection  
19.30 with any addition, alteration, or repair to existing dwelling units. Where existing feeders or  
19.31 circuits are reconnected to overcurrent devices installed as part of the replacement of an  
19.32 existing panelboard, the fee for each reconnected feeder or circuit is \$2. The maximum  
19.33 number of separate inspections for each dwelling unit shall be determined in accordance

20.1 with subdivision 2. The fee for additional inspections or for inspection of other installations  
20.2 is that specified in subdivisions 2, 4, 6, and 8. These fees include only inspection of the  
20.3 wiring within individual dwelling units and the final feeder to that unit where the multifamily  
20.4 dwelling is provided with common service equipment and each dwelling unit is supplied  
20.5 by a separate feeder or feeders extended from common service or distribution equipment.  
20.6 The fee for multifamily dwelling services or other power source supplies and all other  
20.7 circuits is that specified in subdivisions 2 to 4.

20.8 (c) A separate request for electrical inspection form must be filed for each dwelling unit  
20.9 that is supplied with an individual set of service entrance conductors. These fees are the  
20.10 one-family dwelling rate specified in paragraph (a).

20.11 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 326B.37, subdivision 6, is amended  
20.12 to read:

20.13 Subd. 6. **Additions to fees of subdivisions 3 to 5.** (a) The fee for the electrical supply  
20.14 for each manufactured home park lot is \$35. This fee includes the service or feeder conductors  
20.15 up to and including the service equipment or disconnecting means. The fee for feeders and  
20.16 circuits that extend from the service or disconnecting means is that specified in subdivision  
20.17 4.

20.18 (b) The fee for each recreational vehicle site electrical supply equipment is \$12 for each  
20.19 circuit originating within the equipment. The fee for recreational vehicle park services,  
20.20 feeders, and circuits is that specified in subdivisions 3 and 4.

20.21 (c) The fee for each street, parking lot, or outdoor area lighting standard and each traffic  
20.22 signal standard is \$5. Circuits originating within the standard or traffic signal controller  
20.23 shall not be used when calculating the fee for each standard.

20.24 (d) The fee for transformers for light, heat, and power is \$15 for transformers rated up  
20.25 to ten kilovolt-amperes and \$30 for transformers rated in excess of ten kilovolt-amperes.  
20.26 The previous sentence does not apply to Class 1 transformers or power supplies for Class  
20.27 1 power-limited circuits or to Class 2 or Class 3 transformers or power supplies.

20.28 (e) The fee for transformers and electronic power supplies for electric signs and outline  
20.29 lighting is \$5 per unit.

20.30 (f) The fee for technology circuits or systems, and circuits of less than 50 volts, is 75  
20.31 cents for each system device or apparatus.

20.32 (g) The fee for each separate inspection of the bonding for a swimming pool, spa,  
20.33 fountain, an equipotential plane for an agricultural confinement area, or similar installation

21.1 is ~~\$35~~ \$55. Bonding conductors and connections require an inspection before being  
21.2 concealed.

21.3 (h) The fee for all wiring installed on center pivot irrigation booms is \$35 plus \$5 for  
21.4 each electrical drive unit.

21.5 (i) The fee for retrofit modifications to existing lighting fixtures is 25 cents per luminaire.

21.6 (j) When a separate inspection of a concrete-encased grounding electrode is performed,  
21.7 the fee is \$55.

21.8 (k) The fees required by subdivisions 3 and 4 are doubled for installations over 600  
21.9 volts.

21.10 (l) The fee for a class 4 circuit or system transmitter, receiver, or utilization equipment  
21.11 is \$0.50 for each system device or apparatus.

21.12 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.37, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

21.13 Subd. 7. **Investigation fee: work without electrical inspection request.** (a) Whenever  
21.14 any work for which a request for electrical inspection is required has begun without the  
21.15 request for electrical inspection form being filed with the commissioner, a special  
21.16 investigation shall be made before a request for electrical inspection form is accepted.

21.17 (b) An investigation fee, in addition to the full fee required by subdivisions 1 to 6 and  
21.18 16 to 18, shall be paid before an inspection is made. The investigation fee is two times the  
21.19 minimum fee specified in subdivision 2 or the applicable inspection fee required by  
21.20 subdivisions 1 to 6 and 16 to 18, whichever is greater, not to exceed \$1,000. The payment  
21.21 of the investigation fee does not exempt any person from compliance with all other provisions  
21.22 of the department rules or statutes nor from any penalty prescribed by law.

21.23 Sec. 9. **REPEALER.**

21.24 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.33, subdivision 5, is repealed effective  
21.25 December 1, 2027.

21.26 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.33, subdivision 6, is repealed effective August  
21.27 1, 2026.

21.28 (c) Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 326B.31, subdivision 7; and 326B.33, subdivision  
21.29 3, are repealed.

22.1 **ARTICLE 3**22.2 **EXPLORE MINNESOTA**

22.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.24, is amended to read:

22.4 **116U.24 EXPLORE MINNESOTA COUNCILS.**

22.5 (a) The director shall be advised by the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council and Explore  
22.6 Minnesota for Business Council, each consisting of voting members appointed by the  
22.7 governor for four-year terms. The director of Explore Minnesota serves as the chair or  
22.8 ~~cochair~~ of each council. The director may assign employees of the office to participate in  
22.9 oversight of council operations.

22.10 (b) Each council shall act to serve the broader interests of the council's divisions by  
22.11 promoting activities and programs of the office that support, maintain, and expand the state's  
22.12 domestic and international travel and trade markets, thereby generating increased visitor  
22.13 expenditures, revenue, and employment.

22.14 (c) Filling of membership vacancies is as provided in section 15.059. The terms of  
22.15 one-half of the members shall be coterminous with the governor, and the terms of the  
22.16 remaining one-half of the members shall end on the first Monday in January one year after  
22.17 the terms of the other members. Members may serve until their successors are appointed  
22.18 and qualify. Members are not compensated. Members may only serve one four-year term.  
22.19 A member may not be reappointed.

22.20 (d) ~~The~~ Each council shall meet at least ~~four~~ two times per year and at other times  
22.21 determined by each council.

22.22 (e) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the Explore Minnesota councils  
22.23 may conduct a meeting of their members by telephone or other electronic means so long as  
22.24 the following conditions are met:

22.25 (1) all members of each council participating in the meeting, wherever their physical  
22.26 location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

22.27 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the council can hear  
22.28 clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of each council and, if needed,  
22.29 receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

22.30 (3) at least one member of each council is physically present at the regular meeting  
22.31 location; and

23.1 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
23.2 identified and recorded.

23.3 (f) Each member of each council participating in a meeting by telephone or other  
23.4 electronic means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum  
23.5 and participating in all proceedings.

23.6 (g) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, each council, to  
23.7 the extent practicable, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a  
23.8 remote location. Each council may require the person making such a connection to pay for  
23.9 documented marginal costs that each council incurs as a result of the additional connection.

23.10 (h) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
23.11 emergency meeting, the council shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the  
23.12 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and whether  
23.13 a cost will be incurred under paragraph (f). The timing and method of providing notice is  
23.14 governed by section 13D.04.

23.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.242, is amended to read:

23.16 **116U.242 EXPLORE MINNESOTA FOR BUSINESS COUNCIL.**

23.17 (a) The director shall be advised by the Explore Minnesota for Business Council  
23.18 consisting of up to 14 voting members appointed by the governor for four-year terms,  
23.19 including:

23.20 (1) the executive director of Explore Minnesota ~~and the commissioner of employment~~  
23.21 ~~and economic development, who serve as cochairs~~ who serves as chair;

23.22 (2) three representatives in marketing, human resources, or executive leadership from  
23.23 Minnesota-based companies with more than 100 employees representing Minnesota's key  
23.24 industries, including health care, technology, food and agriculture, manufacturing, retail,  
23.25 energy, and support services;

23.26 (3) two representatives from statewide or regional marketing or business association  
23.27 leadership, the Iron Range, and nonprofits focused on economic development or human  
23.28 resource management;

23.29 (4) one representative from a Minnesota college or university staff, faculty, leadership,  
23.30 student leadership, or alumni association;

24.1 (5) one member representing Minnesota's small business or start-up and entrepreneurial  
 24.2 industry who has started at least one Minnesota-based business in the last five years ~~and~~  
 24.3 ~~has at least 20 employees;~~

24.4 (6) ~~two representatives from~~ one Ojibwe and one Dakota representative appointed by  
 24.5 the Executive Board of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and Minnesota Tribal  
 24.6 leadership, including casino management;

24.7 (7) ~~two representatives~~ one representative from Minnesota's Ethnic Chambers of  
 24.8 Commerce Leadership ~~and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce;~~ and

24.9 (8) ~~one at-large representative in the field of general marketing, talent attraction, or~~  
 24.10 ~~economic development.~~ representative from the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce;

24.11 (9) one at-large representative in the field of general marketing, talent attraction, or  
 24.12 economic development; and

24.13 (10) one representative from the Department of Employment and Economic Development  
 24.14 who must be the commissioner, deputy commissioner, or an assistant commissioner.

24.15 (b) The council shall act to serve the broader interest of promoting overall livability and  
 24.16 workforce and economic opportunity in Minnesota. Members shall advise Explore Minnesota  
 24.17 for Business' marketing efforts by emphasizing and prioritizing diversity, equity, inclusion,  
 24.18 and accessibility and providing professional marketing insights.

24.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.25, is amended to read:

24.20 **116U.25 EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL.**

24.21 (a) The director shall be advised by the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council consisting  
 24.22 of up to ~~35~~ 25 voting members appointed by the governor for four-year terms, including:

24.23 (1) the director of Explore Minnesota Tourism who serves as the chair;

24.24 (2) ~~fourteen~~ four representatives of statewide tourism-related associations ~~representing~~  
 24.25 ~~bed and breakfast establishments, golf, festivals and events, counties, convention and visitor~~  
 24.26 ~~bureaus, lodging, resorts, trails, campgrounds, restaurants, craft beverage establishments,~~  
 24.27 ~~chambers of commerce, chambers of commerce for underrepresented communities, and~~  
 24.28 ~~Tribal nations;~~

24.29 (3) one representative from each of the five tourism marketing regions of the state as  
 24.30 designated by the office;

24.31 (4) ~~ten~~ one Ojibwe and one Dakota representative;

25.1 (5) eight representatives of the tourism business representing transportation, retail, travel  
25.2 agencies, tour operators, travel media, convention facilities, arts and culture, sports, outdoor  
25.3 recreation, ~~and~~ or tourism business owners from underrepresented communities;

25.4 ~~(5) (6)~~ (6) one ~~or more~~ ex officio nonvoting ~~members including at least one~~ member from  
25.5 the University of Minnesota Tourism Center;

25.6 ~~(6) (7)~~ (7) four legislators, two from each house, one each from the two largest political  
25.7 party caucuses in each house, appointed according to the rules of the respective houses; and

25.8 ~~(7) (8)~~ (8) other persons, if any, as designated from time to time by the governor.

25.9 (b) The council shall act to serve the broader interests of tourism in Minnesota by  
25.10 promoting activities that support, maintain, and expand the state's domestic and international  
25.11 travel market, thereby generating increased visitor expenditures, tax revenue, and  
25.12 employment.

25.13 ~~(e) Filling of membership vacancies is as provided in section 15.059. The terms of~~  
25.14 ~~one-half of the members shall be coterminous with the governor and the terms of the~~  
25.15 ~~remaining one-half of the members shall end on the first Monday in January one year after~~  
25.16 ~~the terms of the other members. Members may serve until their successors are appointed~~  
25.17 ~~and qualify. Members are not compensated. A member may be reappointed.~~

25.18 ~~(d) The council shall meet at least four times per year and at other times determined by~~  
25.19 ~~the council.~~

25.20 ~~(e) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the Explore Minnesota Tourism~~  
25.21 ~~Council may conduct a meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means so~~  
25.22 ~~long as the following conditions are met:~~

25.23 ~~(1) all members of the council participating in the meeting, wherever their physical~~  
25.24 ~~location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;~~

25.25 ~~(2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the council can hear~~  
25.26 ~~clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the council and, if needed,~~  
25.27 ~~receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;~~

25.28 ~~(3) at least one member of the council is physically present at the regular meeting location;~~  
25.29 ~~and~~

25.30 ~~(4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be~~  
25.31 ~~identified and recorded.~~

26.1 ~~(f) Each member of the council participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic~~  
 26.2 ~~means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and~~  
 26.3 ~~participating in all proceedings.~~

26.4 ~~(g) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the council, to~~  
 26.5 ~~the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote~~  
 26.6 ~~location. The council may require the person making such a connection to pay for~~  
 26.7 ~~documented marginal costs that the council incurs as a result of the additional connection.~~

26.8 ~~(h) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or~~  
 26.9 ~~emergency meeting, the council shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the~~  
 26.10 ~~fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of the~~  
 26.11 ~~provisions of paragraph (g). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by~~  
 26.12 ~~section 13D.04.~~

#### 26.13 ARTICLE 4

#### 26.14 NORTHERN TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE, INC.

26.15 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116T.02, is amended to read:

#### 26.16 **116T.02 CORPORATION; MEMBERS; BOARD OF DIRECTORS; POWERS.**

26.17 Subdivision 1. **Public corporation.** Northern Technology Initiative, Inc. is a public  
 26.18 corporation of the state and is not subject to the laws governing a state agency except as  
 26.19 provided in this chapter. The business of the corporation must be conducted under the name  
 26.20 "Northern Technology Initiative, Inc." or an assumed name that has been filed and published  
 26.21 as required under chapter 333.

26.22 Subd. 2. **Purpose.** Northern Technology Initiative, Inc. is a regional economic initiative  
 26.23 of Minnesota counties, townships, home rule charter or statutory cities within participating  
 26.24 counties, economic development groups, state and federal agencies, public and private  
 26.25 postsecondary institutions, and businesses. The project area includes, at a minimum, the  
 26.26 counties of ~~Carlton~~, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine, but may be expanded  
 26.27 as other contiguous counties elect to participate. The purpose of the corporation is to engage  
 26.28 in an integrated, jointly planned economic development effort with a focus on encouraging  
 26.29 growth among existing businesses and attracting ~~technology companies~~ new businesses to  
 26.30 the region served by the corporation. A home rule charter city, statutory city, county,  
 26.31 township, or other public entity participating in the initiative may budget public funds for  
 26.32 the initiative.

27.1 Subd. 3. **Board of directors.** The corporation is governed by a board of directors  
27.2 ~~consisting of,~~ the membership composition, membership terms, compensation, removal,  
27.3 and filling of vacancies of which are as provided by the bylaws adopted and amended in  
27.4 accordance with subdivision 4.

27.5 ~~(1) a member of the governing body of each participating county, appointed by the~~  
27.6 ~~governing body;~~

27.7 ~~(2) a member of the governing body of each participating home rule charter or statutory~~  
27.8 ~~city, appointed by the governing body;~~

27.9 ~~(3) the president of each participating postsecondary institution;~~

27.10 ~~(4) the commissioner of the Department of Employment and Economic Development~~  
27.11 ~~or an employee of the department designated by the commissioner; and~~

27.12 ~~(5) other members as may be provided by the bylaws adopted and amended in accordance~~  
27.13 ~~with subdivision 4.~~

27.14 ~~The membership terms, compensation, removal, and filling of vacancies of members of the~~  
27.15 ~~board are governed by the bylaws of the corporation.~~

27.16 Subd. 4. **Bylaws.** The board of directors shall adopt bylaws and publish the bylaws and  
27.17 amendments to the bylaws in the State Register. The bylaws must provide for financial and  
27.18 other contributions by participating entities to cover the operation of the corporation.

27.19 Subd. 5. **Places of business.** The board shall locate and maintain the corporation's places  
27.20 of business within ~~Carlton~~, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, or Pine County.

27.21 Subd. 6. **Meetings and actions of board.** (a) The board must meet at least twice a year  
27.22 and may hold additional meetings upon giving notice in accordance with the bylaws of the  
27.23 corporation. Except as provided in subdivision 7, board meetings are subject to chapter  
27.24 13D.

27.25 (b) A conference among directors by any means of communication through which the  
27.26 directors may simultaneously hear each other during the conference constitutes a board  
27.27 meeting if the number of directors participating in the conference is sufficient to constitute  
27.28 a quorum for the meeting. Participation in a meeting by that means constitutes presence in  
27.29 person at the meeting.

27.30 Subd. 7. **Closed meetings; recording.** The board of directors may, by a majority vote  
27.31 in a public meeting, decide to hold a closed meeting for purposes of discussing data described  
27.32 in subdivision 8 or security information, trade secret information, or labor relations

28.1 information, as defined in section 13.37, subdivision 1. The time and place of the closed  
 28.2 meeting must be announced at the public meeting. A written roll of members present at the  
 28.3 closed meeting must be made available to the public after the closed meeting. The  
 28.4 proceedings of a closed meeting must be tape recorded. The data on the tape are nonpublic  
 28.5 data or private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 9 or 12, whichever  
 28.6 is applicable.

28.7 Subd. 8. **Application and investigative data.** Financial data, statistics, and information  
 28.8 furnished to the corporation in connection with assistance or proposed assistance, including  
 28.9 credit reports; financial statements; statements of net worth; income tax returns, either  
 28.10 personal or corporate; and any other business and personal financial records, are private  
 28.11 data with regard to data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 12, or nonpublic  
 28.12 data with regard to data not on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 9.

28.13 Subd. 9. **Conflict of interest.** A director, employee, or officer of the corporation may  
 28.14 not participate in or vote on a decision of the board relating to an organization in which ~~the~~  
 28.15 ~~director~~ that director, employee, or officer has either a direct or indirect financial interest  
 28.16 or a conflict of interest as described in section 10A.07.

28.17 Subd. 10. **Tort claims.** The corporation is a state agency for purposes of section 3.736,  
 28.18 except the corporation, not the state, is responsible for paying for any tort liability.

28.19 Subd. 11. **Data practices and records management.** The corporation is subject to  
 28.20 chapter 13 and sections 15.17 and 138.163 to 138.226.

28.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116T.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

28.22 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The board shall ~~appoint and set the compensation for the~~  
 28.23 ~~executive director who serves as chief executive officer of the corporation. The compensation~~  
 28.24 ~~of the executive director may not exceed 85 percent of the governor's salary. The board may~~  
 28.25 ~~designate the executive director as its general agent. Subject to the approval of the board,~~  
 28.26 ~~the executive director shall~~ employ staff consultants and other agents necessary to carry out  
 28.27 the mission of the corporation.

## 28.28 ARTICLE 5

### 28.29 REPEALING OBSOLETE PROGRAMS

28.30 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.575, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

28.31 Subd. 1a. **Priorities.** (a) If applications for grants exceed the available appropriations,  
 28.32 grants shall be made for sites that, in the commissioner's judgment, provide the highest

29.1 return in public benefits for the public costs incurred. "Public benefits" include job creation,  
29.2 bioscience development, environmental benefits to the state and region, efficient use of  
29.3 public transportation, efficient use of existing infrastructure, provision of affordable housing,  
29.4 multiuse development that constitutes community rebuilding rather than single-use  
29.5 development, crime reduction, blight reduction, community stabilization, and property tax  
29.6 base maintenance or improvement. In making this judgment, the commissioner shall give  
29.7 priority to redevelopment projects with one or more of the following characteristics:

29.8 (1) the need for redevelopment in conjunction with contamination remediation needs;

29.9 (2) the redevelopment project meets current tax increment financing requirements for a  
29.10 redevelopment district and tax increments will contribute to the project;

29.11 (3) the redevelopment potential within the municipality;

29.12 (4) proximity to public transit if located in the metropolitan area;

29.13 (5) redevelopment costs related to expansion of a bioscience business in Minnesota; or

29.14 (6) multijurisdictional projects that take into account the need for affordable housing,  
29.15 transportation, and environmental impact; ~~or.~~

29.16 ~~(7) the project advances or promotes the green economy as defined in section 116J.437.~~

29.17 (b) The factors in paragraph (a) are not listed in a rank order of priority; rather, the  
29.18 commissioner may weigh each factor, depending upon the facts and circumstances, as the  
29.19 commissioner considers appropriate. The commissioner may consider other factors that  
29.20 affect the net return of public benefits for completion of the redevelopment plan. The  
29.21 commissioner, notwithstanding the listing of priorities and the goal of maximizing the return  
29.22 of public benefits, shall make grants that distribute available money to sites both within and  
29.23 outside of the metropolitan area. Unless sufficient applications are not received for qualifying  
29.24 sites outside of the metropolitan area, at least 50 percent of the money provided as grants  
29.25 must be made for sites located outside of the metropolitan area.

29.26 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.8731, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

29.27 Subd. 4. **Eligible projects.** Assistance must be evaluated on the existence of the following  
29.28 conditions:

29.29 (1) creation of new jobs, retention of existing jobs, or improvements in the quality of  
29.30 existing jobs as measured by the wages, skills, or education associated with those jobs;

29.31 (2) increase in the tax base;

- 30.1 (3) the project can demonstrate that investment of public dollars induces private funds;
- 30.2 (4) the project can demonstrate an excessive public infrastructure or improvement cost  
30.3 beyond the means of the affected community and private participants in the project;
- 30.4 (5) the project provides higher wage levels to the community or will add value to current  
30.5 workforce skills;
- 30.6 (6) the project supports the development of microenterprises, as defined by federal  
30.7 statutes, through financial assistance, technical assistance, advice, or business services;
- 30.8 (7) whether assistance is necessary to retain existing business; and
- 30.9 (8) whether assistance is necessary to attract out-of-state business; and.
- 30.10 ~~(9) the project promotes or advances the green economy as defined in section 116J.437.~~
- 30.11 A grant or loan cannot be made based solely on a finding that the conditions in clause  
30.12 (7) or (8) exist. A finding must be made that a condition in clause (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), or  
30.13 (6) also exists.
- 30.14 Applications recommended for funding shall be submitted to the commissioner.
- 30.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 116L.05, subdivision 5, is amended  
30.16 to read:
- 30.17 Subd. 5. **Use of workforce development funds.** After March 1 of any fiscal year, the  
30.18 board may use workforce development funds for the purposes outlined in sections 116L.02  
30.19 and 116L.04, ~~or to provide incumbent worker training services under section 116L.18~~ if  
30.20 the following conditions have been met:
- 30.21 (1) the board examines relevant economic indicators, including the projected number  
30.22 of layoffs for the remainder of the fiscal year and the next fiscal year, evidence of declining  
30.23 and expanding industries, the number of initial applications for and the number of exhaustions  
30.24 of unemployment benefits, job vacancy data, county labor force participation rates, and any  
30.25 additional relevant information brought to the board's attention;
- 30.26 (2) the board accounts for all allocations made in section 116L.17, subdivision 2;
- 30.27 (3) based on the past expenditures and projected revenue, the board estimates future  
30.28 funding needs for services under section 116L.17 for the remainder of the current fiscal  
30.29 year and the next fiscal year;

31.1 (4) the board determines there will be unspent funds after meeting the needs of dislocated  
31.2 workers in the current fiscal year and there will be sufficient revenue to meet the needs of  
31.3 dislocated workers in the next fiscal year; and

31.4 (5) the board reports its findings in clauses (1) to (4) to the chairs of legislative  
31.5 committees with jurisdiction over the workforce development fund, to the commissioners  
31.6 of revenue and management and budget, and to the public.

31.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

31.8 Subd. 2. **Disbursement of special assessment funds.** (a) The money collected under  
31.9 this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the workforce development  
31.10 fund to provide for employment and training programs. The workforce development fund  
31.11 is created as a special account in the state treasury.

31.12 (b) All money in the fund not otherwise appropriated or transferred is appropriated to  
31.13 the Job Skills Partnership Board for the purposes of section 116L.17 and as provided for in  
31.14 paragraph (d). The board must act as the fiscal agent for the money and must disburse that  
31.15 money for the purposes of section 116L.17, not allowing the money to be used for any other  
31.16 obligation of the state. All money in the workforce development fund shall be deposited,  
31.17 administered, and disbursed in the same manner and under the same conditions and  
31.18 requirements as are provided by law for the other special accounts in the state treasury,  
31.19 except that all interest or net income resulting from the investment or deposit of money in  
31.20 the fund shall accrue to the fund for the purposes of the fund.

31.21 (c) Reimbursement for costs related to collection of the special assessment shall be in  
31.22 an amount negotiated between the commissioner and the United States Department of Labor.

31.23 (d) If the board determines that the conditions of section 116L.05, subdivision 5, have  
31.24 been met, the board may use funds for the purposes outlined in section 116L.04, ~~or to provide~~  
31.25 ~~incumbent worker training services under section 116L.18.~~

31.26 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 446A.07, subdivision 8, is amended  
31.27 to read:

31.28 Subd. 8. **Other uses of revolving fund.** (a) The clean water revolving fund may be used  
31.29 as provided in title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, including the following  
31.30 uses:

32.1 (1) to buy or refinance the debt obligation of governmental units for treatment works  
 32.2 where debt was incurred and construction begun after March 7, 1985, at or below market  
 32.3 rates;

32.4 (2) to guarantee or purchase insurance for local obligations to improve credit market  
 32.5 access or reduce interest rates;

32.6 (3) to provide a source of revenue or security for the payment of principal and interest  
 32.7 on revenue or general obligation bonds issued by the authority if the bond proceeds are  
 32.8 deposited in the fund;

32.9 (4) to provide loan guarantees, loans, or set-aside for similar revolving funds established  
 32.10 by a governmental unit other than state agencies, or state agencies under sections 17.117,  
 32.11 and 103F.725, subdivision 1a, ~~and 116J.617~~;

32.12 (5) to earn interest on fund accounts; and

32.13 (6) to pay the reasonable costs incurred by the authority and the Pollution Control Agency  
 32.14 of administering the fund and conducting activities required under the Federal Water Pollution  
 32.15 Control Act, including water quality management planning under section 205(j) of the act  
 32.16 and water quality standards continuing planning under section 303(e) of the act.

32.17 (b) The clean water revolving fund may be used to provide additional subsidization as  
 32.18 permitted under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and other federal laws to provide  
 32.19 principal forgiveness or grants:

32.20 (1) based on affordability criteria and requirements established for the water infrastructure  
 32.21 funding program under section 446A.072;

32.22 (2) for 25 percent of project costs up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for projects to address  
 32.23 green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements, or other environmentally  
 32.24 innovative activities; and

32.25 (3) for 50 percent of project costs up to a maximum of \$3,000,000 for projects that  
 32.26 address emerging contaminants as defined by the United States Environmental Protection  
 32.27 Agency.

32.28 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 446A.07, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

32.29 Subd. 9. **Payments.** Payments from the fund must be made in accordance with the  
 32.30 applicable state and federal law governing the payments, except that for projects other than  
 32.31 those funded under section 17.117, 103F.725, subdivision 1a, ~~116J.617~~, or 462A.05, no  
 32.32 payment for a project may be made to an eligible recipient until and unless the authority

33.1 has determined the total estimated cost of the project and ascertained that financing of the  
33.2 project is assured by:

33.3 (1) a loan authorized by state law or the appropriation of proceeds of bonds or other  
33.4 money of the governmental unit to a fund for the construction of the project; and

33.5 (2) an irrevocable undertaking, by resolution of the eligible recipient of the governmental  
33.6 unit, to use all money made available for the project exclusively for the project, and to pay  
33.7 any additional amount by which the cost of the project exceeds the estimate by the  
33.8 appropriation to the construction fund of additional money or the proceeds of additional  
33.9 bonds to be issued by the eligible recipient.

33.10 Sec. 7. **CANCELLATION.**

33.11 The amount that remains in the account established under Minnesota Statutes, section  
33.12 116J.876, subdivision 4, is canceled to the general fund.

33.13 Sec. 8. **REPEALER.**

33.14 Subdivision 1. **Capital access program.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116J.876;  
33.15 116J.8761; 116J.8762; 116J.8763; 116J.8764; 116J.8765; 116J.8766; 116J.8767; 116J.8768;  
33.16 116J.8769; 116J.8770; and 116J.8771, are repealed.

33.17 Subd. 2. **Rural job creation grants.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 469.309, is  
33.18 repealed.

33.19 Subd. 3. **Tourism loan program.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.617,  
33.20 subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4, are repealed.

33.21 Subd. 4. **Minnesota green enterprise assistance.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections  
33.22 116J.437; and 116J.438, are repealed.

33.23 Subd. 5. **Special incumbent worker training grants.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, section  
33.24 116L.18, is repealed.

33.25 Subd. 6. **Central Minnesota opportunity grant program.** Minnesota Statutes 2024,  
33.26 section 116J.9922, is repealed.

33.27 Subd. 7. **Economic response team.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.872, is  
33.28 repealed.

33.29 Subd. 8. **Microenterprise entrepreneurial assistance.** Minnesota Statutes 2024, section  
33.30 116J.8745, is repealed.

34.1 Subd. 9. Minnesota science and technology economic development project. Minnesota

34.2 Statutes 2024, section 116J.658, is repealed."

34.3 Delete the title and insert:

34.4 "A bill for an act

34.5 relating to state government; appropriating money for the Department of  
34.6 Employment and Economic Development; modifying economic development and  
34.7 workforce development policy; making labor and industry policy changes; canceling  
34.8 and modifying prior appropriations; modifying fees; requiring reports; amending  
34.9 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116J.435, by adding a subdivision; 116J.575,  
34.10 subdivision 1a; 116J.8731, subdivision 4; 116L.20, subdivision 2; 116L.362,  
34.11 subdivision 1; 116L.364, subdivision 1; 116L.561, subdivision 6; 116L.665, by  
34.12 adding a subdivision; 116L.99, subdivision 3; 116T.02; 116T.03, subdivision 1;  
34.13 116U.24; 116U.242; 116U.25; 326B.107, subdivision 2; 326B.32, subdivision 2;  
34.14 326B.33, subdivisions 4, 19; 326B.36, subdivision 3; 326B.37, subdivision 7;  
34.15 446A.07, subdivision 9; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 116L.05,  
34.16 subdivision 5; 116L.562, subdivision 1; 116L.90, subdivision 3; 116L.98,  
34.17 subdivision 3; 326B.37, subdivisions 5, 6; 446A.07, subdivision 8; proposing  
34.18 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116L; repealing Minnesota  
34.19 Statutes 2024, sections 116J.437; 116J.438; 116J.617, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4;  
34.20 116J.658; 116J.872; 116J.8745; 116J.876; 116J.8761; 116J.8762; 116J.8763;  
34.21 116J.8764; 116J.8765; 116J.8766; 116J.8767; 116J.8768; 116J.8769; 116J.8770;  
34.22 116J.8771; 116J.9922; 116L.18; 326B.31, subdivision 7; 326B.33, subdivisions  
34.23 3, 5, 6; 469.309."